



## SPRING 2023 INTEREST FORI



Thank you for your interest in participating in the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund's (CSRF) Seedlings of Hope program. With this long-term reforestation effort, we are collaborating with ReLeaf, Tree Fresno, the United States Forest Service, American Forests, Mulholland Citrus, Edison International and Southern California Edison. After growing the seedlings and identifying appropriate sites for their planting, we will hold community workdays centered around Forester-led workshops on planting techniques and best-practices to train volunteers and begin reforesting communities together. The dates of those workshops are to be determined as soil moisture and temperatures will drive our planting timeline and may vary by elevation. **Please note that having water on-site is NOT a requirement for requesting seedlings.**

If you are interested in volunteering to help plant seedlings, please fill out our volunteer form at: <https://museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/resiliency-fund-volunteers/>

### Spring 2023 Seedlings of Hope (SOH) Home Site Requirements:

- The site is located in Fresno County *and* experienced Creek Fire related damage that requires reforestation.
- The site has been prepared for planting. This includes:
  - High-severity burned trees or dead trees in the vicinity have been removed.
  - The site is in a "protected" area that will not be disturbed by further construction or vehicle/equipment traffic.
- The planting sites are NOT under power lines
- Images of the site are submitted showing where the seedlings may go. \*\*A site visit may be required prior to planting if deemed necessary by a Forester.
- The land is privately owned (*at this time we cannot plant on government lands*)
- The homeowner gives permission for SOH representatives (including CalFire nurseries) to access the lot 1-2 years post-planting for the purposes of assessing the hardiness of the SOH stock



**In order to be considered for the Spring 2023 plantings, this form must be completed on our website (<https://museumofthesierra.org/resiliencyfund/seedlings-of-hope/>) or submitted via email to [seedlingsofhope@sierrahistorical.org](mailto:seedlingsofhope@sierrahistorical.org) by March 1, 2023.** Your contact information will be kept confidential, and property information will only be shared with the members of our Forest Stewardship Task Force to assess priorities and eligible sites. Forms received after that date will be considered for future plantings. Availability for volunteers and seedlings is limited and highly weather-dependent. Priority will be given to high burn areas within the Big Creek and the 168 Scenic Heritage Byway viewshed and in locations that registered professional foresters deem most impactful to the overall reforestation effort. Individuals with physical or financial limitations making reforestation of their property especially challenging will also be given priority. The number of seedlings allocated to each property will be based on availability and lot size. There may be opportunities for more seedlings via a cost-share program for larger landowners. If you are interested in a potential cost-sharing program please note that in the comments section below.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* (Email is how we communicate about the program. If you are unable to receive and monitor email please provide the email address of a family member who can monitor these communications for you. If emailing is absolutely not an option, please indicate how we can contact you in the comments section below.)*

3. Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Property location

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*(if needed provide additional information in comments about how to locate and access the property below):*

5. Size of property: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of seedlings requested (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

*(the number of seedlings available will depend upon your acreage and the number of applications received. Receiving seedlings this round of planting will not inhibit your eligibility to receive seedlings in future plantings.)*

7. Pictures attached: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

8. Do you wish to plant yourself or have a planting day done with our volunteers?

\_\_\_\_\_ Self \_\_\_\_\_ With Volunteers

9. Are you part of a Homeowners Association or Neighborhood group that could potentially hold a community? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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Additional Comments: