



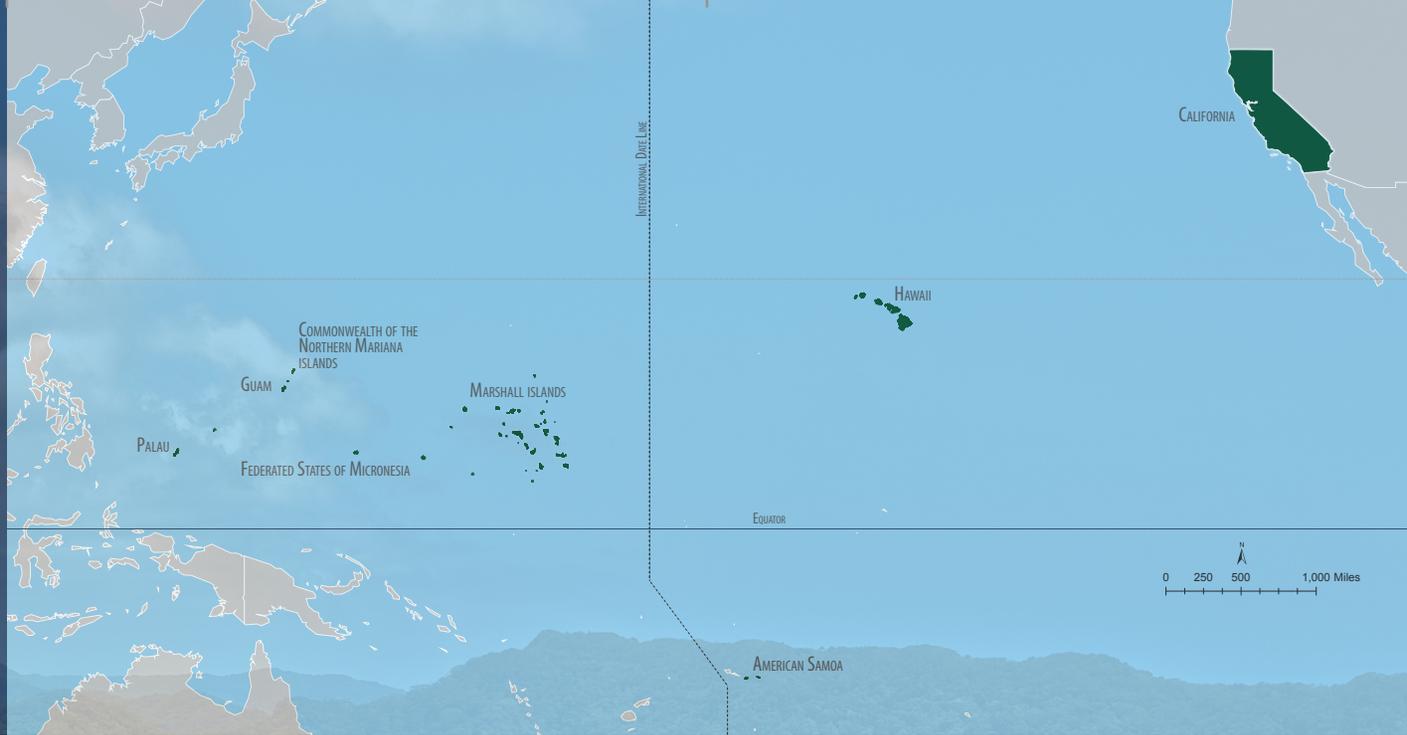
United States Department of Agriculture

Pacific Southwest Region

SPF

State & Private Forestry

CONNECTING FORESTS TO PEOPLE



The Pacific Southwest Region works with partners to care for 35 million acres of forests that serve over 40 million residents in California, Hawaii and the U.S.-Affiliated Islands of American Samoa, Guam, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau. These forests provide homes, jobs, water, food and numerous other environmental, economic and social benefits to the people who live, work and visit here.

“CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CONSERVE FORESTS.”

We work in *partnership* across all lands to *sustain* and *restore* healthy, productive and resilient rural and urban forests.



- Region 5 State and Private Forestry programs engage people where they live, work and play to sustain healthy forests.
- We work with State Foresters in California, Hawaii, and the US-affiliated Pacific Islands to achieve their forestry goals.
- We provide technical forestry assistance to national forests, states, tribes, territories, private landowners and other agencies.
- We manage an active grant program in support of forest health and conservation, leveraging federal resources at nearly 80%.
- We collaborate with experts to generate, synthesize and share best practices for forest management.



Forest Service



Program Goals

Forest Health Protection

- Provide insect and disease program support and technical assistance to forest managers in California and the Pacific Islands through a network of U.S. Forest Service entomologists and forest pathologists.
- We engage with partners to develop, share, learn and exchange technical and pest management information with forest health specialists and indigenous practitioners worldwide.
- We provide timely forest insect, disease, and invasive plant surveys and monitoring information and recommend mitigation and management measures to reduce, suppress and eradicate pest outbreaks threatening forest and agroforest resources.

Invasive Species

- Our work focuses on four key elements for invasive species management: prevention; detection;

control and management; and restoration and rehabilitation.

- Our goal is to reduce or eliminate the introduction, establishment, spread, and impact of invasive species across all landscapes and ownerships.

Aerial Detection Survey

- Conduct a systematic and comprehensive aerial survey of the current forest health status throughout the forested areas of California and Hawaii.
- Conduct special aerial surveys, as deemed appropriate, to ascertain the current status of high profile/high importance forest disturbance events.
- Provide timely, comprehensive, professional communication outreach deliverables to national, regional and local forest professionals, cooperating agencies, various mass media entities and the general public.

Urban and Community Forestry

- Through the delivery of technical, financial, educational and research services, our UCF program supports growing and revitalizing healthy and livable urban environments from the most populous state—California (38.8 million people), to the least populated U.S. Affiliated island—Republic of Palau (21,000 people).
- Collaborating across U.S. Forest Service branches and numerous state and local partners, we support the Los Angeles Center for Urban Natural Resources Sustainability—a western research hub to promote adaptive management, technology transfer and science to improve the quality of lives and environment.

laying the groundwork to harvest timber, promote wildlife, and use their land in ways that are important to them and good for the forest.

- Conservation education programs promote sustainable forestry and science-based management to schoolchildren, teachers, and the public.

Wood and Biomass Utilization

- Retain a competitive and resilient wood products industry infrastructure in California to help accomplish ecosystem restoration objectives, create and retain jobs in rural areas, and partially defray the direct and indirect costs of management.
- Advance the efficient use of wood and biomass materials through research and technology development activities that reduce GHG and carbon emissions.

Ecosystem Services and Climate Change

- Facilitating partnerships, science, and dialogues to build agreement around policies, strategies, and management tools needed to respond to climate change, enhance ecosystem markets, and restore healthy forests.

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