



PACIFIC SOUTHWEST Research Station

About Us

The Pacific Southwest Research Station (PSW) represents Forest Service Research and Development in California, Hawaii, and the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands.

Our region has the lowest, driest desert in the country, the highest elevations within the 48 contiguous states, and the wettest tropical forests. The region supports a diversity of plants and animals, including nearly half the nation's threatened and endangered species.

At PSW, we develop and deliver science to help inform natural resource management decisions. Much of our work is accomplished in cooperation with resource managers, universities and other research and development institutions, as well as state, tribal and other federal agencies.

PSW is an exciting place to work that strives to treat everyone with respect, empower one another, and invest in relationships. We exemplify the Forest Service mission of "caring for the land and serving people" and the shared core values of service, interdependence, conservation, diversity, and safety.

Research Priorities

PSW conducts research across three strategic research priority areas:

- (1) Biodiversity and Ecosystems
- (2) Wildland Fire Science and Stewardship
- (3) Humans and Nature

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Science that Makes a Difference

Through our scientific research, PSW strives to:

- Create forest landscapes resilient to disturbance, especially fire
- Enhance benefits from the natural environment to urban communities
- Provide clean and reliable water resources

Whether our research occurs on a remote mountain top or within a sprawling city, our goal is to provide knowledge that makes a difference.

Vision and Mission

The Station's mission is to develop and communicate science needed to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of forest, grassland, and urban ecosystems and their benefits around the globe.

PSW is a leader in natural resources research and achieves excellence through a focus on applied stewardship-focused research and a responsiveness to the needs of current and future generations.

