



GOLDEN STATE NATURAL RESOURCES

Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation with a mission to address the urgent issue of catastrophic fires from overgrown and under-managed forests.

THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE CRISIS

Our forests are in a very unhealthy state, facing longer fire seasons, drought, invasive species, tree mortality, warmer temperatures, and the consequences of a century of unnatural fire suppression. The result is overgrown and under-managed forests that lead to catastrophic fires that place lives, property and the environment at risk.

WILDFIRES ON THE RISE

- As of 2022, half of California's 20 largest fires had occurred over the previous 5 years.
- Of those, 7 occurred in 2020 and 2021.
- All but 2 of the state's largest fires occurred in the 21st century.



CAL FIRE, Tree Mortality Viewer, High Hazard Zones, 2022

INTERVENTION

To tackle this growing threat, researchers point to a greater emphasis on proactive forest treatment projects to reduce this overgrowth. Yet, one of the greatest challenges to completing these projects are the limited outlets and uses for the overgrown vegetation. Golden State Natural Resources was formed to address this problem.

GSNR directly addresses this critical need by creating a sustainable and economically viable use from this woody biomass.

OUR AIM

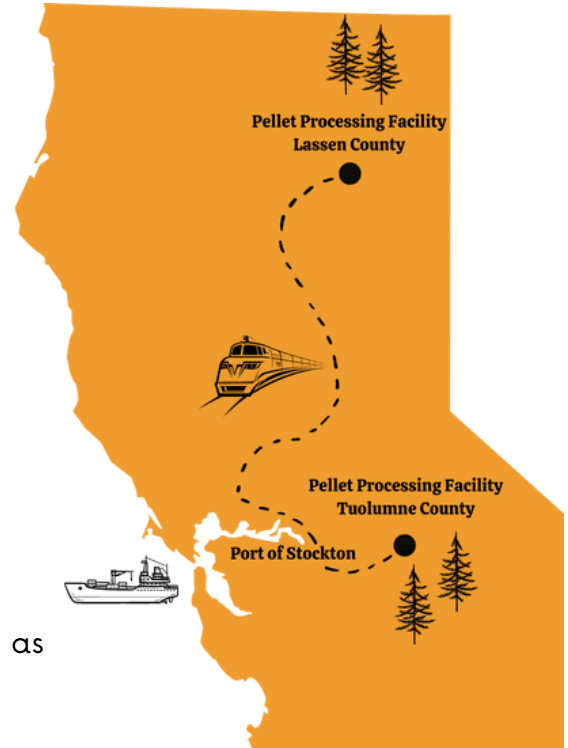
GSNR's proposed forest resiliency project would sustainably procure and process excess biomass produced as part of forest health initiatives into a pelletized fuel source for use in renewable energy generation overseas, as a replacement for fossil fuels.

PROPOSED PROJECT

➡ Develop two processing facilities, one in the foothills of the Central Sierra Nevada Mountain range, in **Tuolumne County**, and one in the Modoc Plateau of Northern California, in **Lassen County**.

➡ The finished product would then be transported by rail to the **Port of Stockton** for international shipping.

This project is supported through a 20-year Master Stewardship Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for all of California's 18 national forests in Region 5 as well as a blanket purchase agreement with USFS.



ORGANIZATION

GSNR was established by rural counties through Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) to address the urgent issue of catastrophic fires. GSFA is a government entity and affiliate of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), a forty-member county service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties.

PROJECT STATUS

GSFA, acting as the lead agency, has commenced the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for GSNR's proposed forest resiliency project, to ensure any and all potential impacts are identified. A key step in this process is the release of a Draft Environmental Impact Report, which was released for a 60 day public review and comment period on October 22, 2024.

Visit www.goldenstatenaturalresources.com/deir/ to review the document and to find details about submitting formal comment.

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