



Workshop on Forest Restoration on Land Affected by Wildfire

June 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Redwood Valley Grange Hall

8650 East Road

Redwood Valley, CA 95470



What and Why:

There are many thousands of acres in California that need reforestation or that are potential sites for forest restoration. A wide variety of practices is applied on the ground to achieve the goal of forest establishment. These practices vary in their effectiveness and costs. This workshop will address reforestation on land affected by wildfire with specific application to the recent fire in Mendocino County. A field trip to a potential forest restoration site will be included.

Objectives:

Outline the process of forest restoration from post-disturbance site preparation through tree planting and subsequent stand management including:

- 1) Options for site preparation;
- 2) Identifying and procuring appropriate planting stock;
- 3) Planting practices; and
- 4) Alternatives for management of planted stands.

Additional topics that will be covered include adaptation of planting practices to address desired future stand conditions and potential climate changes and financial assistance available to private landowners for undertaking forest restoration. The expected results of doing nothing will also be discussed.

Intended Audience:

This workshop is aimed at foresters, land owners and others who are involved in planning and executing forest restoration projects on land affected by wildfire. It will also be of interest to personnel working for agencies serving these clients. **Restoration at multiple scales from the residential forest parcel to the landscape will be addressed.**

Tentative Agenda (final agenda will be available to registrants):

- What happens after deforestation by wildfire if no steps to restore forest are taken?
- Forest restoration at different scales (residential property versus parcel versus landscape)
- Site preparation: the critical first step and the consequences of delay
- Plant selection and propagation including sources of planting stock and importance of using seedlings adapted to the site conditions
- Alternatives for planting including standard stocking techniques and methods for enhancing stand structural and species diversity
- Follow up treatments to assure survival and maximize growth
- Restoration case studies at the neighborhood/community, parcel and landscape scales
- State and federal financial assistance programs

Presenters:

Presenters at the workshop will include Registered Professional Foresters, Resource Conservation District technical staff, CAL FIRE and NRCS forestry assistance specialists.

Workshop Organizers:

Organizers include the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and Northern California Society of American Foresters.

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To Register:

Please go <https://mendocinoreforestation.eventbrite.com> to register for the workshop. There is a nominal registration fee. After registering you will be provided with further instructions on the workshop and the agenda of presentations.