



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Central Sierra Resiliency Fund Introduces “Seedlings of Hope” to Begin Creek Fire Replanting Efforts**

*5,800 seedlings to be distributed and planted on April 17*

**WHAT:** The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund (CSRF) is holding its first Seedlings of Hope planting and education day – an important part of forest revitalization efforts. Sponsored in part by a grant from Southern California Edison, the Seedlings of Hope project is designed to help property owners who lost trees during the Creek Fire to replant and revive their forest homes. At this event, Registered Professional Foresters Juli Stewart, Meghan Breniman and John Mount will lead a workshop for Seedlings of Hope recipients and local volunteers on best-planting practices for native tree species. After planting trees at the demonstration site, property owners and volunteers will be sent out to the various property owners’ sites to plant their own Seedlings of Hope.

Saturday’s Seedlings of Hope recipients submitted applications to the CSRF in February and March. Eligibility required privately-owned land to be cleared and prepared for planting. CSRF inspected and approved all sites in advance.

The 5,800 seedlings being distributed at this time have been provided by CalFire nurseries and Southern California Edison. If weather conditions, soil moisture and seedling stock permit, CSRF intends to plant approximately 48,000 additional seedlings this fall. Those seedlings are currently being grown for CSRF by community partners, including Mulholland nurseries and Intermountain Nursery. Those interested in applying to receive future Seedlings of Hope can find more information and an application at <https://museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/seedlings-of-hope/>.

**WHEN: Seedlings of Hope - Spring 2021 Planting  
Saturday, April 17, 2021**

9:30 a.m. Volunteer Welcome & Planting Demonstration  
10:00 a.m. Volunteer planting practice of 500 Seedlings of Hope at Messer demonstration site  
10:30 a.m. Planting at property sites for remaining 5,300 Seedlings of Hope

**The event is free, but limited to homeowners receiving trees and preregistered volunteers.**

**WHERE:** Messer Demonstration Site  
Auberry Road just East of Alder Heights Road | [Google Maps](#)

**WHO:** The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund’s mission is to support the revitalization of the forests and communities surrounding Shaver Lake through land restoration, local stewardship, and economic efforts that honor the historical legacy of the Central Sierra region. CSRF is a community initiative held at the Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum. Local community members and concerned professionals have collaborated to create a Resiliency Council to administer the restricted fund and determine funding recipients. The Council looks forward to partnering with other local, state, and national organizations to ensure resources to empower the mountain community to get people living, working, and recreating on the mountain again. For more information, visit: <https://museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/>.