



# Fire Management 24/7/365

A Training Workshop on the Mitigation of Wildfire Risk in Mixed-Conifer Forests of California

April 20-23, 2020 • Radisson Hotel Fresno Conference Ctr.

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## Need, Focus, Goal & Objectives

### Why are we doing this?

- Need to reassess fire programs in California in light of new climate change-driven realities (wildfire risk is up)
- Need to understand why agencies are treating fewer acres than plans/researchers call for (mitigation effort is down)
- Need to work at a landscape and multidisciplinary level to achieve the most consistent and well-informed outcomes

### What's the focus?

- Mixed-conifer ecosystems statewide
- Groups working in those ecosystems: NPS, USDA-FS, BLM, Cal Fire, tribes, state parks and forests, NGOs, university researchers, citizens working with Fire Safe Councils, etc.

### What's the ultimate goal?

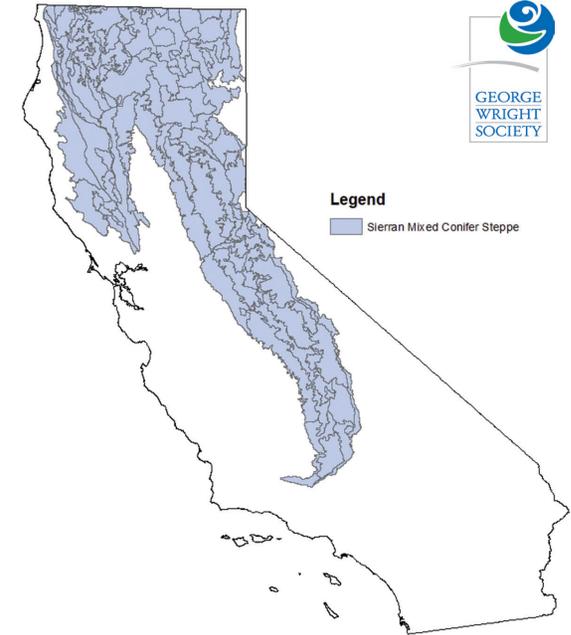
- Reduce wildfire threat and restore/maintain mixed-conifer ecosystems by initiating a landscape-level, multidisciplinary approach to risk management

### What will the training workshop accomplish?

- Provide guidance for adjacent land management agencies to coordinate approaches
- Give attendees key skills to develop fire management strategies that account for the “new normal”
- Lay groundwork for new fire management plans in mixed-conifer forests
- Become a pilot training that can be adapted to the needs of other areas and ecosystems
- Advance the President’s Executive Order on Wildfire Risk, which directs federal agencies to share and coordinate management priorities and increase active management of federal lands

### How will the training workshop deliver these accomplishments?

- Scientific/scholarly training in current thinking on climate-informed ecosystem management
- Executive training on effective programming and planning that accounts for real-life operational constraints
- Peer learning



### Six Linked Objectives

1. Exchange actionable natural/cultural resource and fire management information
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2. Identify ways to use information from #1 on a landscape scale
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3. Identify opportunities for collaborative and/or cumulative actions to achieve #2
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4. Develop targets and prescriptions for #3, recognizing the differing agency management approaches
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5. Identify funding needs and sources
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6. Increase number of acres treated



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## Program Overview, Outcomes & Outputs

### The Program

- Being developed by interagency, multidisciplinary Steering Committee and Work Groups with representation and/or input from NPS, USDA-FS, Cal Fire, BLM, tribes, NGOs, etc.
- Program will draw on expertise of scientists and cultural resource professionals, fire management specialists, resource managers, and experts in collaboration
- Final program to be completed by March 1, 2020; Training workshop convenes Monday afternoon, April 20, and runs through Thursday, April 23, 2020
- Six Plenary Sessions provide overview of issues and synthesis of outcomes; 40 Breakouts provide training and work sessions
- Attendance limited to 175 people, including a contingent of students
- Program coordination and logistics provided by George Wright Society

*The graphic at right is a working draft initial concept of the training workshop program and is illustrative only. The final program will be developed based on priorities identified during consultations with potential attendees and partners.*

### The Outcomes: Return on Investment/Value to Attendees

Upon completion of the training workshop, attendees will be able to:

- Describe the important elements of a fire management plan and how it is produced by resource management, science, and fire staffs.
- Understand the different types of expertise required to develop an effective fire management program.
- Describe and understand condition targets in fire-dependent systems and prescriptions for fire and vegetation management actions.
- Use fire science for collaborative priority setting in landscape-scale management decisions.
- Identify staff and budget capabilities needed for a fire management program.
- Better collaborate with colleagues in their immediate region and beyond.
- List actions that could be taken, in concert with other organizations, to carry out the President's Executive Order on Wildfire Risk.

## Fire Management 24/7/365 at a glance

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00-8:00a		REGISTRATION	(Planning Committee meets?)	(Planning committee meets?)
8:00-9:15a		Plenary II: Fire Management Focus	Plenary III: Resource Management Focus	Plenary IV: Collaboration Focus
9:15-10:00a		AM Networking Break (Coffee/Tea)	AM Networking Break (Coffee/Tea)	AM Networking Break (Coffee/Tea)
10:00a-12:00p	REGISTRATION	Breakout 1 Breakout 2 Breakout 3 Breakout 4	Breakout 13 Breakout 14 Breakout 15 Breakout 16	Synthesis Work Sessions: Breakouts Report Back WS#25 WS#26 WS#27: WS#28
12:00-1:15p		LUNCH BREAK (attendees on own)	LUNCH BREAK (attendees on own)	LUNCH BREAK (attendees on own)
1:15-3:15p		Breakout 5 Breakout 6 Breakout 7 Breakout 8	Breakout 17 Breakout 18 Breakout 19 Breakout 20	Synthesis Work Session: Gathering Lessons Learned WS#29 WS#30 WS#31 WS#32
3:15-4:00p		PM Networking Break (Cold drinks)	PM Networking Break (Cold drinks)	PM Networking Break (Cold drinks)
4:00-6:00p	CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & WORKSHOP OVERVIEW (4:00-4:45p)  Plenary I: Science/Knowledge Focus (4:45-6:00p)	Breakout 9 Breakout 10 Breakout 11 Breakout 12	Breakout 21 Breakout 22 Breakout 23 Breakout 24	Synthesis Wrap-up Plenary V: Putting It All Together—Outcomes, Outputs & Next Steps
6:00-7:30p	Opening Reception	DINNER BREAK (attendees on own)	DINNER BREAK (attendees on own)	TRAINING WORKSHOP CONCLUDES
7:30-8:30p		Evening Informal Meetings (up to 4 total)	Evening Informal Meetings (up to 4 total)	

### The Outputs: Specific Products

- Lists of coordinated, collaborative actions to make fire risks more manageable and to achieve the directives in the President's Executive Order, including actionable budgets and assessments of constraints.
- Workshop proceedings published by the George Wright Society and/or series of articles in the Society's journal, *Parks Stewardship Forum*.
- List of future research needs.
- List of how the outcomes of the workshop can feed into various agencies' existing fire management plan templates.