



FALL 2023 INTEREST FORM

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Central Sierra Resiliency Fund's Seedlings of Hope program. With this 2023 kickoff of a long-term reforestation effort, we are collaborating with the **National Forest Foundation, Arbor Day Foundation, Sierra Resource Conservation District, Creek Fire Recovery Collaborative, One Tree Planted, CalFire, Calforest Nursery, and Mulholland Citrus**. 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. To inspire HOPE we will prioritize where this all began, in Big Creek and communities within the 168 Scenic Heritage Byway viewshed. 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://sierrahistorical.org/resiliencyfund/resiliency-fund-volunteers/>

Fall 2023 Seedlings of Hope (SOH) Home Site Requirements:

- The site experienced 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

If you are interested in receiving information about trees available to plant on your property or in your community affected by the Creek Fire, please submit this interest form. In order to be considered for the Fall 2023 plantings, **this form must be submitted via email to seedlingsofhope@sierrahistorical.org by September 1, 2023. Your contact information will be kept confidential, and property information will only be shared with the community 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. Interest forms will be vetted and prioritized through collaboration with our Forest Stewardship Task Force. 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.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Property location: _____

Size of property: _____

Number of seedlings requested (if known): _____

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

Pictures attached: yes no

Do you wish to plant yourself or have a planting day done by our volunteers? self volunteers

Are you part of a Homeowners Association or Neighborhood group that could potentially hold a community planting day? yes no _____

Is there any additional information you would like to provide to explain special circumstances concerning your community or property:
