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Fifty percent of Sierra Nevada's trees dead or dying—Are our forests doomed?

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Water resources in the Sierras are at critical levels

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Bob Kingman with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Sean O'Brien with Pacific Coast Lumber talk about stewardship of our threatened forests.



In search of solutions to the extreme threat to California's forests and watersheds, [correspondent Tom Wilmer](#) met with [Bob Kingman](#), the [Sierra Nevada Conservancy's](#) Assistant Executive Officer in Auburn, California. He then visits with [Sean O'Brien](#) in San Luis Obispo about urban forested Monterey Pines in conjunction with Cal Fire in Cambria.

More than 60 percent of California's water supply comes from the Sierras. High-intensity

fires such as The 2013 Rim Fire generated greenhouse gas emissions equal to what 2.3 million vehicles produce annually. During the rainy season, the subsequent massive runoff and [erosion](#) created in-filled reservoirs, and severely degraded water quality.



Tree Mortality in Kings Canyon National Park

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Sean and Dana O'Brien in San Luis Obispo are sequestering carbon, and helping to minimize the threat of forest fires through their urban-forested [Pacific Coast Lumber](#) mill operation, and [A Place to Grow Recycled Greenhouses](#). The O'Briens work in concert with Cal Fire's efforts to remove dead and dying Monterey Pines in and around the coastal village of Cambria, California



Bob Kingman, Assistant Executive Officer, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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Come along and join Bob Kingman and the O'Briens for a journey of discovery about the mission to mitigate the threat of fire, erosion, and re-purposing dead trees for use in construction projects, as well as carbon sequestering bio-fuel operations, and more.

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