

## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

## **Demonstration State Forests**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) operates 14 Demonstration State Forests totaling 85,135 acres. These forests represent the most common forest types in California and serve as a living laboratory for how to care for California's timberlands for multiple benefits—recreation, watershed protection, wood products and sustainable timber production, and habitat restoration—given a changing climate and increasingly severe and intense wildfire seasons. The forests provide unique research and demonstration opportunities where environmental scientists, foresters, and other researchers can study the effects of various forest management and restoration techniques to help inform management practices for government, nonprofit and private forestland owners.

COUNTY	<b>ACRES</b>
Mendocino	48,652
Shasta	9,033
Shasta	6,982
Tulare	5,069
Lake	3,493
Santa Cruz	2,700
Nevada/Placer	2,618
Shasta	2,246
Shasta	2,050
Amador	1,052
Napa	796
Amador	164
Trinity	160
San Bernardino	120
	Mendocino Shasta Shasta Tulare Lake Santa Cruz Nevada/Placer Shasta Shasta Amador Napa Amador Trinity

Common activities on state forest lands include evaluating sustainable timber harvesting techniques that test current Forest Practice Rules, watershed restoration, a variety of university research projects to help answer pressing forest management questions, and other activities such as cone collecting for seed, and recreation such as mushroom collecting, hunting, firewood gathering, horseback riding, camping, mountain biking, and hiking.





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