



FORESTRY

Notes



CONSERVATION DISTRICTS & GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

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National Association of
Conservation Districts

The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service aims to enhance forest management, increase efficiency, and strengthen partnerships with local communities and community partners. Conservation districts are key stakeholders at the local level, and GNA offers the opportunity to collaborate with the Forest Service, contribute to sustainable land management, and promote ecological, social, and economic well-being within the community. NACD created a white paper to provide a deeper dive on this program and conservation districts' role in implementing landscape scale restoration.

Read the [full white paper](#) about the Good Neighbor Authority and Conservation Districts on the [forestry page](#) of NACD website under resources.

USDA FOREST SERVICE 2023 WILDFIRE LETTER OF INTENT



Forestry News & Resources

[Ohio Resource Connection helps landowners find wildlife and forestry professionals](#)

[CAL Fire funding provides new opportunities for wood product innovation in California](#)

[A family's forest: Managing for white oak](#)

[USDA Forest Service Awards Nearly \\$20m Locally in Community Wildfire Defense Grants](#)

[Engaging Volunteers, Empowering the Community: The FAC Neighborhood Ambassador Approach](#)

[Op-Ed: Support increased funding in 2023 Farm Bill](#)

[Learning About Burning: A Photo Story from ForestHer NC](#)

Forest Resilience Bonds in Oregon

Blue Forest recently announced the launch of its first pooled investment vehicle for Forest Resilience Bonds (FRBs): [the FRB Catalyst Facility](#), with initial commitments of \$12 million. The strategy will finance high-impact ecological restoration projects with revolving loans and catalyze Blue Forest's

Chief Randy Moore of the USDA Forest Service has released his annual leadership message for wildfire response by the Forest Service. It encourages Forest Service employees to engage partners, stakeholders, and communities in planning as well as post fire management strategies.

The letter also announces the Forest Service's National Prescribed Fire Resource Mobilization Strategy which aligns prescribed fire implementation, agency coordination and support, and will prioritize prescribed fire as a management tool on landscapes identified as key under the Wildfire Crisis Strategy.

You can read Chief Moore's full letter [here](#). You can learn more about the National Prescribed Fire Resource Mobilization Strategy [here](#).

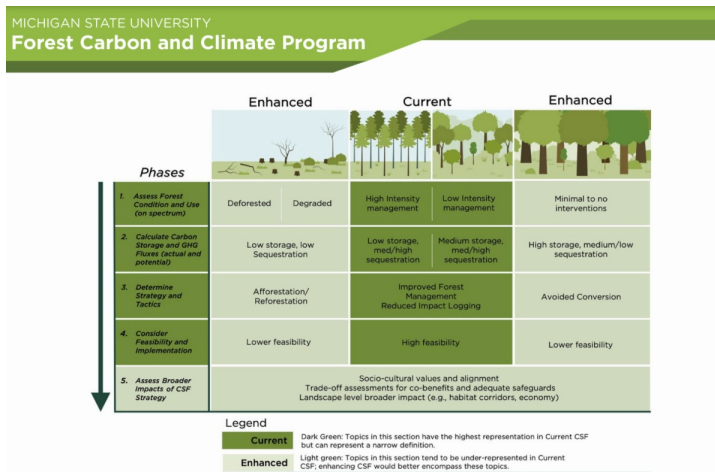
WILDFIRE RISK IN THE NORTHEAST AND MIDWEST

An outlook for summer fires from the National Interagency Fire Center paints an atypical picture, with the highest potential for wildfires largely in the northernmost parts of the country. New England states, including Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, as well as parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and nearly all of Michigan — along with areas of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest — also face an elevated fire risk.

Unusually warm and dry states in the Northeast and upper Midwest are expected to be wildfire hotspots this summer, while historically exposed western states, including California, have a lower-than-normal predicted wildfire risk.

You can read the full article [here](#).

CLIMATE SMART FORESTRY: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS ENHANCED DEFINITION



Planning and implementation phases of both Current CSF and proposed Enhanced CSF frameworks.

Researchers from the Forestry Department at Michigan State University, Lauren Cooper and David MacFarlane, have published a new article with PLOS Climate. In their paper, Climate-Smart Forestry: Promise and risks for forests, society, and climate, Cooper and MacFarlane recognize the need for an expanded and shared understanding of the term “Climate-Smart Forestry”.

expansion to new landscapes and communities, beginning with Oregon's Rogue Valley region.

The FRB Catalyst Facility is targeting investments in at least 10 FRB projects in new, high-priority geographies and communities across the Western US. The majority of these projects will finance forest restoration and wildfire risk reduction on public lands, with others targeting additional restoration activities including post-fire recovery and integrated landscape and watershed resilience projects across public and private lands.

You can read the full announcement [here](#).

Prospects for Land Sector Carbon Dioxide Removal in the United States

This report examines the potential for continued or expanded land-based US carbon dioxide removals and explores the recent history of the land/forest sink as well as possible alternatives. The scenarios simulate land use switching based on a dynamic empirical model and includes models of the resulting carbon emissions and sequestration due to forest growth and mortality across varied ecological settings. The report also discusses other approaches to enhancing land/forest carbon dioxide removals and potential policy costs.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Scaling up State Tree Nurseries

USDA is funding state nursery programs to meet the demand for more seedlings to support the ongoing reforestation across the country according to a recent article in Stateline. The funding will support adding new greenhouses, expanding irrigation systems, upgrading seeding equipment, and employing more staff as part of a collaborative effort to supply

This term has gained currency in dialogues on the role forests play in the global climate crisis. A clear and complete definition of Climate-Smart Forestry (CSF) is required for policymakers, natural resource managers, project managers, and others. To build this understanding, the authors have undertaken a literature review, qualitative assessment of practice and policy use, and a statistical analysis of datasets from related studies.

You can read the full paper [here](#).

FORESTRY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

DOT Funding for Nature Based Solutions

The United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) is seeking proposals to fund projects addressing climate resilience of transportation systems, including improving highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail under its Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program. Eligible entities include states, local governments, and Tribes. However, federal land management agencies can partner with a submitting entity. Selected projects will use innovative and collaborative approaches to climate risk reduction using nature-based solutions, including conservation, restoration, or construction of shade trees, native vegetation, bioswales, marshes, wetlands, breakwaters, reefs, and dunes. **Applications are due on August 18, 2023.** To learn more about this funding or submit your application, click [here](#).

DOD & DOI Recreation Conservation Initiative RFP

The United States Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) have taken new initiatives to preserve land around military installations and improve access to outdoor recreation through a new Readiness and Recreation Initiative. The DOI's National Park Service will provide \$40 million in funding from unobligated Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF) balances to safeguard natural areas, protect water resources, preserve cultural heritage sites, and provide recreation opportunities for the public. The Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) will provide a matching \$40 million in funds to support these projects. The departments will work with states to identify and support REPI projects that fit the desired criteria that include abilities to provide recreational opportunities without compromising military operations. States can apply for funding, which could support projects on public, private, state, or local lands, through a competitive process. To learn more about this initiative, click [here](#). **The deadline to apply for this request for proposals is August 21, 2023.** To go directly to the grant application details, click [here](#).

NFWF Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program RFP

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is seeking proposals from qualified parties under its Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program to award grants to projects that restore and sustain healthy forests, rivers, and stream habitats for diverse native bird and aquatic species populations. Approximately \$3.2 million in grant funding is available this year. The full proposal is due **July 13, 2023 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time**. To learn more about the scope and scale of the funding, as well as the criteria to qualify for proposal submission, click [here](#).

more seedlings. The USDA announced \$10 million to support reforestation work, funded by the infrastructure law passed in 2021. About \$4.5 million of the \$10 million already went to 29 state and territorial nursery programs. To learn more about this, click [here](#).

CALENDAR

July 15-19, 2023 [NACD Summer Meeting](#) | Bismarck, ND

August 2-3, 2023 [Society of American Foresters Forest Tech Conference](#) | Baton Rouge, LA

Sept. 18-21, 2023 [National Association of State Foresters 2023 Annual Meeting](#) | Baton Rouge, LA

October 16-20 [2023 World Forum on Urban Forests](#) | Washington, DC

Oct. 25-28, 2023 [National Association of American Foresters Convention](#) | Sacramento, CA

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