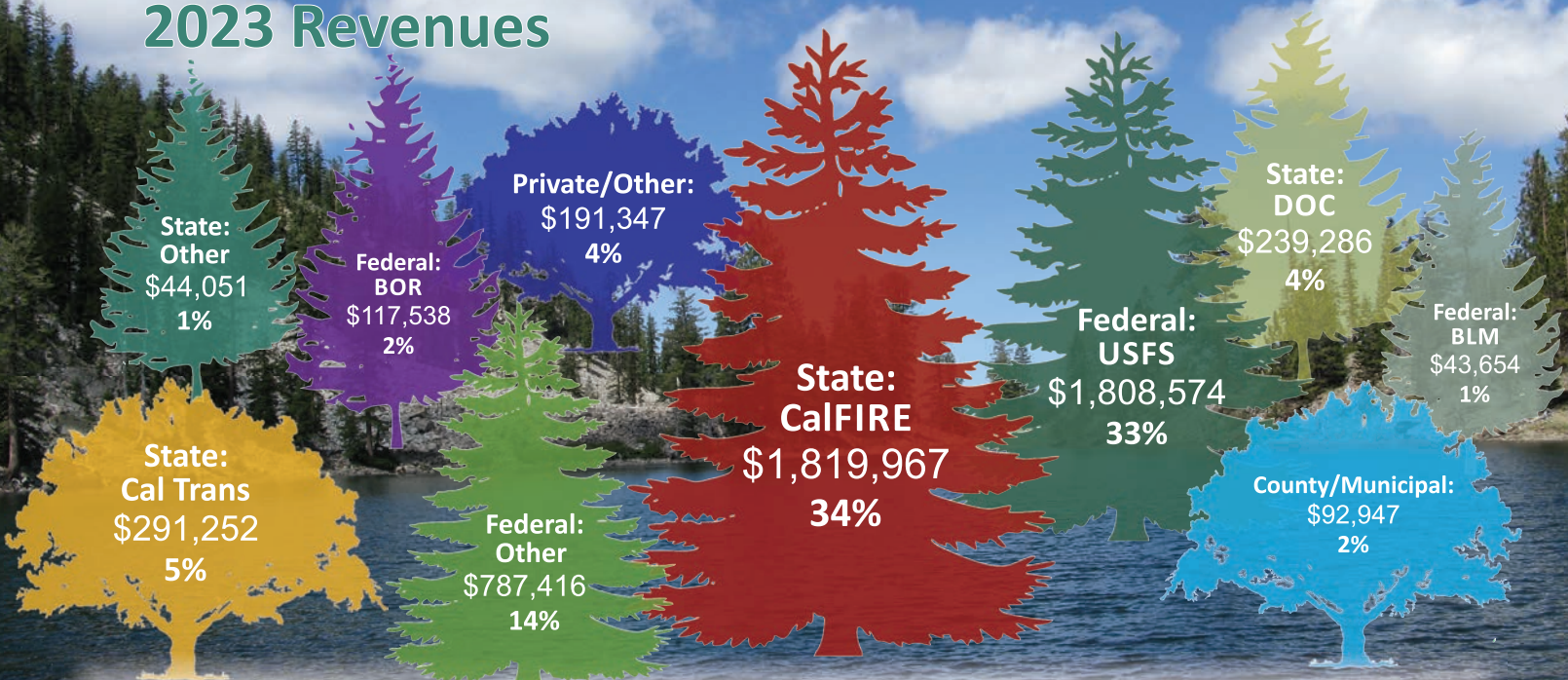


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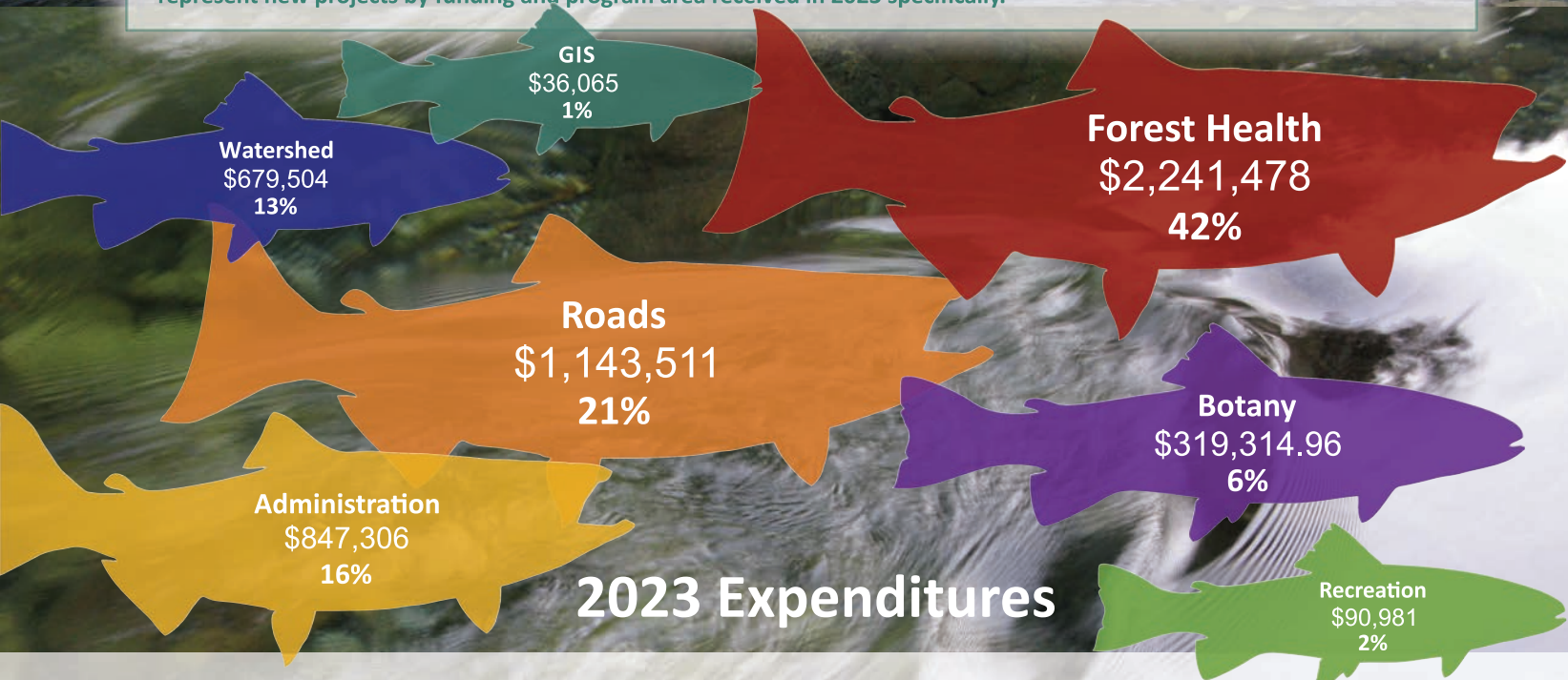
Trinity County Resource Conservation District Quarterly Newsletter

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2023 Revenues




The spring edition of the Conservation Almanac, the Trinity County RCD's quarterly newsletter, is the annual report of all project accomplishments in the 2023 calendar year. As a special district of the state and a self-governing local government agency, the Trinity County RCD enters into grants and agreements with many different partnering organizations to achieve a variety of natural resource projects in Trinity County on both private and public lands. The Trinity County RCD relies solely on these grants and agreements for funding its work and receives no tax-base revenues. New projects and funding are secured each year in the form of single and multi-year agreements. The following charts represent new projects by funding and program area received in 2023 specifically.



2023 Expenditures

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Dispatches from the TCRC D Roads Program

Our initial efforts to address problematic sites began in mid-April within the Monument Fire footprint. The TCRC D road crew started their work and also ended our season in that same area. As usual, we committed ourselves to road improvements aimed at reducing sediment in both the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests. High creek levels in early April hindered our ability to work on several major sites affected by the Monument Fire. Nevertheless, we managed to open the roads for public access and returned later in the season to complete the delayed work. Our efforts spanned the county, including additional projects within the fire-affected areas of both forests. These areas continued to experience excessive sedimentation, a situation worsened by the intense summer thunderstorms of 2023. Our activities also encompassed ongoing August Complex efforts on Six Rivers, with road improvements extending to the Travis Ranch property boundary at the upper reaches of the Eel River. Additionally, we continued with tasks in the 2021 McFarland Fire area and concluded the Six Rivers 2022 Lightning BAER project near Hawkins Bar. In total, the TCRC D Road crew worked on approximately 58 roads across the two national forests, improving around 200 miles of roadways. The year 2024 has already shown itself to be another productive one; more on that in our next update!



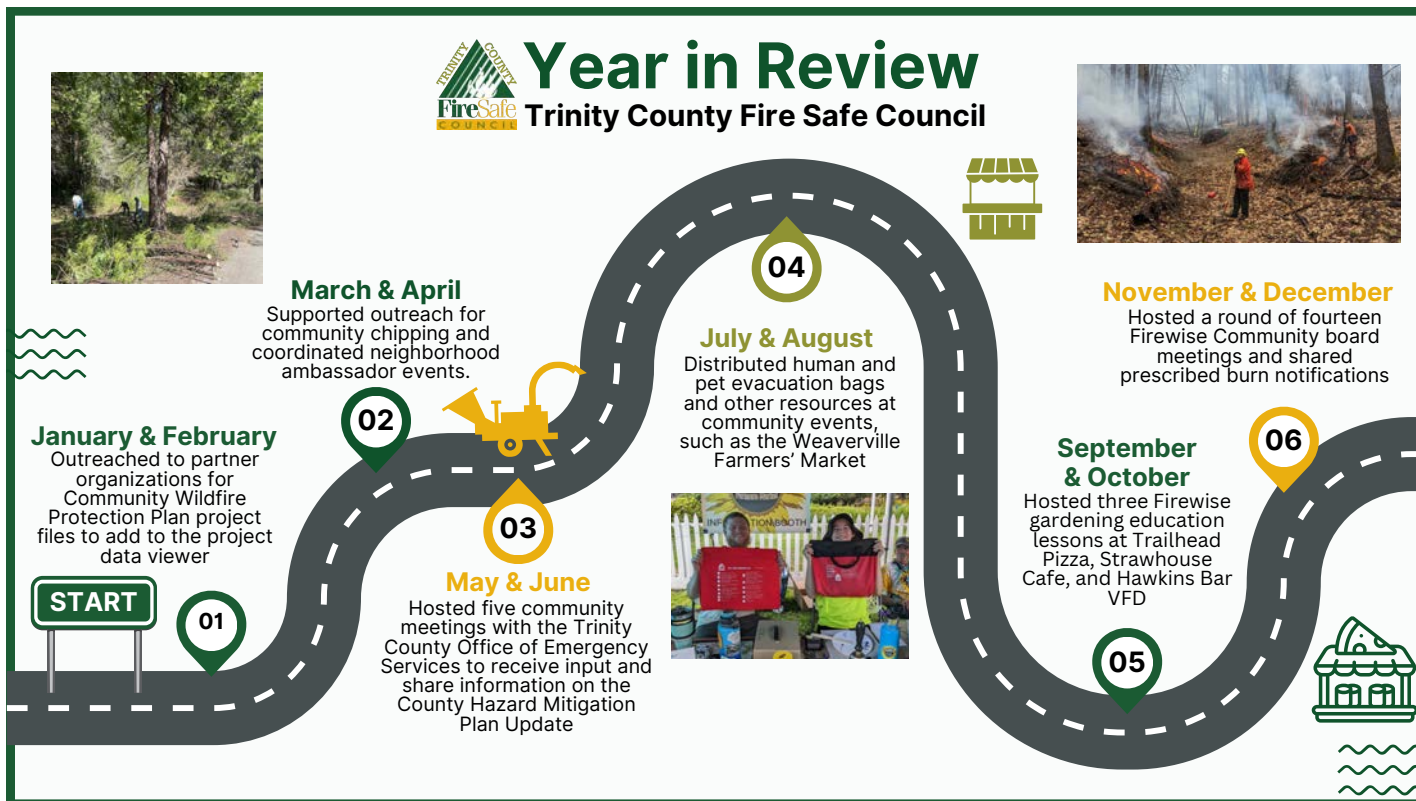
The Trinity County Fire Safe Council Year in Review

The Trinity County Fire Safe Council (Fire Safe Council) is a program dedicated to increasing wildfire resiliency in Trinity County through promoting agency and community collaboration, coordinating multiple volunteer programs, promoting fire safe education and outreach, and maintaining the Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. As we look back on 2023, the Fire Safe Council takes pride in the accomplishments that have brought us further in fulfilling our mission.



Year in Review

Trinity County Fire Safe Council



January & February
Outreached to partner organizations for Community Wildfire Protection Plan project files to add to the project data viewer

March & April
Supported outreach for community chipping and coordinated neighborhood ambassador events.

May & June
Hosted five community meetings with the Trinity County Office of Emergency Services to receive input and share information on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

July & August
Distributed human and pet evacuation bags and other resources at community events, such as the Weaverville Farmers' Market

September & October
Hosted three Firewise gardening education lessons at Trailhead Pizza, Strawhouse Cafe, and Hawkins Bar VFD

November & December
Hosted a round of fourteen Firewise Community board meetings and shared prescribed burn notifications

Firewise Community Maintenance

Since 2008, the Fire Safe Council has maintained fourteen Firewise communities. These are communities which meet yearly investment requirements to reduce wildfire risks. We hosted fourteen Firewise board meetings where we shared project updates for 2023 and received input from community members on priorities for 2024, three Firewise gardening presentations, and even journeyed to Burnt Ranch and Junction City schools for Firewise education lessons. Each Firewise community succeeded in recertification for 2024.

Trinity County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

During the summer, the Fire Safe Council conducted five community meetings to gather input for the Trinity County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Along with hosting the meetings, the Fire Safe Council received over 140 responses on a community hazard perception survey. In December 2023, the first draft of the plan was completed and was moved to county then state review.

The Fire Safe Council looks forward to continue coordinating programs which promote climate and wildfire resiliency within Trinity County. This is only made possible by the support of agency and community partners. We invite you to join our efforts! Contact 530-623-6004 ext. 214 or sfisher@tcrd.net to learn about how to get involved.



A Busy Year for Our Botany Team

This past year has been dynamic for our Botany/Revegetation Program team. Eight years after the initiation of the Collins Bar Revegetation project, we can gladly proclaim its completion. Biologists at CalTrans and the US Fish and Wildlife Service will continue to monitor the project site for another decade, but the Trinity County RCD has fulfilled our commitment of establishing 634 native trees on this steep Burnt Ranch slope between the Trinity River and California State Route 299. The plants were gradually tapered off irrigation over the last two seasons and are now surviving on their own. The extreme conditions and slope of this project location were unparalleled in our collective experiences, and it was with great care, coordination, and dedication that we are so successful with our revegetation projects. The current Botany team would like to thank every Conservation Technician who has worked on this project over the years for this achievement. Additional thanks are extended to CalTrans and our Shasta-Trinity National Forest Service partners for the amazing support they have given. Thank you all!

We have also been working on a new, larger revegetation project with Caltrans, which some readers may have noticed while traveling along State Route 36 just west of the junction with State Route 3. Nestled into a former 15 mph curve, there is a small perennial tributary known as Ditch Gulch. With its headwaters flowing from near Dubakella Mountain, this stream was previously carried through a large-diameter culvert underneath the highway until the new bridge installation project was completed in 2022. Following the installation, revegetation began with riparian plantings of tall, leafy white alder along the portions of now-exposed stream banks. Many staff from across TCRCD's programs joined in to complete hand-digging and planting of nearly 900 native trees before the first snowfall of 2023. Our staff feel privileged to caretake and monitor this project for the next few years.

During 2023, our Native Plant Nursery produced 1,636 native trees which were provided to internal and external projects on public lands, and 24 plants were sold to private landowners. Our nursery plants are hand-sourced from our local forest resulting in locally viable genetic diversity that increases their survivorship in the variety of micro-climates found in Trinity County. Several noxious weed species were monitored and removed by mechanical and manual methods in the 2023 season. Across northern Trinity County, populations of invasive plants were treated in these locations:

- Dyer's woad (*Isatis tinctoria*), Coffee Creek
- Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*), Weaverville
- Spanish broom (*Spartium junceum*), Weaverville
- Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), Douglas City
- Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*), Weaverville



The Uppermost Section of Collins Bar Revegetation Project summer 2023



Ditch Gulch Riparian Restoration Area

Dispatches from our GIS Department

The GIS department was busy in 2023. In addition to providing data and parcel updates to county partners, the RCD provided mapping to support the Weaver Basin Trail System, the LaGrange Classic bike race, Search & Rescue efforts, and Evacuation mapping.

Have you seen the updated business directory located at the Highland Art Center? This update attempted to include all downtown consumer-based services, including 18 Restaurants, 7 art gallery & supply stores, 27 merchants, 7 accommodations, 4 realtors & 14 Services.



Figure 1; Weaverville Business Directory Kiosk



Figure 2; Bald Eagle spotted in Trinity County



2020 census estimates the population of Trinity County as 15,781 residents.

GIS Supports resource management, county planning efforts, forestry & fuels reduction work, wildfire response, and search & rescue efforts.

The TCRCO maintains a basemap library with over 100 datasets, including boundaries, streams & parcels

Geospatial analysis assists RCD program managers in locating suitable habitat for beaver dam analogs.

Mapmaker, map maker, make me a map. The downtown Weaverville Kiosk was renovated in 2023.

GIS tools aid in enhancing the public's understanding of resource conservation practices and land stewardship.

GIS mapping supports the Weaver Basin Trail System, which is known for hiking, biking, horseback riding and sightseeing.

Roads and highways datasets are updated & maintained by the Trinity County RCD on a regular basis.

GIS helps to build & support programs that improve fish habitat, water quality, and ecosystem resiliency.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction

2023 was a big year for the Forest Health department! Our office staff continues to grow and now includes; Manager Bethany Llewellyn, Coordinators Dave Johnson, Adriana Rodriguez, and Shay Callahan, and Grizzlycorps member Liam Bassler. The growing admin team couldn't do what we do without the tireless work of our field staff, especially our Fuels Crew Leads Jeff McGrew, Jeff Eads, Danny Wells, and Garrett Chapman. These staff members bring years of experience, leadership, and quality customer service skills to our team.

Fuels

The District's fuels reduction work has continued to increase in scale to meet the needs of our partners and communities. Throughout most of the year, the Forest Health department had four crews with four sawyer staff completing fuels reduction projects. In the winter, two fuels crews worked to complete low-elevation projects and assist with prescribed burns. We have turned to partners such as the Watershed Research and Training Center and private contractors to help scale up our work even further. Funding for our 2023 fuels reduction projects came from a variety of sources. State funders include; CAL FIRE, the California Coastal Conservancy, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Federal funders include the Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service and our private funders, Pacific Gas and Electric and the McConnell Foundation. Additionally, we accept private fees for service projects.

Many of our projects focus around communities in order to protect structures, infrastructure, and roadways. We work towards increasing safety of ingress and egress paths during fires, creating safer containment features for firefighters, and reducing the likelihood that a wildfire will spread from wildlands into neighborhoods. Other projects achieve landscape-scale forest health treatments, improving the resilience of forested stands at scale. These treatments includes the restoration of oak woodland habitats by thinning out encroaching conifers, which in turn maintains a more fire-resilient ecosystem, and the thinning of overstocked conifer plantations or stands, which increases the resilience of remaining large trees against drought and disease, and reducing the risk of a crown fire.

Forest Health also continued our popular Community Chipping program in May and October of 2023. It was our biggest year of chipping ever, with 225 landowners served throughout the northern county. This program supports landowners increasing fire resiliency and forest management on their own properties, and this year the participating landowners reported 3,376 in-kind hours spent preparing for community chipping!

Acres treated by District crews and contractors in 2023:

- 156 acres treated with cutting and chipping
- 403 acres treated with cutting and piling
- 262 acres treated with pile burning
- 214 acres treated with broadcast burning
- 32 acres treated with mastication

In the coming year, we look forward to continuing this work throughout the county, with projects planned in Weaverville, Douglas City, Lewiston, Trinity Center, Hawkins Bar, and more!

Forestry

Over the past year, significant strides have been made in Forest Health through the development of a new forestry program tailored to meet the specific needs outlined by our partner organizations. An important part of increasing the pace and scale of forest resilience work in Trinity County is increasing the back-end work such as flagging, forest inventory, and timber cruising.

In its pilot year, the Forestry Crew played a pivotal role in the USFS Pettijohn fuels project, contributing to the layout of over 1,600 acres. Following this accomplishment, the crew seamlessly transitioned to the Big Ranch project, engaging in initial reconnaissance efforts. They meticulously collected plot data covering all aspects necessary to plan a large forestry project, and assisted the Forest Service team in completing their environmental compliance.

The Forestry Crew also worked with the Bureau of Land Management on the Weaverville Community Forest to lay out approximately 140 acres for an upcoming timber sale. The crew also actively participated in the Trinity County Wildfire



Hazardous Fuel Reduction, cont.

Mitigation Project and contributed to the creation of over 250 Site Plans. Scheduled for implementation in the Summer of 2024, this project marks a significant step forward in addressing wildfire risks.

The success of the program is evident as it looks ahead to the coming year, with plans to double the crew size from two to four technicians. The upcoming season promises a diverse range of activities for the crew, including contract monitoring, timber layout, and involvement in reforestation projects. The enthusiasm and momentum generated by the program position it well for continued growth and impact in the field of forestry in Trinity County.

Weaverville Community Forest

The Forest Health program also facilitates the Weaverville Community Forest (WCF) steering committee, which meets quarterly. We hosted the annual public meeting on October 4th with over twenty-five attendees. TCRCD is currently collaborating with BLM on the 2024 Oregon Mountain Project which plans to remove encroaching conifers and open the canopy to allow more light for the understory. New trails have been completed in the WCF, and reroutes were completed to mitigate flooding risks and historic ditch preservation. The Forest Health staff facilitated a field tour of the Weaver Creek Project which is headed by the Nor Rel Muk Wintu and Yurok Tribes and currently in the planning phase. The goal of this project is to increase the amount of in stream habitat for Coho Salmon and improve the riparian habitat. In 2024, field trips for both high schoolers and fifth graders will take place in the WCF to educate students about forest health practices and related careers.



Project Coordinator Shay Callahan gets out of the office to help with a pile burn in the Reading- Indian Creek area.



The Weaverville Community Forest steering committee takes a field tour to the Oregon Mountain Harvest



Daphne and Thomas, our inaugural Forestry Crew. Here, they show off a site plan for a fuels reduction project.



Our fuels crew works a line dragging brush to the chipper while making a shaded fuelbreak along B Bar K Road in Douglas City.

Watersheds - Year in Review

In 2023, the Watershed Program expanded their team with the addition of a Watershed Stewards Program AmeriCorps member, Christine Burchinal, the transition of a new Program Manager, Kayla Meyer, and the transition of a former Grizzly Corp member Miles Raymond to our Farmer's Market Manager. Our program achieved remarkable accomplishments through collaborative efforts and community engagement this year. We partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to conduct a cleanup event in the Weaverville Community Forest, addressing three sites and successfully removing significant amounts of debris. These continual efforts extended to the completion of the 2023 Trinity River Cleanup, where participants, supported by TCRCD, USFS, and the BLM, cleared 244 pounds of waste from various sections of the river and roadsides. Additionally, we initiated vehicle abatement efforts in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, contributing to the removal of abandoned vehicles and trash.

Throughout 2023 we worked to increase agency collaborations with the Trinity River Watershed Council, resulting in an increased attendance with upwards of 33 attendees. The council added three new voting members: the Trinity County Agricultural Alliance, Six Rivers National Forest, and Flowra. We also look forward to the increased engagement of the Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu Nation, interested user groups, and private partners working in the Trinity River Watershed. This growth in engagement allowed the Council to provide its first letter of support for the BLM Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan to help shape land management with input from local agencies for the next 20+ years. In collaboration with the WRTC, TCRCD worked on the Upper Trinity River Assessment and Restoration Plan for estimated completion in March of 2024. Components of this plan included the 210 stream-level assessments using geospatial modeling for potential beaver restoration sites within the watershed, modeling to identify wet meadow habitats lost by tree encroachment for restoration opportunities, and the analysis of road networks to identify sedimentation sources and solutions in the North Lake region. It is anticipated that this document will provide the foundational framework and analysis for future restoration opportunities in the vast 460,000 acres of the Upper Trinity River Watershed for many years to come.

With boots in the water this year we installed 11 temperature probes and monitored two flow sites along the tributaries to the Trinity River, and conducted over 185 miles of stream surveys including hydrologic and habitat assessments and the organization of the spring Chinook and summer steelhead dive surveys. The 2023 field season was made possible with the tireless collaborations with WRTC, the USFS, and the countless volunteers and agencies that assisted on the dive surveys. Many hands make light work, and many bodies make short swims!

As we look forward, we remain steadfast in our mission to protect and restore the watersheds of Trinity County, and are grateful for the unwavering support from our staff, volunteers, and partners.



Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog (*Rana boylei*) found sunning itself on the banks of the East Fork of the Trinity River. Photo Credit: Annyssa Interrante



Panoramic view of the Upper Trinity River Watershed looking south over Picayune Creek. Photo Credit: Annyssa Interrante

A Year of Education and Outreach at Trinity County RCD

At the heart of the Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) is a commitment to fostering a deeper connection with our environment. Through comprehensive education and outreach efforts, we aim to nurture a sense of responsibility and encourage active participation in conserving our natural resources.

Digital Outreach and The Conservation Almanac

TCRCD uses various platforms to share information, projects, events, and activities. These platforms include our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram), dedicated websites (www.tcrd.net, www.TrinityRiver.org), and community news outlets like the Trinity Journal. The Conservation Almanac, our cornerstone for district program updates, is available in print and online. To subscribe, visit www.tcrd.net and select the 'Newsletter Sign-Up' button.



Youth Programs: Cultivating Future Conservationists

2023 was an exciting year for inspiring the next generation with several programs:

- **Scholarships for Aspiring Conservation and Natural Resource Students:** We awarded \$750 scholarships to three local high school graduates—Iris Coty, Rowan Price, and Shawn Scribner—for their exceptional dedication to pursuing degrees in conservation or natural resources.
- **Experiential Learning for a Sustainable Future:** Our Sustainable Forestry field trips and Day at the Wetlands program introduced hundreds of students to the delicate balance of our ecosystems. Fire Education Lessons at local schools provided vital knowledge about wildfire ecology, safety, and preparedness.
- **Engaging Camps and Events:** The Environmental Camp at Bar 717 Ranch and the Weaverville Summer Day Camp at the Young Family Ranch offered children immersive natural science experiences and the opportunity to explore local ecology in a fun and engaging setting.
- **Trinity River Photo Contest and Calendar:** The Trinity River Photo Contest, which was the foundation of the Trinity River Calendar, showcased our community's photographic talent and the river's beauty. It serves as a daily reminder of the incredible environment we are fortunate to live near.

Community Engagement

Our outreach extended to the entire community with engaging events:

- The informational rafting trips on the Trinity River and the Salmon Meets Harvest Festival, which were held in partnership with the North Fork Grange, highlighted the importance of river health and salmon conservation, blending education with seasonal celebrations.
- The Wild and Scenic Film Festival brought attendees from across the north state to immerse in incredible films celebrating nature and conservation.
- Our invasive weed and native planting volunteer events provided opportunities for participants to be active stewards of public lands, showcasing the impact of collective efforts.
- The TCRCD has taken on the management of the Weaverville Certified Farmers Market. The market provides a safe and fun gathering space for local producers, food vendors, artisans, musicians, and other services to sell goods and connect with the community.

Science on Tap

Our 'Science on Tap' series, held at the Trinity County Brewing Company, offers a unique platform for resource specialists to share their work with the community in a relaxed, informal setting.

A Community of Partners

Our work is greatly enhanced by our collaboration with a diverse range of partners—from local agencies, community organizations, and businesses to dedicated volunteers. These partnerships are vital in expanding the reach and effectiveness of our programs.

Join the Movement

We invite you to join our conservation efforts here in Trinity County; your engagement is crucial to our continued success. Discover how you can get involved at www.tcrd.net. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who made 2023 a successful year!

Trinity River Restoration Program 2023 Summary

The long-term goals of the Trinity River Restoration Program are to restore the form and function of the Trinity River; restore and sustain natural production of anadromous fish populations in the Trinity River to pre-dam levels; and to facilitate full participation by dependent tribal, commercial, and sport fisheries through enhanced harvest opportunities. In 2023, TRRP continued to pursue the long-term goals of the program through a series of interrelated efforts in the basin. TRRP collaborates with the Trinity County RCD through a cooperative funding agreement to help broaden watershed stewardship and expand opportunities for local engagement and participation.



Highlights of the restoration program's efforts in 2023 include:

The Oregon Gulch Channel Rehabilitation Project in Junction City was completed in December. It created more than 15 acres of low-flow floodplain habitat, increasing the amount of habitat available to juvenile salmon at frequently recurring winter flows by 900-1050% and setting the stage for unprecedented channel evolution in that reach.

TRRP funding supported the removal of the East Weaver Dam, freeing up two and a half miles of stream to anadromous fish in a watershed of key importance to winter steelhead and threatened coho salmon.

Six years of effort to carefully craft a proposal to shift restoration flows earlier in the year culminated, for the first time, in elevated winter/spring base flows from February 15-April 15, resulting in a measurably robust response in juvenile chinook salmon growth.

After three consecutive critically dry years during the most severe drought in California history, we finally received a wet water year. The spring snowmelt restoration release reached a peak flow of over 10,000 cubic feet per second and promoted surprising channel dynamism, particularly in recent restoration sites in the Junction City valley.

The Trinity Management Council approved the "Program Document", a concise but important resource describing the TRRP's governance and purpose, completing the TRRP "refinements" effort that was initiated in 2014.

Several new efforts that will continue into 2024 were initiated; notable among these was the Chinook Salmon Limiting Factors Analysis, which seeks to identify key hurdles to progress toward adult salmon returns despite dramatic increases in juvenile Chinook production.

Oregon Gulch Restoration Project

Completion of the Trinity River Restoration Program's Oregon Gulch Channel Rehabilitation Project in Junction City was the primary focus of the Implementation Branch in 2023. The Oregon Gulch site lies west of Weaverville in the community of Junction City, two miles upstream from the Dutch Creek Bridge on the ancestral land of the Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation. The confluence of Oregon Gulch with the Trinity River has a rich history of human occupancy dating back 3000 years and is the location of an important Wintu village and graveyard, khulsi ts'araw. As Europeans began to settle this area, gold was discovered and became an important commodity. Combined with little regulation from area legislators, Trinity County became the central location for the largest hydraulic mines in the world. One such mine was the LaGrange Mine, the third largest in the world which washed sediments from Oregon Mountain into the Trinity River via Oregon Gulch. Once the hills were washed, large scale dredger mining became common practice in the Junction City area, which turned the riverscape upside down. Then in the early 1960's the Central Valley Project finished construction of Trinity and Lewiston dams and with completion the dams began to hold back the building blocks of the river system behind its walls. All of these factors lead the river to be unable to heal itself from the scars of the past.



This project represented the single largest mechanical channel rehabilitation project TRRP had undertaken to date. From a conceptual design conceived of in 2010, the TRRP Design Team envisioned a sweeping floodplain underneath the massive tailings piles (enough tailings to fill 208 Olympic-size swimming pools). With the Yurok Tribe Fisheries Department leading the design, final plans were completed in early 2022 and laid out the massive task at hand. Breaking ground occurred later that same year with Phase I of the project, which largely consisted of a bulk excavation and trucking operation. Moving the vast quantities of tailings on site was the sole occupation of a small fleet of dedicated highway trucks and the Yurok Tribe Construction Company for much of the next 10 months. The local quarry, Eagle Rock LLC, accepted upwards of 150 dump truck loads a day to be spoiled on the quarry's property. Participation from Eagle Rock was critical, and we would not have the end result that we do today without their partnership.

After months of chipping away at a seemingly endless dump of tailings, a new channel began to take form. Just short of a half mile in length the new channel's sweeping meander provided much needed excitement to a crew that had been toiling in the rubble of mining days gone by. Utilizing GPS enabled excavators and dozers the tribal equipment operators skillfully conformed the newly exposed floodplain with the banks of the constructed river channel. The utilization of precision equipment was critical to this project as many of the designed floodplain were intended to inundate at discharges just over summer baseflow. In August the downstream outlet from the new channel was connect to the Trinity mainstem. This was followed by the construction of the constructed landslide deposit. This feature is designed to direct the majority of flows of the Trinity River into the new channel yet not appear out of place in the riverine environment.

Over the course of Phase II of the project, large wood habitat features were worked into nearly every aspect of the project. From the riverbanks and floodplains to large wood racking structures and wetland enhancements, wood was used to create habitat and hydraulic complexity. Over 500 pieces of large wood, ranging from whole trees to root wads, and 800yds of slash, was used strategically throughout the site.

Once all of the large earth moving equipment was hauled off the site, the revegetation effort began. Lead by the Hoopa Valley Fisheries Department, appropriate vegetation was selected for riparian and upland zones on site. Over 5000 willow and cotton wood cuttings, 9,000 container stock trees and shrubs, and 1,200 pounds of native grass and forb seed were placed as the 6-person crew moved over the 20 acre landscape. TRRP riparian ecologists expect that these plantings will increase native biodiversity and richness and allow riparian habitat to quickly establish.

In December of 2023, a ribbon cutting was held in Junction City celebrating the completion of the Oregon Gulch Project. Beginning with a welcome prayer offered by John Hayward, the chairman of the Nor Rel Muk Wintu nation, speakers reflected upon the enormous collaborative effort that it took to restore this stretch of river and humanities innate role as stewards of the landscape.

The Oregon Gulch Rehabilitation Project was designed with the intent to let the river have access to the entire floodplain and showcase the natural dynamism of a wild river. Everyone involved in this project is excited to watch as this site continues to evolve now that the hardened tailing shackles have been removed. Looking toward the future, the true restoration will begin with flood plain inundation and continued fluvial evolution at Oregon Gulch.

Grantee Funding & Accomplishments

The Program awarded \$483,100 in fiscal year 2023 to four projects within the Trinity watershed. The grantees put forward \$24,400 in matching funds for a total conservation impact of \$505,500. The 4 projects selected will improve aquatic habitat by reducing fine sediment delivery, improving fish passage, and pursuing increases to tributary flows in the dry season in tributaries of the Trinity River. We congratulate the grantees and are excited to see the outcome of each project. Please read below to learn about each grantee, proposal and award amounts.

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The Trinity County RCD Vision
The Trinity County RCD envisions a balance between utilization and conservation of our natural resources. Through economic diversity and ecosystem management our communities will achieve and sustain a quality environment and healthy economy.

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