



Forest Management Plans: Assistance in Planning for the Future

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Mendocino County Forest Management Emphasis

Management Emphasis - Detailed Classes

High Commodity Emphasis

- Forest Industry / Uncertified
- Forest Industry / Certified

Medium Commodity Emphasis

- Forest Industry / Special CFPRs
- Forest Industry / Carbon offset project
- Nonindustrial / NTMP
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- Conservation organization / Working
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- Public / Working
- Tribal / Carbon offset project

Low Commodity Emphasis

- Nonindustrial / No NTMP

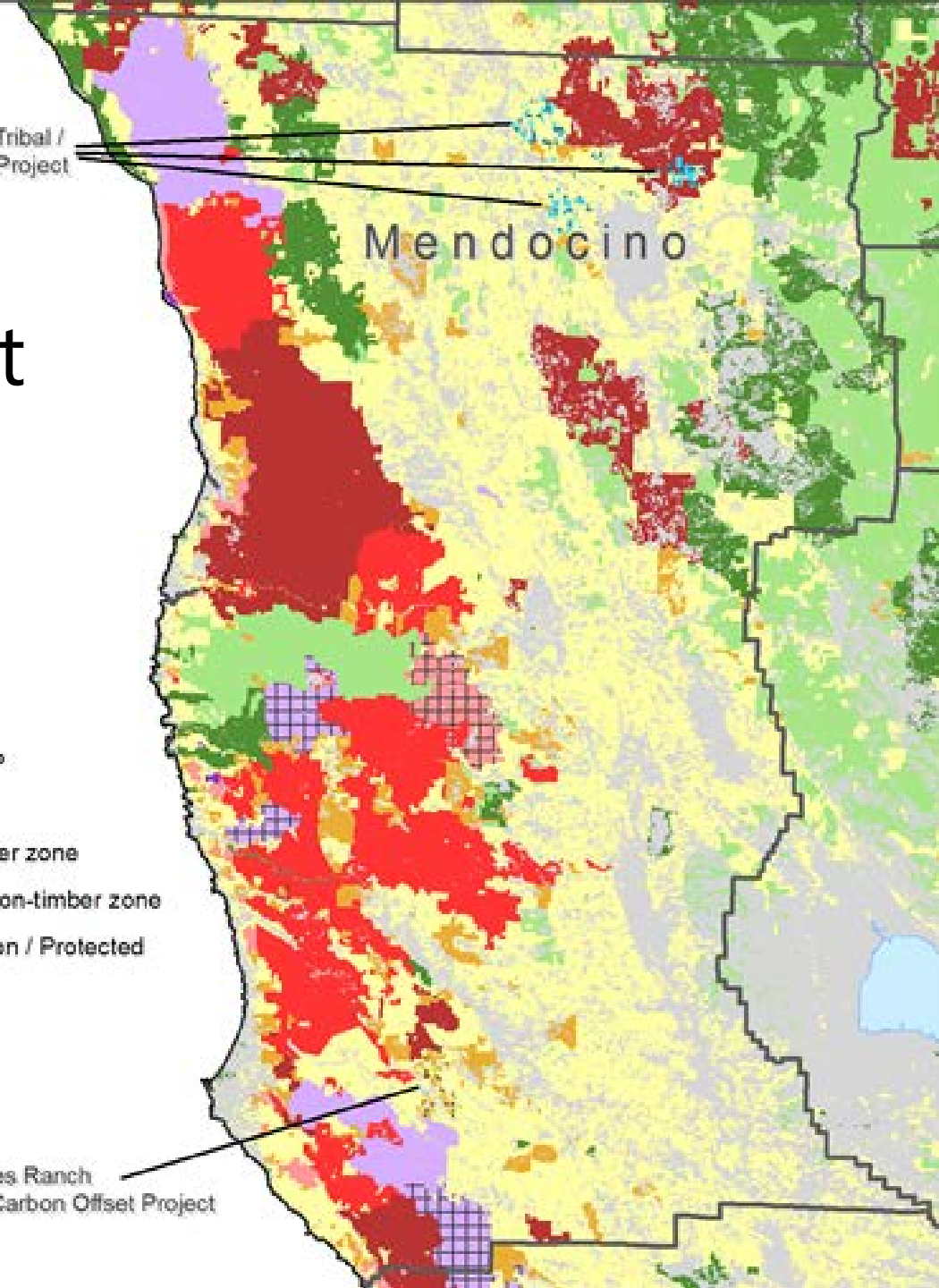
Non Commodity Emphasis

- Nonindustrial / Non-timber zone
- Public / Unavailable or non-timber zone
- Conservation organization / Protected
- Non-Forest

Round Valley Tribal / Carbon Offset Project

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Hanes Ranch
Nonindustrial / Carbon Offset Project





Forest Management Plans

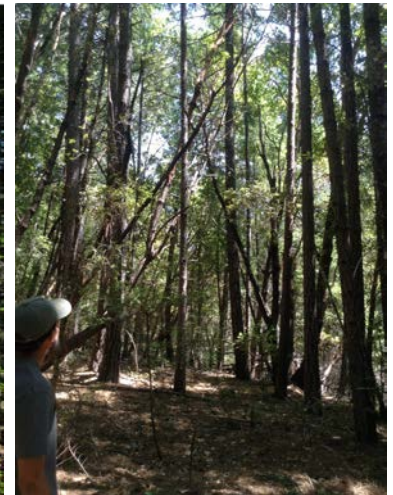
- Define goals and objectives
 - What do you want out of your property?
 - What is your desired future stand condition?
- Identifies current property conditions:
 - Physical and biological setting
 - Management constraints
- Provides site specific recommendations on how to treat your vegetation and roads
- Is meant to help you actively manage your forestland for the next 5-10 years and into the future





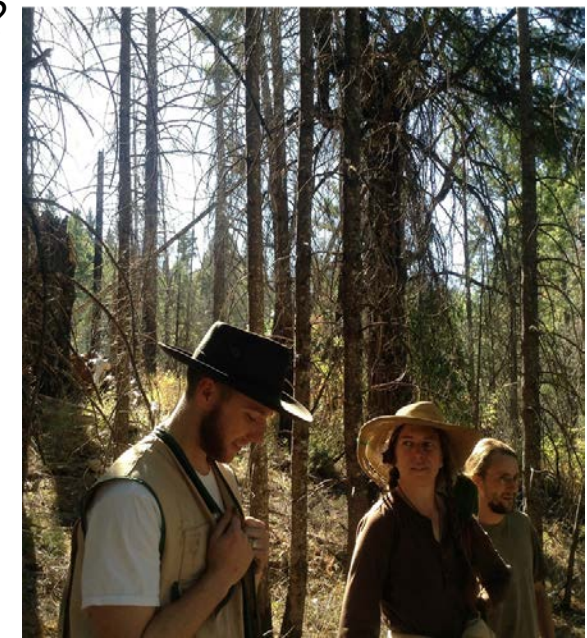
Importance of Having a Plan

- Forest Management Plans help you define your goals and provides a road map to managing your property into the future
- Know where you are going so you don't get lost → prioritize goals and treatments
- Understand the ecology of your forestland and how to manage for the future
- Overtime, are you seeing the results you want? → adaptive management



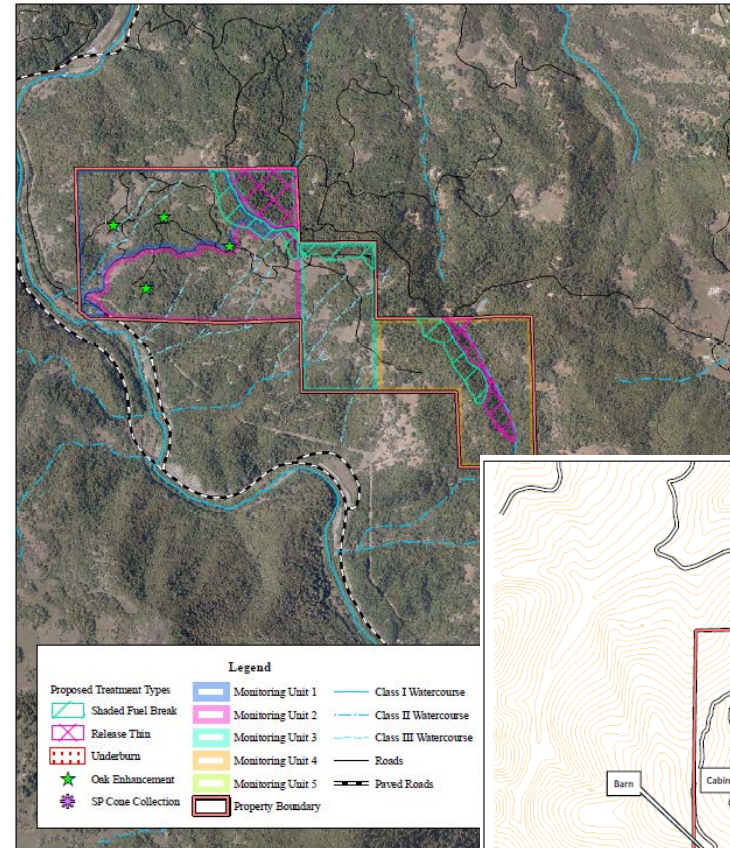
Getting Ready for Your RPF

- Clearly articulate your goals and objectives (think both short and long term)
- Think about what type and size of treatments you can feasibly take on (physically, emotionally, financially...)
- Is there anything you really want to do or are not willing to do?
- Do you have any constraints (CC&Rs, Conservation Easements) or assets (equipment or skills)?
- Research the history of the property or area

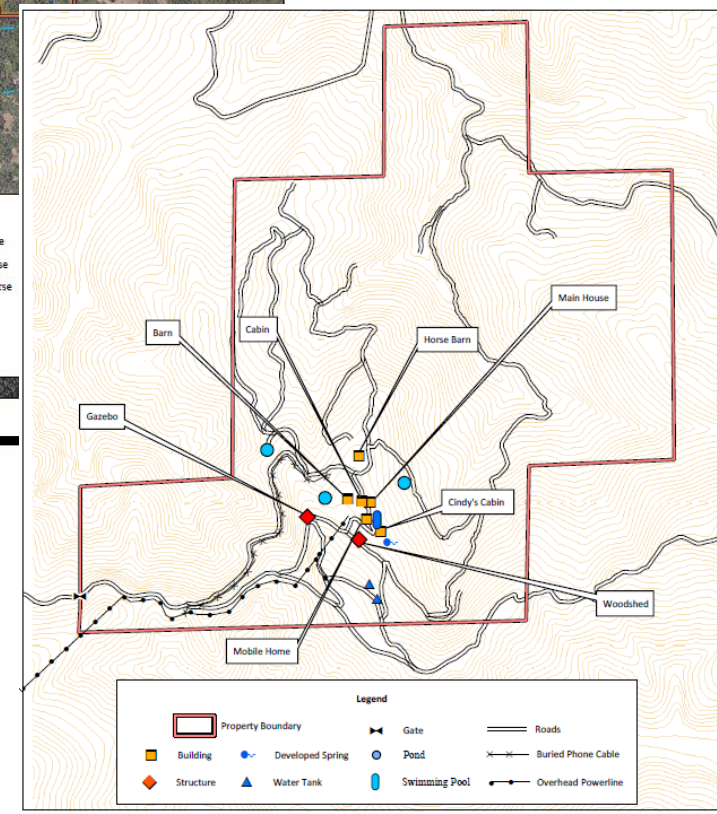


Property Map

- Walk your roads and trails
- Know your streams and springs
- Identify your infrastructure
- Get to know your stand types
- Identify other special areas of interest



All lines are approximate
UTM NAD 83 Zone 10N
Scale is 1:20,000
January 2017



All lines are approximate
UTM NAD 83 Zone 10N
Scale is 1:10,000
May 2017

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)



- Program of CAL FIRE
- Funded by Prop 68 bond measure
 - Applications are accepted year-round but ranked only 4x per year
- Must hire a Registered Professional Forester (RPF)
- Must have an approved Forest Management Plan (FMP) to apply for veg treatment
 - Can apply to complete an FMP through CFIP
- Incentive payments are 75-90% of CFIP's cap rates (actual costs may exceed cap rates)
- Incentive payments released *after* project completed with proof of contractor payment
- Restrictions: Must have ≥ 20 ac of land; treatment units must be ≥ 5 ac





How to Apply for CFIP

- The required pieces of a complete application package are:

- Four original CFIP Agreements

- One each:

- ✓ CFIP Application
- ✓ Payee Data Record
- ✓ CFIP Project Budget
- ✓ Project description
- ✓ RPF checklist
- ✓ Vicinity map
- ✓ Project Map

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/california-forest-improvement-program-cfip/>



California Forest Improvement Program

The purpose of the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) is to encourage private and public investment in, and improved management of, California forest lands and resources. This focus is to ensure adequate high quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits, and the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest resource system for the benefit of present and future generations.

The program scope includes the improvement of all forest resources including fish and wildlife habitat, and soil and water quality. Cost-share assistance is provided to private and public ownerships containing 20 to 5,000 acres of forest land. Cost-shared activities include:

- Preparation of a Forest Management Plan by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF)
- RPF Supervision of the following:
 - Reforestation
 - Site Preparation
 - Trees and Planting
 - Tree Shelters
 - Stand Improvement

- Copy of deed or certificate of trust

More Information

- [CFIP User's Guide](#)
- CFIP 5 Year Strategic Plan is available by request. Please email Dale Meese at dale.meese@fire.ca.gov
- [Contact a CFIP Forest Advisor](#)
- [CFIP Cap Rates](#)
- [Appendix A - Prop 68 CFIP Advancement Agreement Guidelines](#)
- [Appendix B - CFIP 2019-2020 Prop 68 Additional Grant Guidelines](#)

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



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- Program of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Provides free technical assistance by resource professional
- May chose to apply for incentives payments that help offset costs to complete work
 - Applications are accepted year-round but ranked only 3-4x per year
- Incentive payments are a flat rate per acre - \$ amount depends on type of work preformed
- Incentive payments released *after* project completed
- Program NOT meant to cover complete cost of project
- Restrictions: Cannot grow cannabis; cannot have AGI >\$900,000

How to Apply for EQIP



- Contact your local NRCS field office

Exercise: Landowner Objectives



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Revisit, revise, and refine based on discussion and presented material.

This should be roughly sketched out prior to RPF visit.

Production/Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Family legacy: pass on the property to the next generation
<input type="checkbox"/> Timber production
<input type="checkbox"/> Other natural resource production (e.g., mushroom gathering, fire wood, biochar, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock management
<input type="checkbox"/> California Compliance Offset Program (note: generally, very capital intensive to participate)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Quality of Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Family legacy: pass on the property to the next generation
<input type="checkbox"/> Address trespass concerns, particularly in regards to environmental degradation from trespass cannabis grows and/or off-highway vehicle effects on soil and water quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase and/or maintain aesthetics of the property
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Forest Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire protection and fuel load reduction/promote fire resilient forest
<input type="checkbox"/> Prevent and/or control insects and/or disease (list)
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase stocking (e.g., reforestation; list species)
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase species diversity (list preferred species)
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase growth/promote large diameter trees
<input type="checkbox"/> Manage forest roads to reduce movement of sediment into streams and other water bodies
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce erosion of streambanks and gullies
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase quality of wildlife habitat (list species and/or habitat characteristics)
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain or enhance oak woodland, native grassland, or other plant communities
<input type="checkbox"/> Manage to increase tree cover and/or ground cover in riparian areas or along streams
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase quality of in-stream aquatic habitat
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce/manage invasive weeds
<input type="checkbox"/> Manage for climate resilient forests and long-term carbon storage
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Exercise: Mgmt. Plan Implementation



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Sketch out desired future forest conditions, road system improvements, fire prevention activities, etc.

