

Increasing Forest Stewardship and Resiliency Through Education and Outreach

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Our Purpose, Helping Landowners...

- Better understand, manage and protect their forests
- Recognize the importance of developing a forest management plan
- Connect and engage with natural resource professionals
- Take advantage of cost-share opportunities that can help them meet their management goals



Amador Field Day Participants, Chaw'se State Historic Park

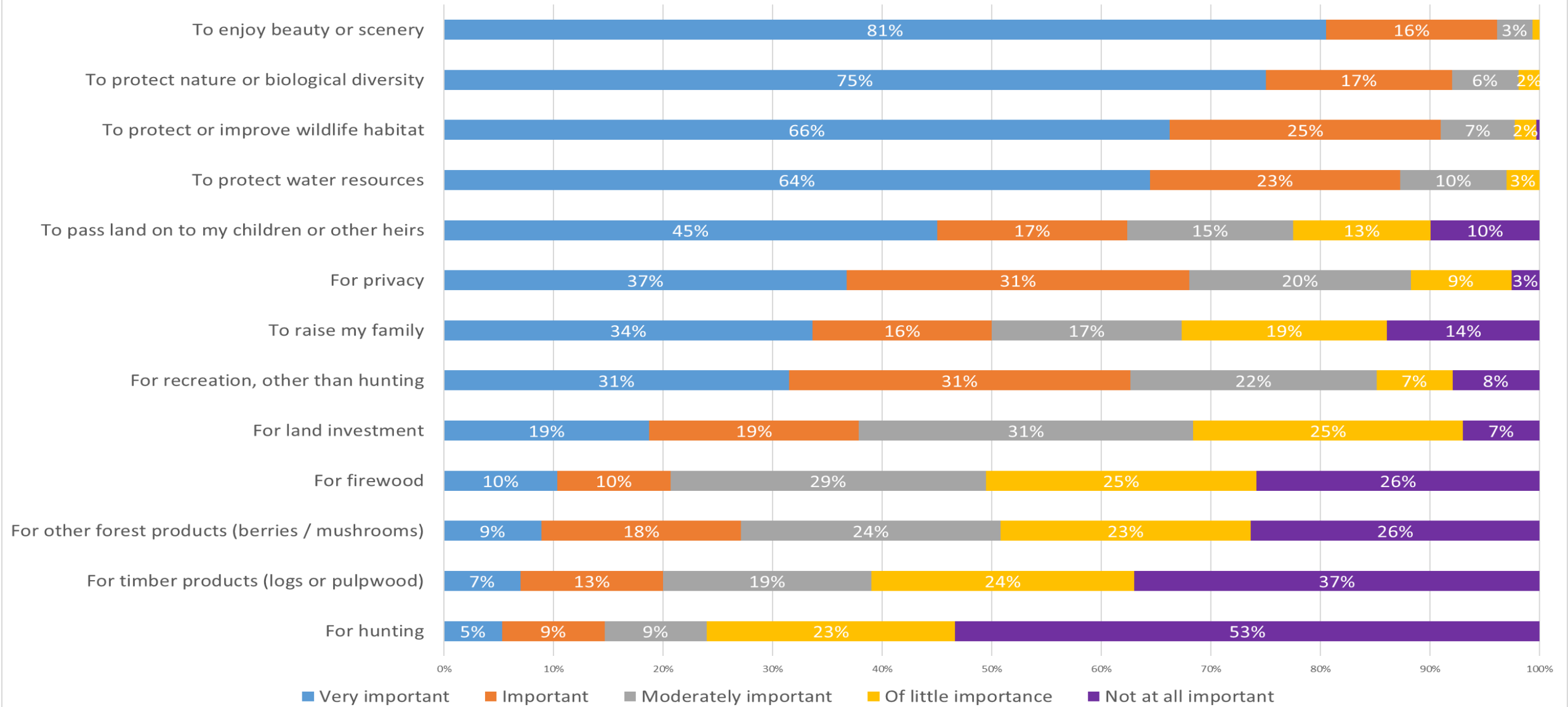
Our Participants...



- Over 50% reside on or within a mile of their forestland
- Come from every forested county in California
- 93% agree or strongly agree that they want their land to stay wooded
- 88% agree or strongly agree that their land provides benefits to their community
- 87% have a strong emotional attachment to their land

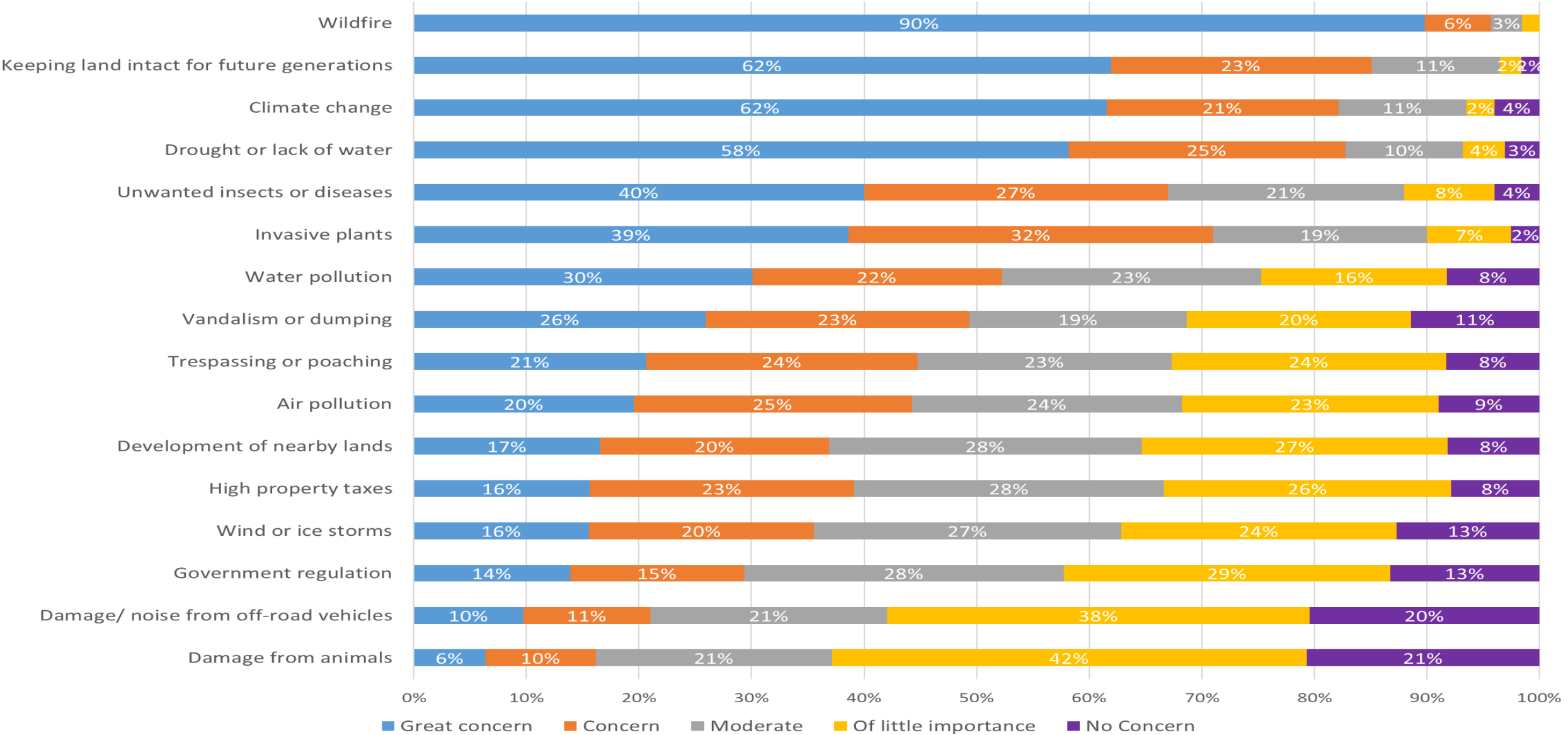
Our Participants Own Forestland...

How important are the following reasons for why you currently own your wooded land in California? N=308



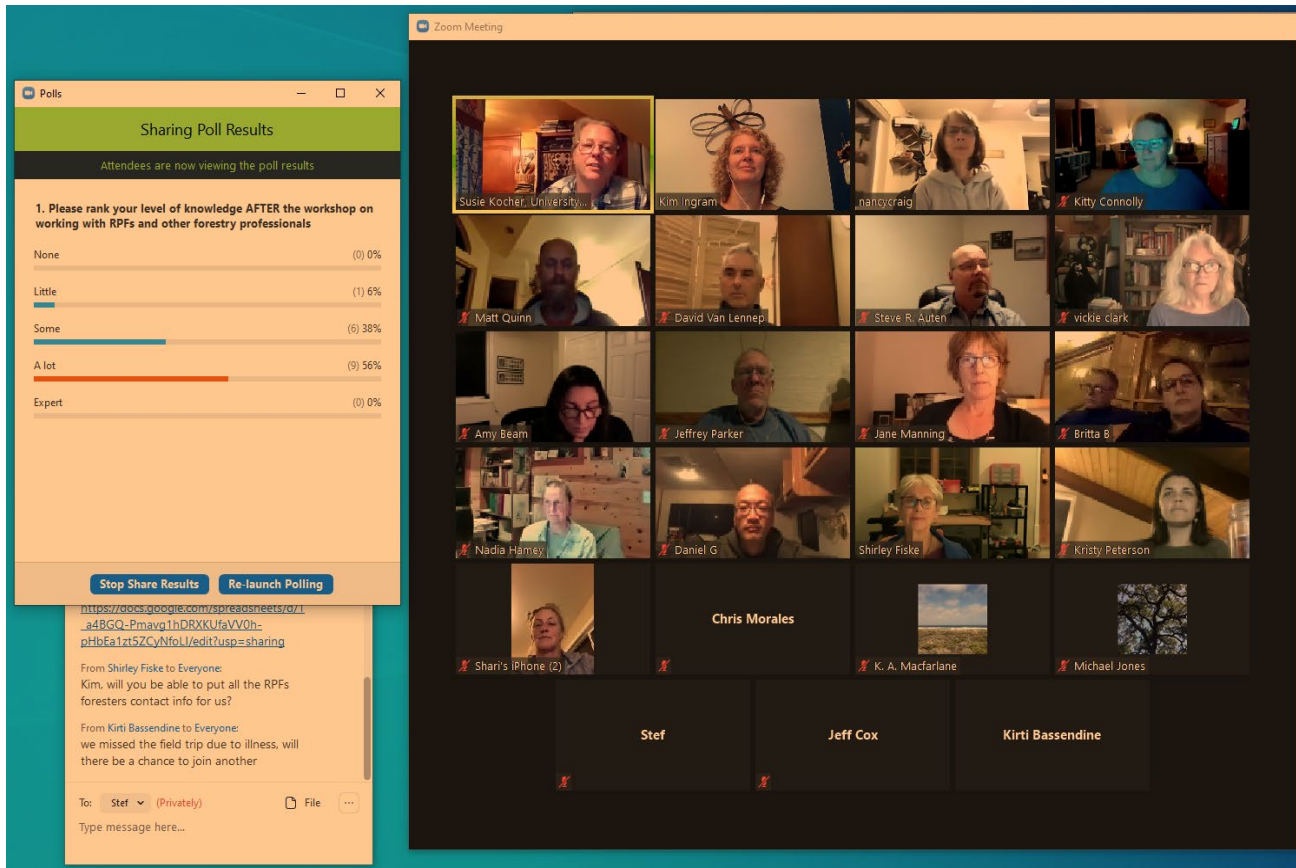
Our Participants Are Concerned About...

Please indicate your level of concern about each of the following topics for your wooded land in California. N = 325



Engagement

- Local outreach and involvement in planning
- Timing, location and accessibility



“The Zoom and online format was essential and made it possible for me to attend. Living on a remote mountain in northern Napa, I would not have been able to, nor have wanted to, drive once a week to attend class in person.”
Participant

Relevance

- General curriculum
- Tailored curriculum



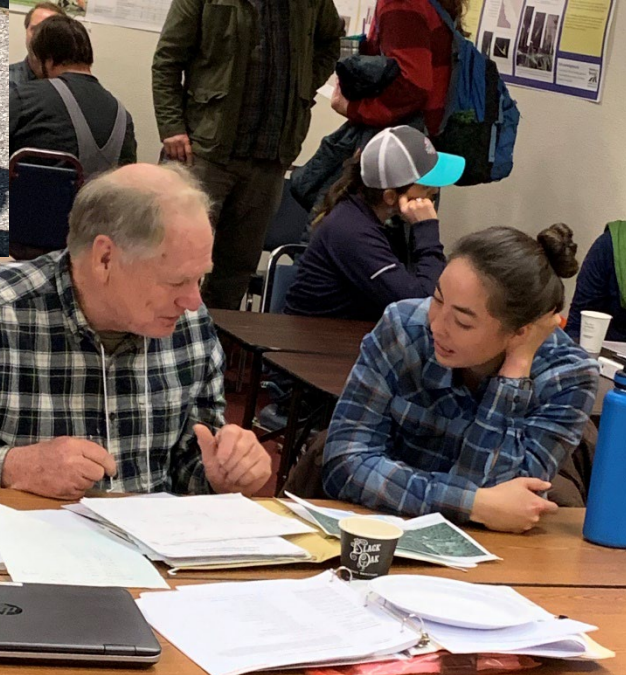
Inclusion

- Learning and relationship building



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Post-fire Forest Resilience Education Program

- Many participants already have been affected by wildfire
- Next steps not always obvious
- Founded a Post-Fire Forest Resilience workshop series modeled on the Forest Stewardship series
- Funding from the US Forest Service
- 7 weeks of weekly zoom sessions with an in-person field trip to the fires of focus
- First workshop in Fall 2022 focusing on the 2021 Dixie, Caldor and Tamarack fires

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Save the Date!

Register now for a California Post- Fire Forest Resilience Workshop

Online weekly Tuesdays, 6:00pm – 7:30pm, September 6th
to October 11th and in-person field trips on
October 12th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th (attend one)

Learn about managing forestland after wildfire:

- Increasing disturbances in Sierra Nevada forests
- Post-wildfire issues: erosion, invasives, hazard trees, fuels
- Time frame and steps needed for reforestation
- Landowner support groups and financial assistance
- Safety and erosion control for the short and long term
- Dealing with dead trees/ salvage logging/ slash treatment
- Reforestation/seedling orders/ climate change/ planting
- Dealing with competing vegetation and on-going maintenance
- Getting professional help and cost-share opportunities

Participants will use online resources on their own time to complete learning modules and short activities. Zoom meetings with all participants and presenters will take place once a week on Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm. The focus is on recent fires in the northern / central Sierra Nevada. The in-person field trips will visit the Dixie, Caldor & Tamarack fires to see fire impacts, restoration needs and strategies and restoration projects on private and public lands.

Registration for the workshop is \$25. Sign up now at:

<http://ucanr.edu/post-fireworkshops>

For questions, contact Susie Kocher, sdkocher@ucanr.edu.



The Post-fire Forest Resilience Education Initiative is a US Forest Service funded contract awarded March 2022 through June 2025, to Susie Kocher, Registered Professional Forester #2874, University of California Cooperative Extension to help landowners affected by wildfires.



Recent Workshops

- Online/Fresno County: February 1st – March 15th (May 11th & 12th field days – Creek & Oak fires)
- Collaboration with Sierra RCD, Coarsegold RCD, local USFS, Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council, etc.

Upcoming Workshops

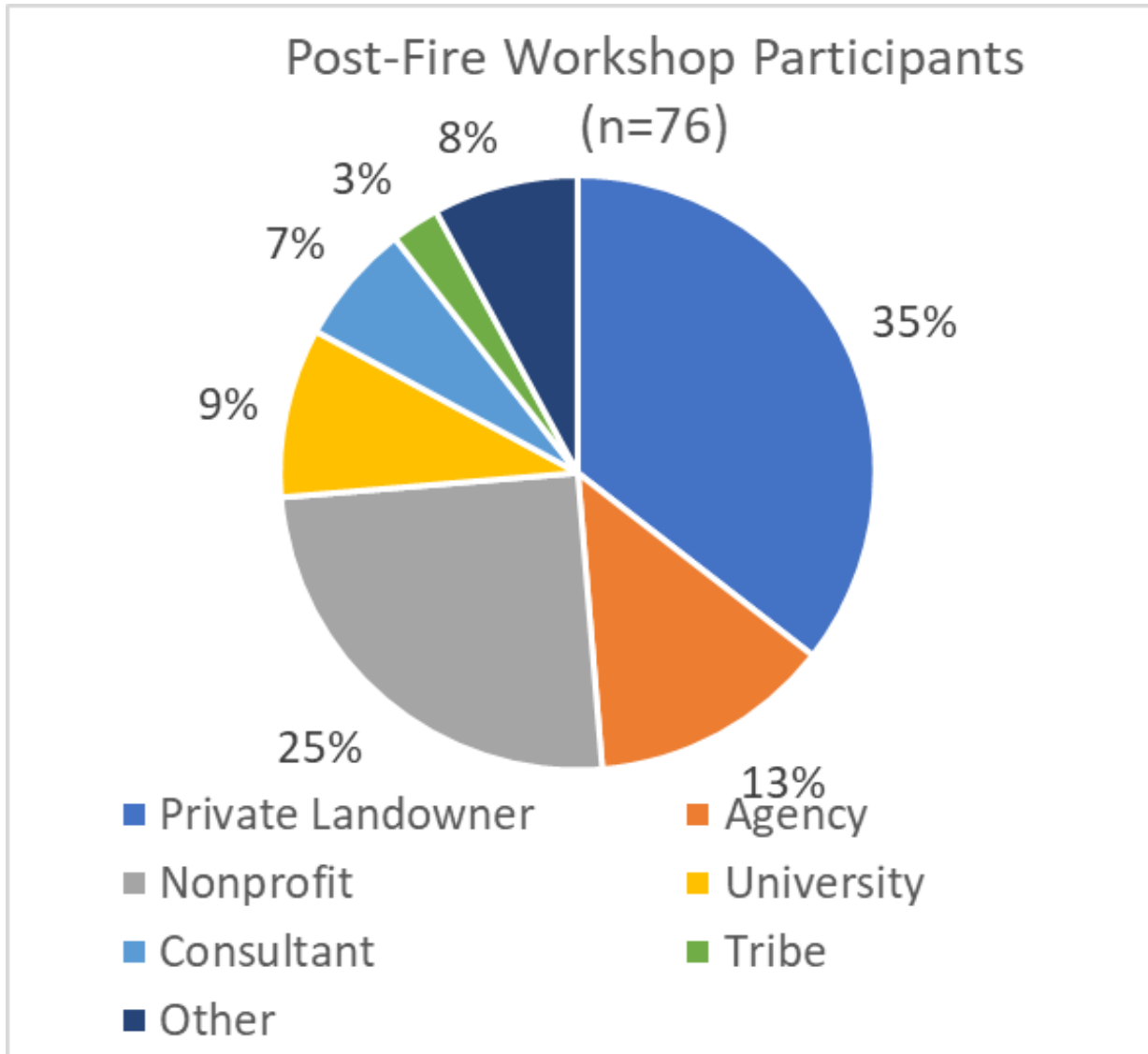
- Online/Napa County: April 19th – May 31st (June 2nd/3rd Glass Fire & LNU)
- Siskiyou: June - July
- Trinity: September - October
- Santa Cruz: November - December

Moving the workshop around the state



Participants learn about the post-fire landscape in the Caldor burn scar, October 2022.

Getting diverse participants



Dixie fire field day looking at water bars and a water crossing on private land

For landowners

- Lack of information
- Lack of funding
- Lack of contractors
- Lack of seedlings
- Other pressing needs after wildfire

For educators/agencies

- Lack of information about some forest types
- Timing of when to contact landowners
- Need to make assistance programs timely after fire
- Huge areas of need
- Some post-fire treatment methods controversial

Post-fire challenges

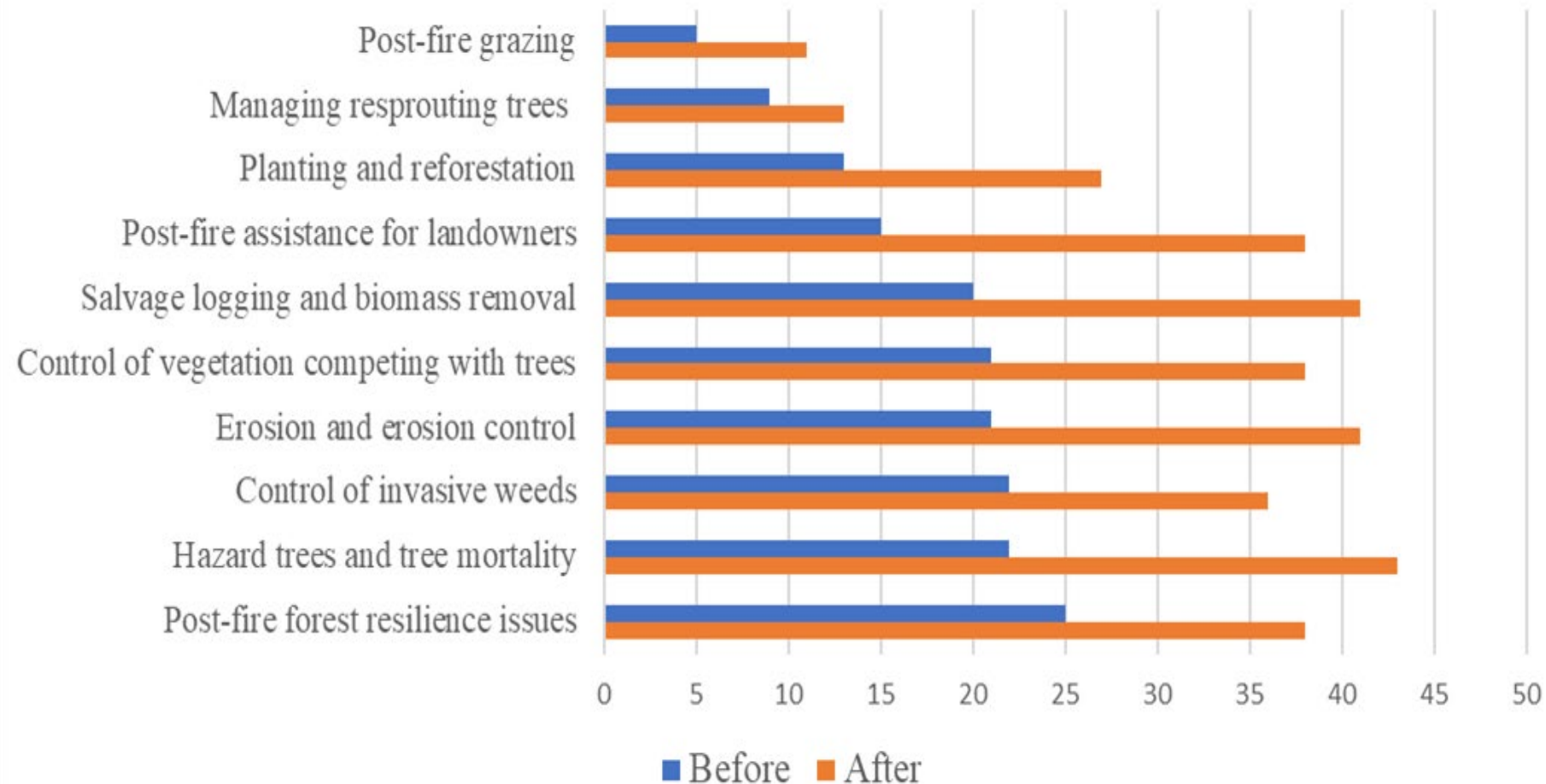


Participant learning outcomes



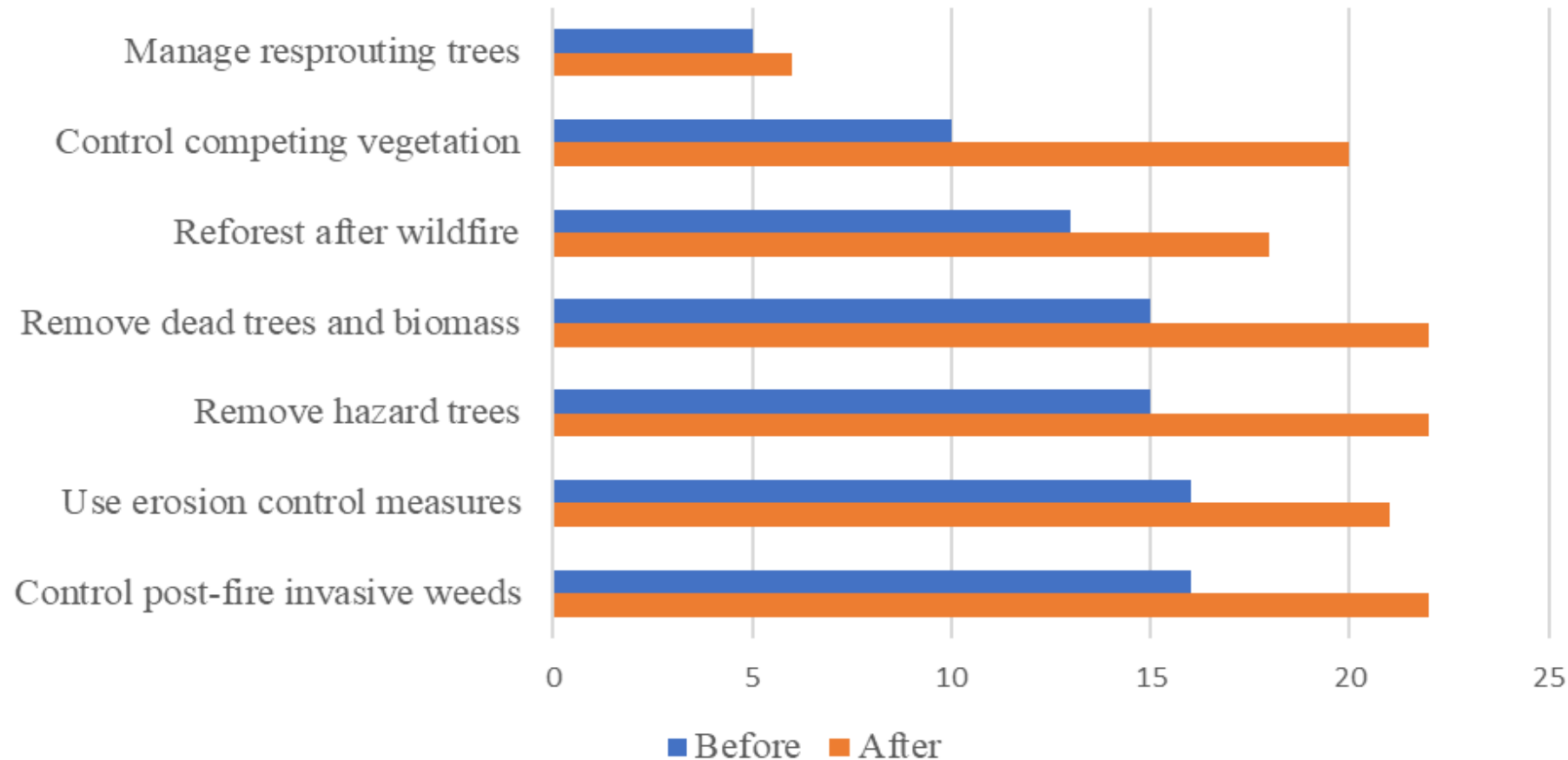
Workshop participants looking at post-fire mastication of small trees on the Dixie fire, October 2022

Number of participants expressing some to expert knowledge on topics before and after the workshop (n=45)



Participants' treatment intentions

Number of participants who say they are likely or extremely likely to engage in management activities before and after the workshop (n=28)



Workshop participants looking at untreated but burned parcel near Greenville on the Dixie fire, October 2022