

# Memorandum

**To:**  
External CAL FIRE Cooperators  
External Foresters  
Reforestation Companies  
Research Professionals  
Resource Conservation Districts  
Cone Vendors, Interested Individuals

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**Subject:** 2026 Cone Crop Surveys

## **Help Requested through August 31, 2026**

The CAL FIRE Reforestation Services Program (RSP), located in Davis and part of the Sacramento Headquarters Natural Resource Management, operates the only state-run conifer Seed Bank, as required by the Public Resources Code. CAL FIRE shoulders the responsibility for supplying seeds for the entire State Responsibility Area and depends on the expertise of CAL FIRE cooperators, including individuals trained in cone hunting by the non-profit American Forests, to assist in completing the yearly Cone Crop Survey, select monitoring activities, and possible cone collection activities.

The RSP has numerous resources to bolster support on [its web page](#) in the Cone Survey and Collection Resources section. Should you encounter challenges in completing the cone surveys by the indicated date or have any questions about cone season activities, please contact the RSP Seed Bank Manager, Erika Teach, at [erika.teach@fire.ca.gov](mailto:erika.teach@fire.ca.gov), or the RSP at [reforestation@fire.ca.gov](mailto:reforestation@fire.ca.gov).