



Napa RCD Forestry Program

Napa RCD is offering Forest Management Plan (FMP) services to rural landowners of Napa County. With the help of Napa RCD's Forestry Program Manager, a plan will be constructed following guidelines from CalFire, NRCS, and the US Forest Service.



What is a Forest Management Plan?



FMPs outline your family or business' vision for your forest. Taking into account fire prevention and preparedness, the current condition of your forest, what you want from your forest in the future, and broad landscape-scale objectives, Napa RCD will help create a plan that makes sense for your land.

FMPs do not focus on trees. Forests include everything- from soil and fungus to shrubs to ferns to the tallest of trees. Napa RCD will take a look at everything that does exist and could exist, and figure out a way to help you maintain the healthiest possible forest for all the residents within.

How does it work?

The FMP process will begin with a discussion between Napa RCD and the property representative. Together they will review the FMP template (found at NapaRCD.org) and discuss goals and objectives for the property. Napa RCD will then conduct an inventory of existing forest and vegetation conditions and do a brief road assessment. The information provided by the property representative will be compiled by Napa RCD to create the narrative for the FMP. The inventory data, along with information gathered through online databases such as the Web Soil Survey, California Native Plants Society's Rare and Endangered Plants Inventory, and California Natural Diversity Database, will be used to describe existing conditions. This information will be used to develop proposed management treatments to achieve desired future conditions aligned with the goals and objectives.

At the end of the process, landowners will have a completed Forest Management Plan that is tailored to the property's existing conditions and outlines future goals and objectives. The FMP will include a forest/vegetation inventory and brief road assessment results, if applicable. All raw data and GIS data collected or created during this project will be provided to the landowner for their records.

How do I get started?

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