



California Forests and Watersheds Program

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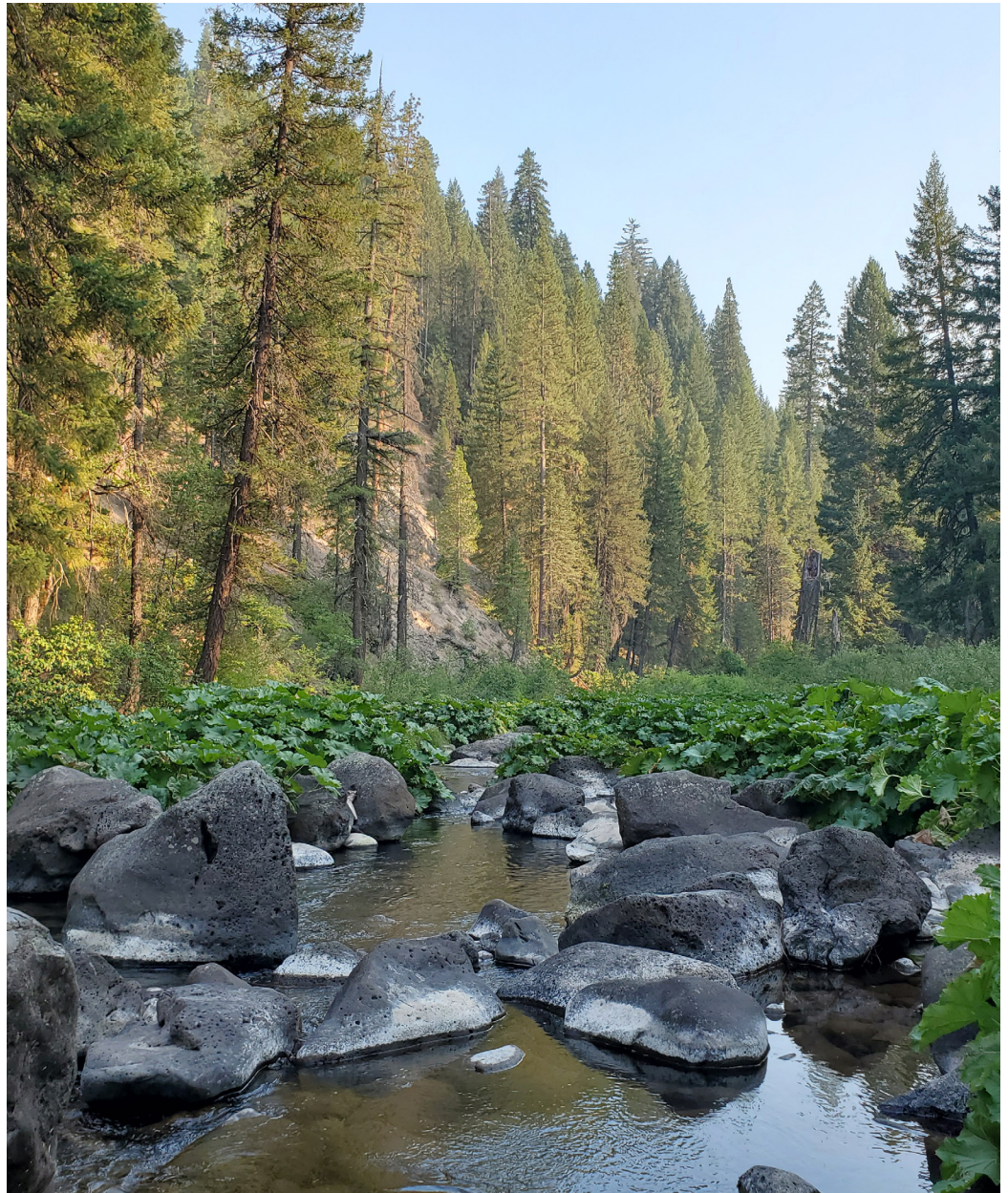
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Shasta-Trinity National Forest

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Pacific Southwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) announced a round of funding for the California Forests and Watersheds Program. Nine new or continuing forest restoration and resilience grants totaling \$53 million were awarded. The nine awards announced leveraged \$31.4 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$84.4 million.

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Angeles National Forest

Building Capacity and Community Wildfire Resiliency in the Angeles National Forest (CA)

Grantee: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
 Grant Amount:..... \$6,200,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$1,800,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$8,000,000

Increase the pace and scale of high-priority community wildfire resilience efforts, such as defensible space creation and fuel break maintenance, located in shared jurisdictional boundaries along the wildland-urban interface of the Angeles National Forest. Project will protect adjacent communities from catastrophic fires and mitigate the negative impacts of fire and related climate hazards to local watersheds and ecosystems.

Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities II (CA)

Grantee: Whitebark Institute
 Grant Amount:..... \$7,000,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$3,360,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$10,360,000

Advance both forest and community resilience within the Eastern Sierra through implementation of components of the ESCCRP-Part I and project expansion northward to the Mono Basin. Project will implement 1,865 acres within the already developed ESCCRP Part I, and conduct project development and environmental compliance for the Resilient Mono Basin Project that will include planning for additional forest restoration activities in the western Mono Basin.

Lassen National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (CA)

Grantee: Sierra Institute for Community and Environment
 Grant Amount:..... \$4,962,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$1,000,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$5,962,000

Advance landscape-scale forest and watershed restoration efforts on the Almanor Ranger District of the Lassen National Forest in collaboration with partners at the Butte County Resource Conservation District and Sierra Institute for Community and Environment. Funds will advance phase 1 implementation activities on NFS lands in the 20,000-acre Upper Butte Creek Project (UBC) and the 101,000-acre West Lassen Headwaters Project (WLHP). Additionally, funds will support a local collaborative, the South Lassen Watersheds Group, to enable collaborative, community and Tribal engagement during WLHP and UBC implementation.

Lower Trinity Landscape Resilience (CA)

Grantee: Watershed Research and Training Center
 Grant Amount:..... \$2,998,200
 Matching Funds:..... \$5,607,800
 Total Project Amount:..... \$8,606,000

Restore resilient forest structure, hydrologic and habitat conditions across the landscape from the community of Junction City on the east to just above Hoopa on the west. Project will assist with the planning of the ambitious Big Ranch Project, the largest single planning effort yet endeavored on the west side of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and funds will support the 2021 Knob and Monument Fires post-fire safety, fuels and restoration work within the same landscape.

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California poppies in Los Padres National Forest

Reducing Ignition Potential through Ignition-Prone Area Restoration (CA)

Grantee: University of California - Santa Barbara
 Grant Amount:..... \$1,300,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$270,900
 Total Project Amount:..... \$1,570,900

Reduce ignitions in the Los Padres National Forest in disturbed areas within the Thomas Fire scar by replacing flammable nonnative grasses with low flammability native species. Project will create hazard reduction tools that will identify hotspots based on abundance of non-native grassy fuels near prior ignition points, test restoration approaches, and create a decision support tool that identifies and matches high hazard sites and their environmental features to restoration methods.

Reforestation and Restoration of Caldor Fire-Affected Watersheds (CA)

Grantee: American Forests
 Grant Amount:..... \$10,600,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$8,500,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$19,100,000

Restore thousands of acres in the South Fork American and Cosumnes River watersheds. This effort will be led by American Forests, American Rivers and the Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe, in collaboration with the Eldorado National Forest and in coordination with regional partners. This project will advance a comprehensive suite of forest and watershed recovery treatments including reforestation, seed and cone collection, meadow and watershed restoration, native plant revegetation, and Tribal-led cultural site protection within the Caldor Fire footprint.

Restoring Forest Habitats in Mendocino National Forest (CA)

Grantee: Patriot Restoration Ops
 Grant Amount:..... \$4,000,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$800,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$4,800,000

Treat thousands of acres of priority forest habitats and

provide Mendocino National Forest and orchestrate NEPA surveys to facilitate future treatments in areas impacted by the August Complex Fire. Fuels treatments will be done via post-fire fuels reduction and site preparation, reforestation, site preparation, understory thinning and prescribed fire to accelerate reforestation, restore ecosystem services, mitigate post-fire impacts, and enhance forest resilience to wildfire and climate change for neighboring communities, watersheds and wildlife.

Upper Trinity River Watershed Partnership (CA)

Grantee: Watershed Research and Training Center
 Grant Amount:..... \$6,100,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$5,050,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$11,150,000

Accelerate and scale-up critical planning and implementation projects, reduce hazardous fuels to protect communities, enhance landscape wildfire resilience, restore meadows and oak woodlands and reduce sedimentation in the Upper Trinity River Watershed. Project will yield significant benefits to both local communities and landscapes, and the many downstream beneficiaries (Tribal, fisheries, farms and metro areas) reliant on Trinity River water.

Western Klamath Landscape and Community Resiliency (CA)

Grantee: Mid Klamath Watershed Council
 Grant Amount:..... \$9,834,800
 Matching Funds:..... \$5,000,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$14,834,800

Address limiting factors to increasing pace and scale of upslope and instream restoration across all land ownerships. Project will prioritize manual and mechanical fuel reduction, prescribed fire, instream and meadow habitat restoration, trail maintenance, native and invasive plant management, environmental compliance and research/monitoring projects across all lands, proportional to funding constraints.