

An Initiative of the California Workforce Development Board

There is a growing need for forest management of California's wildland fire environment, which is now characterized by longer fire seasons, more extensive fires, and more acres burned on average each year due to climate change.

Under the leadership of the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps will address the need for trained forestry technicians to reduce the impacts of ongoing wildfires and lessen the environmental hazards dead and dying trees produce.

The Greater Sierra Forestry Corps provides training opportunities and job placement services for underserved and underrepresented populations to develop in-demand skills, earn industry certifications, secure entry-level forestry employment, and continue on a High Road path to quality careers in forestry and wildland firefighting.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Enroll 70 participants in forestry training to reduce the impacts of ongoing wildfires and lessen the environmental hazards dead and dying trees produce for 64 acres of affected forest.
- Enroll 75 participants in short-term Forestry training.
- Provide industry-identified certificate/credential and job placement for participants after training.
- Industry leaders from both the public and private sector will continue to determine core content of Forestry curricula to ensure new workers have the full-range of skills required for workplace success.
- Development and implementation of a structured information campaign addressing climate change and environmental awareness.

KEY PARTNERS

- Reedley College
 - Columbia College
 - Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps
 - ValleyROP
 - National Federation of Federal Employees Forest Service Council Local 2195
 - Cal Fire Local 2881
 - US Forest Service
 - CalFIRE
 - Sierra Pacific Industries
 - Associated California Loggers
 - Mother Lode Job Training
 - Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation
 - Tulare Workforce Investment Board
 - FMTK Central Labor Council
 - TreeFresno
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