



NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER PROGRAM

Forest Care provides an opportunity to those of us living within the San Bernardino National Forest to become better land stewards. State and federal agencies are working together in forest stewardship on public lands. As a neighbor to this unique U.S. National Forest, Forest Care and other landowner assistance programs can help you do your part, too. Healthy forests are needed in every mountain community, including your neighborhood. By thinning the trees on our properties to healthy densities, we can improve overall forest health while making our communities safer.

As a Neighborhood Leader for Forest Care you can lead the way for your friends and neighbors to become forest stewards. Neighborhood Leaders can spread information about forest health and fire safety to neighbors in many different ways. It can be as simple as passing out brochures to community members when they ask about the thinning on your property. Other ways to showcase your stewardship investment include holding a workshop or posting signs on your property about forest care, so your neighborhood will see the benefits of owning a healthy forest. Below are some suggestions for ways you can be involved in our Neighborhood Leader Program. Please contact Mary Ann Rozance or Julie Crick to inquire or sign up at 1-888-883-THIN.

- ✿ Hand out information about Forest Care and forest health to your friends and neighbors
- ✿ Write a short article about your experience with Forest Care for the Forest Care newsletter, [The Forest Steward](#)
- ✿ Attend Forest Care events as a representative of landowners having completed Forest Care
- ✿ Send a letter to a local newspaper suggesting how other landowners can become better forest stewards
- ✿ Host a party on your thinned property for friends to come over to see the benefits of having a properly thinned forest
- ✿ Host a workshop on your property for your neighborhood to learn about forest health issues and see a thinned forest
- ✿ Allow Forest Care to sign your property as a demonstration site so that your neighbors will drive by and appreciate the work that has been done on your property

Forest health is something we all agree is important. Forest stewards like you are so effective in spreading information because you have been through the entire process and have firsthand experience in the difference this program can make! As a conservation effort, Forest Care will be most effective when entire communities take pride and ownership in their forest, making a healthier, safer place for us all. Congratulations on your investment in the future of your community!