

Managing My Forest – Where do I begin?

Did the property recently burn?

no

A Forest Management Plan (FMP) is needed to assess the current forest stand condition and outline management goals.

Is the property less than 50 acres?

yes

no

[NRCS](#) can develop a FMP for eligible USDA Farm Bill Program applicants. Financial assistance may be available*

You will need to hire a Registered Professional Forester ([RPF](#)) to develop the FMP. Financial assistance may be available*

yes

Do you have a significant amount of large, standing dead trees? (e.g. Douglas fir)

no

yes

[NRCS](#) can develop a Tree Mortality Plan for eligible USDA Farm Bill Program applicants to determine the next steps to improving forest health. Financial assistance may be available*

You should contact a Registered Professional Forester ([RPF](#)) to develop a Salvage Logging Plan

- Make sure you discuss with the RPF that you would like to do the logging to improve forest health and reduce fire hazard, not just to sell merchantable timber
- The RPF will contact the necessary agencies to acquire permits and can help you in selecting contractors such as a Licensed Timber Operator and a mill.

Following a timber harvest, it is recommended that you develop a Forest Management Plan (FMP) to address long term forest health goals.

A FMP can be developed by a RPF or by contacting your local [RCD](#) or [NRCS](#) office. Financial assistance may be available*

*Current financial incentive programs:

(available on a competitive basis and pending current year funding)

To hire a RPF to complete a FMP:

- CAL FIRE CA Forest Improvement Program ([CFIP](#))
- NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program ([EQIP](#)) Conservation Activity Plan ([CAP](#)) 106

To implement conservation practices recommended in your FMP or Tree Mortality Plan:

- USDA NRCS Farm Bill Programs such as [EQIP](#)
- Rebuild North Bay ([NBFIP](#))
- CAL FIRE CA Forest Improvement Program ([CFIP](#))



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