

## **LAWS AND AUTHORITY**

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Beginning in 1885 with the appointment of the first State Board of Forestry, the state has recognized a need to protect its forest and watershed resources. The Legislature has since granted the Board of Forestry and the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection more responsibilities for fire protection and for the management and protection of forest, range, and watershed resources.

State law and policies of the Board of Forestry mandate that CDF engage in many programs and activities which are clearly for the protection of the environment. To illustrate this, a limited number of examples of laws and policies directed toward environmental protection are given in PRC §740.

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