



Sierra Resource Conservation District Forester Apprenticeship Program

Established 2024

Program Summary

We envision healthy Sierra Nevada forest and foothill conditions with active management that employs people, supports recreation, is ownership-based, and relies on effective private and government partnerships.

The Sierra RCD Forestry and Watershed Program serves the residents of Eastern Fresno County in Firesafe and Stewardship Activities. The program conducts property surveys and forest health and fire prevention projects. These projects work on State lands in partnership with local agencies and Firesafe Councils. The Program works in partnership with the Federal Partners at the Sierra and Sequoia NF's on joint projects and initiatives.

The following outlines the Sierra RCD's Forester Apprenticeship Program's eligibility, requirements, and process for becoming a Registered Professional Forester.

SRCD Eligibility

- Have a bachelor's degree OR have an associate degree in Natural Resources or other Environmental or Practical Trade Program
- Be a full-time Employee at Sierra RCD for the Forestry and Watershed Program
- Be in good standing with employment duties and responsibilities.
- Commit to Exemplifying Sierra RCD's core values of Responsibility, Stewardship, and Innovation
- Must complete a minimum of one year of full-time work for Sierra RCD to receive a signature of the Registered Professional Forester process.

Process

The process for becoming a Registered Professional Forester is set up complying with the California Forest Practice Rules Standards, see section 1621.

As part of enrollment in this program Sierra RCD commits to providing qualifying education, training, and practical work experience needed to qualify for the Professional Foresters licensure exam.