



10-year forest restoration program set to start

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The Eldorado and Stanislaus national forests will receive funds for projects under a forest restoration program designed to reduce fire threat, help local economies and accomplish critical forest restoration objectives, according to an announcement from the **U.S. Department of Agriculture**.

The Amador-Calaveras Group Cornerstone Project will receive \$730,000 under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program to begin work on the Eldorado and Stanislaus national forests this year.

The restoration efforts are expected to provide more than 200 jobs and attract more visitors to the areas, officials said.

The project proposal outlines work to be completed over a 10-year period. Activities will include forest thinning and fuel reduction, biomass and small-diameter tree removal, restoration of culturally sensitive sites, reforestation, meadow enhancement and watershed improvement.

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Note: the Consensus Group is a Sierra Nevada Conservancy partner.