

MARIPOSA GROVE

MARIPOSA GROVE OVERVIEW

Relative Overall Vulnerability

LOW
1.8

This grove is ranked **LOW** for Relative Overall Vulnerability due to:

Wildfire Vulnerability

LOW - 1.8

Regen Vulnerability

LOW - 0.5

See the [Grove Health & Resilience](#) section below for more information.

Relative Management Priority

LOW
1.8

This grove is ranked **LOW** for Relative Management Priority due to:

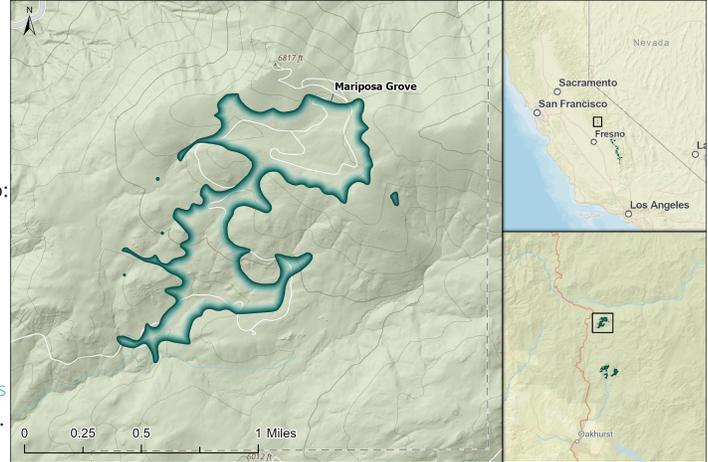
Overall Vulnerability

LOW - 1.8

Treatment Feasibility

GOOD - 9.2

See the [Management Considerations](#) section below for more information.



Grove Map - click map for more detailed spatial information

Grove Information

Grove Size (Acres)	270
Location	Central Sierra Nevada Watershed, Mariposa County
Management Unit(s)	Yosemite National Park
Land Steward(s)	NPS Yosemite

About Mariposa Grove

Mariposa Grove is a 270-acre grove in the Central Sierra Watershed region situated between 5,569 - 6,741 feet elevation at 37.50986 °N. It is located in the drainage of Rattlesnake Creek, a tributary to Big Creek in the South Fork of the Merced River watershed. Managed by Yosemite National Park, there is a long history of tourism in this grove and it continues to be heavily visited. It is home to many named and exceptionally large giant sequoias, including the Washington Tree and the Grizzly Giant. There has been vegetation management in Mariposa Grove but giant sequoias trees were never logged. In the past two decades, many mechanical and fire-related treatments were conducted in the grove and have helped mitigate the detrimental effects of wildfire (e.g. Washburn Fire in 2022).

MARIPOSA GROVE HEALTH & RESILIENCE

LOW
1.8

Mariposa Grove is ranked **Low** for Relative Overall Vulnerability because it is at a **Low** risk of being negatively impacted by the effects of severe wildfire and at **Low** risk for inadequate natural regeneration.

Relative Overall Vulnerability

Additionally, Mariposa Grove is at **Low** risk for negative impacts from drought stress, **Low** levels of tree mortality have been detected in the grove, and the presence and activity of beetles in the grove is **Unknown**. 69.8% of Mariposa Grove has burned in large fires since 1984. See below for more detailed information.

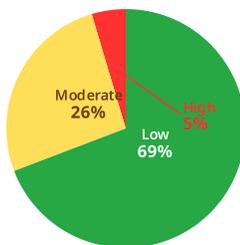
Components of Relative Overall Vulnerability

Relative Overall Vulnerability is based on **Wildfire Vulnerability** and **Regeneration Vulnerability** using an area-weighted calculation. See [Grove Assessment Analysis Methods](#) for more details.

The pie charts below provide the percentage of the grove with high, medium, and low vulnerabilities. Click on the charts to view interactive maps of these vulnerabilities within the grove.

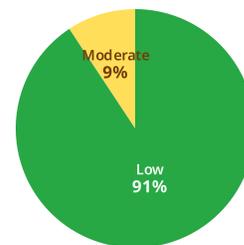
Wildfire Vulnerability

LOW - 1.8



Regeneration Vulnerability

LOW - 0.5

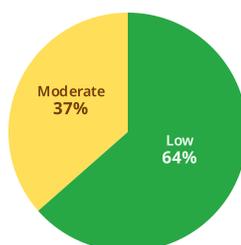


Additional Grove Health & Resilience Information

Below is additional information about Mariposa Grove's Health & Resilience. These data, their inputs, and any available notes and updates may be found in the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#).

Relative Drought Stress

LOW



Relative Drought Stress in Mariposa Grove is Low based on an area-weighted average. Click on the chart for an interactive map.

Beetle Activity

UNKNOWN

Beetle Activity in Mariposa Grove has not been determined. Please see the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#) for details.

Tree Mortality

LOW

Tree Mortality in Mariposa Grove is Low according to the most current available USFS dead canopy data.

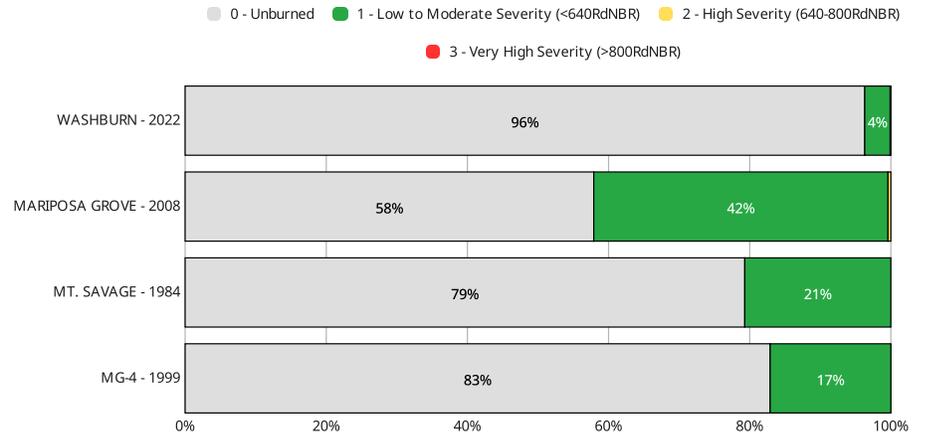
Please see the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#) for details.

Wildfire History

The table below provides information about large wildfires in this grove recorded since 1984. See [this map of wildfires and locations of high severity fire](#).

Wildfires	MG-4 - 1999, MT. SAVAGE - 1984, MARIPOSA GROVE - 2008, WASHBURN - 2022
% of grove burned	69.8%
% of grove unburned	30.2%
Fire Return Interval Departure	High

The chart below provides the percentages of the grove burned at different levels of severity for each wildfire since 1984.



MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

LOW
1.8

Mariposa Grove is ranked **Low** for Relative Management Priority because it has **Low** Relative Overall Vulnerability and **Good** feasibility for implementing management actions toward restoration goals.

Relative Management Priority

Additionally, the grove is 1.7 miles from a community and contains recreational infrastructure. There is a high amount of outdoor recreation use in this grove. See below for more detailed information.

Components of Relative Management Priority

Relative Management Priority is determined by combining the **Relative Overall Vulnerability** and **Treatment Feasibility** ranks. See [Grove Assessment Analysis Methods](#) for more details.

Relative Overall Vulnerability

LOW - 1.8

See the [Health & Resilience](#) section above for the component metrics for the Relative Overall Vulnerability rank.

Treatment Feasibility

GOOD - 9.2

Special Land Designation	Yosemite Wilderness Area
Grove Manager Opinion	Fuel Treatments are Possible
Remote	No

Additional Management Considerations

Below is additional information relevant to Mariposa Grove's Management Considerations. These data, their inputs, and any available notes and updates may be found in the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#).

Treatment History

The table below lists treatment projects in and 90 meters around this grove implemented **since 2022**. See this [map of grove treatments](#).

Treatment Type	% of Grove	Acres
Mechanical Treatments	35.3%	192.2
Prescribed Fire	25.2%	137.2
Pile Treatments	1.4%	7.6
Pile Burns	0%	0
Replanting	0%	0

Management Recommendations

The table below provides an estimate of the percentage and acreage of the grove that are recommended for evaluation for treatment based on the Vulnerability Models. See this [map of Grove Vulnerability Models](#).

Treatment Need	% of Grove	Acres
Fuels Reduction/Restoration	4.6%	12.42
Reforestation	0%	0

MARIPOSA GROVE REFERENCES

Willard, D. 1994. Giant Sequoia Groves of the Sierra Nevada: A Reference Guide.
Giant Sequoia Health & Resilience Assessment [Glossary](#) 
[How to Use the Giant Sequoia Health & Resilience Assessment](#) 
[Giant Sequoia Health & Resilience Assessment Analysis Methods](#) 

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DISCLAIMER

The information presented in the Giant Sequoia Grove Health & Resilience Assessment is intended to supplement on-the-ground knowledge of giant sequoia groves for use in conjunction with current on-the-ground knowledge of grove condition and management activities when planning fuel treatment and reforestation projects. It should not be considered the only source of information about the condition of groves.