The Nevada Division of Forestry’s Urban and Community Forestry Program aims to identify gaps in urban forestry and arboriculture information available to citizens of Nevada. According to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Nevada has only twelve ISA certified tree workers in the state. This is the lowest number of certified tree workers in the Western Chapter both per state and per capita.

Nevada Division of Forestry, in partnership with Western Chapter of the ISA, Nevada Shade Tree Council and the Southern Region Tree Working Group will host two workshops for climbing techniques in Nevada. The City of Reno and Henderson will host two events each, at Idlewild Park and Wells Park, respectively.

These workshops will provide tree care professionals with affordable hands-on training by instructors that have many years of field and competition experience. Field stations will include learning equipment and knots, throw line practice, methods of entry, maneuvers and limb walk, safety and aerial rescue practice. The aerial rescue will include the ability to certify, which is one step toward the ISA Certified Tree Worker. Training is offered bilingual.

The Nevada Division of Forestry’s Urban Forestry Program can have impact on local practices across the state. With the aid of a USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry grant, the program has a very low fee and turnout is expected to be high. This is a great example of states helping each other, as the cadre is from California, and excited to help make a difference in Nevada. New partnerships have been created that will better serve the community forests as these groups work together to achieve a common goal of tree worker safety, and many more future endeavors such as a First Annual Tree Climbing Competition in 2019.

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http://forestry.nv.gov/forestry-resources/urban-and-community-forest/