



CAL FIRE

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The UC Cooperative Extension has great information on the cost effectiveness of various forest fuels reduction techniques. See table below, taken from **UCCE's Fire in California** webpage.

CAL FIRE recently **announced** that several million dollars will be allocated for the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) over the next 3 years. Private forest landowners in California who own between 20 and 5,000 acres may be eligible for up to 90% cost share assistance to improve forest health and fire resilience. CFIP has been incentivizing investments in California's forest resources since 1978 and has encumbered more than \$75 million for landowner assistance since its inception. Find out if you're eligible for the program by visiting CAL FIRE's **website** and speaking to your local Forestry Assistance Specialist.

	COST/ ACRE	TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS	REMOVE WOODY PLANTS	REMOVE SMALL SHRUBS	REMOVE GRASS	SUPPRESS NEW PLANTS
Mechanized	\$\$	5 - 7 years	x	x		
Herbicide	\$ - \$\$	5 - 7 years			x	x
Grazing	\$\$ - \$\$\$	1 - 3 years		x	x	x
Prescribed Fire	\$\$ - \$\$\$	1 - 7 years		x	x	x
Manual (Handwork)	\$\$\$	1 - 2 years	x	x		

Becoming

A FORESTER

Finding a balance between fiscal and biological sustainability is never simple but navigating forest management amidst escalating challenges requires investment in capacity building, and more specifically, the promotion of forestry as a career among young and innovative minds. Becoming a licensed forester in California requires 7 years of forestry experience or 7 years of combined forestry experience with an applicable degree, and passing a comprehensive examination.

If you or somebody you know is interested in a career in forestry, explore the **California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA)** website to find out more about the application process and mentorship resources.

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