



California Forests and Watersheds Program

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ABOUT NFWF

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BACKGROUND

The California Forests and Watersheds Program (Program) was launched in 2016 to support strategic partnerships helping to protect, restore and sustain the state's unique ecosystems, specifically focused on areas under the threat of or impacted by high-intensity wildfires. The program aims to improve the pace and scale of post-fire restoration, provide sustainable and lasting ecological benefits, improve forest health and resiliency, and encourage stewardship.

Since its inception, the Program has invested \$31.4 million in 134 projects supporting forest health and resilience by engaging in forest and upland restoration and management; watershed restoration and management; species management; and recreational and non-natural features management. These 134 projects have generated nearly \$19.8 million in matching contributions, for a total conservation impact of more than \$51.2 million.

NFWF has partnered with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to recover and enhance USFS-managed lands affected by wildfire, develop tools and information to guide restoration and management decisions, and build resilience to future fires and drought. In addition, NFWF partners with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund projects which monitor the species response to our activities, and we coordinate closely with the State of California to maximize leverage opportunities with our funding.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The diversity of landscapes in California requires locally specific approaches and priorities coupled with regional goals and objectives. In other words, the way in which forests are managed in Northern California is different than Southern California due to differences in climate, population, economies and capacity.

Northern California conservation priorities in this region include, but are not limited to:

- Restoration of watersheds, landscapes, meadows, riparian and other habitats
- Aquatic organism and fish passage enhancements
- Native species restoration and nonnative species control
- Fuels management
- Recreational use management of trails, roads and campsites that may have a deleterious impact on natural resources

Southern California conservation priorities include, but are not limited to:

- Invasive weed treatments and restoration of native chaparral
- Steelhead habitat surveys and population counts
- Trail maintenance and interpretive sign development
- Aquatic organism passage improvement designs



Angeles National Forest