

# Grant Money Available for Yosemite West

Dead and down trees can be removed from your property for free

The Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) has a new grant to reduce fuel loading in and around Yosemite West. The program will remove dead and down, and standing hazard trees, and thin/chip brush and small conifers (up to 20" in diameter) from private properties (including vacant lots), which will make Yosemite West more prepared for fire.

This work is funded by a grant from the Cal Fire Forest Health Program to improve forest health and protect communities and people. It includes Yosemite West, Wawona, and Yosemite Valley. MCRCD is the grantee and will serve as the primary project manager. YWPHI is supportive of this program and urges you to participate. Removing down trees has been a longstanding need for the community and will help protect Yosemite West from fire.

Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The work will begin in the spring of 2022, with the exact schedule and contractor not yet determined. The schedule, and details of work to take place on bordering NPS land, will be shared later.

If you are enrolled in the program, a contractor will visit your property to assess the fuel load and downed trees. This visit is usually done without homeowner interaction, with standing trees marked if they will be taken down. You may list instructions or requests on the application.

## Program Requirements

1. Applicants must complete and sign Program Application, **including Assessor's Parcel Number from the property tax bill.**
2. Applicants must sign a Right of Entry permission form.

Please complete the attached application and right of entry forms, and include any photos you are able to provide (not required, but recommended). Once all documents have been received, you will be contacted and advised of your application status. Please note: it might not be possible to join the grant after the initial application closes.

Applications may be submitted by mail or email by **December 15, 2021** to:

**MCRCD Forest Restoration Program:** MariposaCountyRCD@gmail.com  
PO Box 2403  
Mariposa, CA 95338

For questions, please contact Virginia Cole, Office Manager, at (209)966-0970 or reach out to [grants@yosemitewest.org](mailto:grants@yosemitewest.org). We will compile an FAQ document and can set up a virtual meeting with the MCRCD if enough people are interested. The [application](#) and [right of entry forms](#) are also posted on [yosemitewest.org](http://yosemitewest.org), along with a [map of the project area](#).