

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
Interagency Forestry Working Group
Near-Term Implementation Plan
Reduce Fire Hazard Risks, Hazards and Emissions

Working Group Overview: IFWG is responsible for 1) Advising the Board of Forestry on how the Forest Sector can achieve its Scoping Plan GHG target; 2) Coordinating related forest sector climate and energy activities, such as stakeholder input for biomass and biofuels programs; and 3) Developing and implementing adaptation actions to protect the state’s forests.

Working Group Agencies: CAL FIRE, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Natural Resources Agency, US Forest Service, DFG, CEC, CalEPA, DWR, and ARB

Measure / Strategy: Reduce fire hazard risks, hazards and emissions

- A) Description: CAL FIRE will work with state agencies such as Fish and Game, State Parks, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Tahoe Conservancy, and Department of Water Resources, with Resource Conservation Districts, landowners, local governments, and federal agencies, including USFS and others, to identify high value and high risk natural resource areas (e.g., habitats and corridors, watersheds, parks, timberlands) and to increase fuels management and restore fire resistant forest conditions where appropriate through hand, mechanical, herbivory, and prescribed fire fuel treatments.
- B) Agencies Involved: CAL FIRE in collaboration with the US Forest Service, Resource Conservation Districts, and local agencies
- C) Scoping Plan/Adaptation Plan Reference: The Scoping Plan Sustainable Forests measure (F-1) discusses reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the potential role for fuels management to achieve this. The CAS also addresses fuels reduction in Strategy 3 c.
- D) Metrics: Amount of brush and ladder fuels; numbers and funding for fuels reduction projects; fire behavior and damage trends in the interface
- E) Crosscutting Issues: Reducing wildfire damage risks to critical habitats and corridors; reducing wildfire damage to watersheds (supply and quality); reducing risks of smoke health impacts to communities at risk; increasing woody biomass for renewable energy use; ARB’s renewable energy standard; CEC’s AB 118 and ARB’s Low Carbon Fuel Standard and sustainability definitions for biofuels
- F) Tasks and Deliverables: Deliver fuels reduction through various programs, including Vegetation Management Program, Proposition 40 Fuels Management Program, and federally funded fuels management programs.

Agencies	<u>Deliverable</u>	Deadline
CAL FIRE	Prop. 40 fuels management grants to reduce potential fire impacts to watershed and other assets at risk.	2010/11 fiscal year
CAL FIRE	Vegetation Management Program fuels reduction projects	ongoing
CAL FIRE	Federally funded fuels management programs	ongoing