



Northern California Society of American Foresters: Forestry Institute for Teachers Field Trips

Project Overview

While environmental education is paramount to providing students a well rounded appreciation of nature, many schools lack the proper training and resources to offer it. To help fill this gap, SFI Inc. will provide the Northern California Society of American Foresters with \$5,000 to coordinate four [Forestry Institute for Teachers](#) (FIT) sessions. Each session entails an intensive six-day field workshop for K-12th grade teachers focused on forestry, ecology and how to explain these topics in the classroom. The program includes hands-on activities where teachers learn from resource professionals from all perspectives of forestry, including industrial companies, non-industrial private land owners, federal and state agencies, and forest advocates. The FIT sessions are designed to give teachers the training and tools they need to connect forest management to forest health back in their classrooms. Teachers are also provided with a \$200 stipend for use in developing environmental and forestry related curriculums.

Supporting the SFI Standard

The project is aligned with Objective 17, “Community Involvement in the Practice of Sustainable Forestry”, Performance Measure 17.2, which includes “periodic educational opportunities promoting sustainable forestry, such as field tours, seminars, websites, webinars, or workshops; educational trips”.

Project Partners

The Northern California Society of American Foresters will partner with California Project Learning Tree; University of California Cooperative Extension; University of California-Davis; California Department of Fish and Wildlife (ProjectWILD); and Sierra Pacific Industries.