What is the California Fire Science Consortium (CFSC)?

The California Fire Science Consortium (as part of the JFSP Fire Science Exchange network) strives to accelerate the awareness, understanding, and adoption of wildland fire science information by federal, tribal, state, local, and private stakeholders within ecologically similar regions.

Our mission is to be an inclusive, neutral, customer-driven collaborative group that facilitates the flow of fire science information and dialogue. Whether you’re a science producer or a science consumer, we’re here to help. All of our online resources are free and most are open access.

What we have:

**Research briefs and synthesis**- 1-2 page highlights from scientific articles (with management implications)

**Webinars**- Live and recorded: spend an hour learning about a topic that interests you— all from the convenience of your office (check them out through our website [here](http://www.cafiresci.org) or our youtube channel [here](http://www.youtube.com/c/CaliforniaFireScience))

**Fieldtrips/Trainings**- Get out and see the landscapes while meeting new people

**Newsletter**- Keep up to date on events and new resources by signing up for our monthly newsletter [here](http://www.cafiresci.org)

**Social media**-

- Follow us on Twitter [here](http://twitter.com/ (@CaFireScience)
- Like us on Facebook [here](http://facebook.com) (California Fire Science Consortium)
- Subscribe or watch on Youtube [here](http://youtube.com) (California Fire Science Consortium)
FAQ’s

What happens after I sign-up for the newsletter?

Signing-up for the email list means you’ll be receiving our monthly newsletter (through the Mailchimp program). The newsletters include a listing of upcoming events, new resources and journal articles, as well as other things of interest. We may occasionally (every 2-3 years) ask for your input. You can ask to be removed from this list at any time. View past newsletters [here](#).

What the “sub-regions”?

California is a big and diverse state so it make sense that our science delivery and experts are just as diverse. We have 4 geographic sub-regions that cover the state: Northern Ca, Sierra Nevada, Central & Southern, and the Mojave and Sonoran Desert (that includes parts of other states). We also have a statewide Wildland-Urban Interface team to help disseminate research to homeowners, planners, and other affected by WUI fire issues. Each region has their own 1-4 people team that work on regionally specific issues.

What is the JFSP Fire Science Exchange Network?

The Federally funded [Joint Fire Science Program](https://www.fire.gov/) (JFSP), organized in 1998, works to improve the overall effectiveness of federal wildland fire management by providing and implementing scientific information and tools into land and resource management plans. The JFSP provides information for agencies to treat hazardous fuels successfully, reduce the threat of severe wildland fires, and restore or maintain the appropriate role of fire in ecosystems. This information improves agencies’ abilities to improve firefighter safety, control wildland fire suppression costs, protect the public, and sustain healthy ecosystems. [Read 2015-2016 Progress report here](#).
The goal of the JFSP is to accelerate the awareness, understanding, and adoption of wildland fire science information by federal, tribal, state, local, and private stakeholders within ecologically similar regions, called “Fire Science exchanges.” The California Fire Science Consortium is one of these 15 Exchanges. The JFSP envisions a national collaborative science delivery network, see below for the coverage of each Fire Science Exchange.

What if my question isn’t answered by the resources provided?

Contact us! As long as it’s related to our mission and within our ability, we may be able to either point you to another resource or to base a future product (i.e. field trip or research brief) on your request.

In some cases, there just might not be enough scientific research to answer your question. If that’s the case, we can add your “research need” to a list that will can help guide future scientific research projects.