



## Forest Biomass Transportation Incentive Program Overview

In California as across much of the West, increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration faces two key challenges. First, most byproducts resulting from treatments are largely non-merchantable; and second, where markets exist for that material, the economic haul distance is short, greatly restricting the land base where projects are affordable to the landowner.

Through the [My Sierra Woods](#) (MSW) program in northern California, the [American Forest Foundation](#) (AFF) seeks to address these barriers by launching the Forest Biomass Transportation Incentive (FBTI) – a financial incentive that will reimburse private landowners for a portion of their out-of-pocket expense in conducting needed fuels reduction work.

Reimbursements are based on bone-dry tons removed and the haul distance to the nearest [Biofuel Renewable Auction Mechanism](#) (BioRAM) facility. Eligibility is restricted to (1) only those projects occurring in designated Tier 1 or Tier 2 High Hazard Zones (as defined by CAL FIRE) and (2) projects conducted between 31-100 miles of a BioRAM facility AND within Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, Plumas, Butte, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, or Placer counties. All projects must demonstrate CEQA compliance and be overseen by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF).

AFF will convene a FBTI Steering Committee to review implementation and make course corrections to ensure that the FBTI is fully and effectively subscribed over the implementation period. The Steering Committee will be comprised of forestry stakeholders and include one AFF staff member alongside one representative from each of the following groups: conservation NGOs, RPFs, local government/fire safe councils, NIPF landowner associations, state regulatory agencies, biomass plants and forest-products associations.

Through the FBTI, AFF seeks to increase the scope and scale of cross-jurisdictional forest restoration projects that are economically feasible to private landowners and in so doing reduce the likelihood of unnaturally large and severe wildfires to protect critical water supplies and carbon storage

### Questions?

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