



SCIRP

Southern California Ignition Reduction Program

SCIRP is a public-private partnership of governmental agencies and their partners working together to protect the region's innumerable assets at risk to catastrophic wildfires by trying to reduce the occurrence of human-caused ignitions.

Addressing Key Needs

Across the United States, wildfires have increased in size, intensity, frequency, and catastrophic devastation over the past 20 years.

Approximately 95% of wildfires in Southern California are human-caused. In an area home to millions, wildfires threaten homes, lives, ecosystems, and two-thirds of them start along roadways.

Human-caused roadside ignitions are preventable. Through partnership, we can work together to help reduce wildfire risk, and prevent the devastating effects of wildfire.

Ignition Reduction

In 2021, key partners identified the need to establish a multi-Forest and multi-partner cross-boundary coalition that could collaboratively secure funding and financing for treatments that reduce wildfire risk, with an initial focus on transportation corridors and roadside ignition reduction. The Southern California Ignition Reduction Program (SCIRP) was formally chartered in 2023.

The SCIRP partnership is focused on supporting the development and implementation of a sustainable portfolio of prioritized projects to address wildland fire transmission primarily from roadways.

The program works to make systematic and deliberate investments in projects that are strategically targeted to reduce the number, size, and cost of future human-caused wildfire ignitions in Southern California.





SCIRP Mission

To reduce catastrophic wildfire risk by reducing human-caused ignitions of wildfires in Southern California through systematically planning, prioritizing, funding, and implementing projects that target vegetation treatments and physical barriers primarily along roadways across jurisdictional boundaries, while increasing public awareness and support.

SCIRP Vision

In the future, Southern California fires will be limited to those started by humans for beneficial purposes or caused by lightning, and our roadways will be lined by ignition resistant materials and native plants.

Working Together

SCIRP is led by an Executive Committee consisting of members from USDA Forest Service, Caltrans, CAL FIRE, and the California Dept. of Conservation, with advisors from National Forest Foundation, Blue Forest, and Conservation Investment Management.

Supporting membership has expanded to include a robust network of federal and state agencies, NGOs, Tribes, and academic partners.

Sub-teams gather regularly to work together towards achieving SCIRP's key goals, covering:

- Conservation Finance
- Vegetation Management Methods
- Data Analytics & Technology
- People & Partnerships
- Communications & Learning

Get Involved

There are multiple key partners working collaboratively to achieve the SCIRP vision, with room for more collaboration.

Learn more about Wildfire Risk Reduction efforts, and find ways to get involved:

