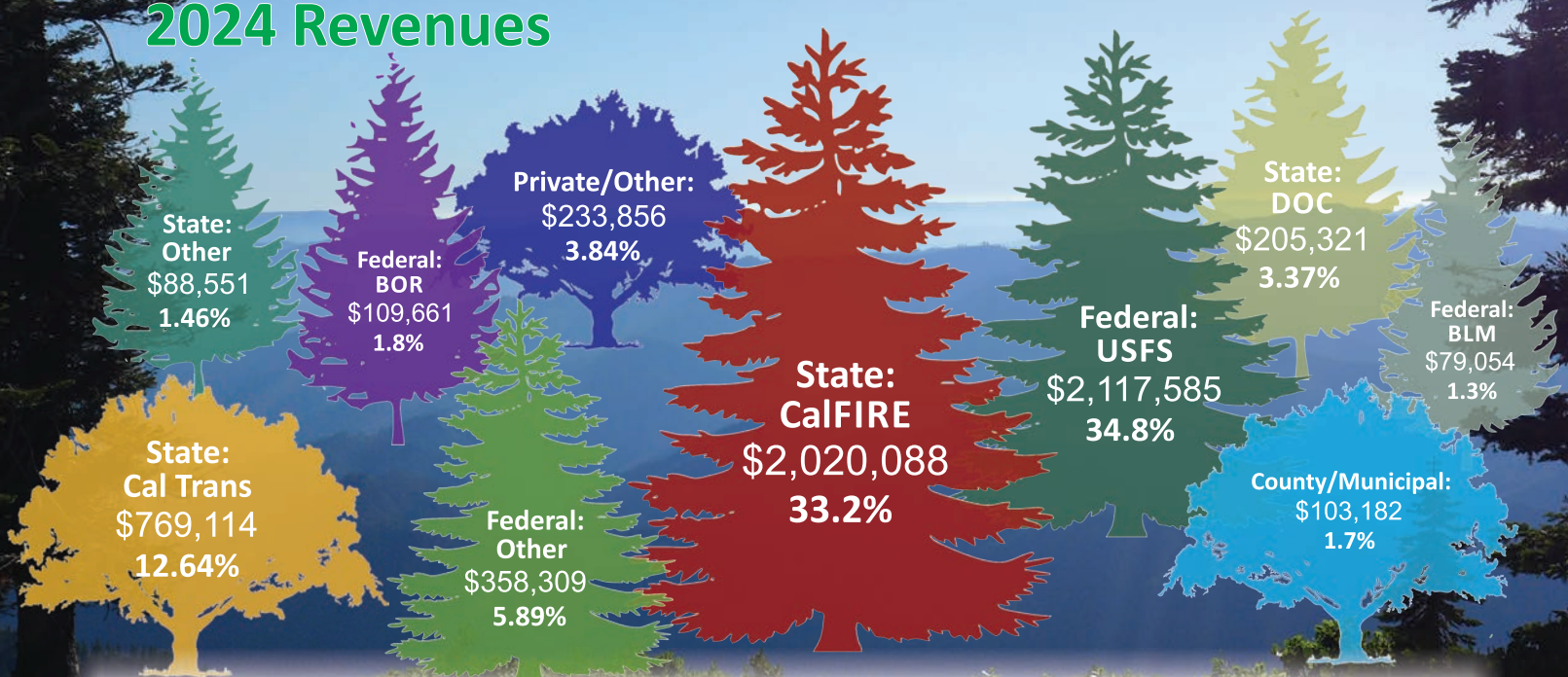


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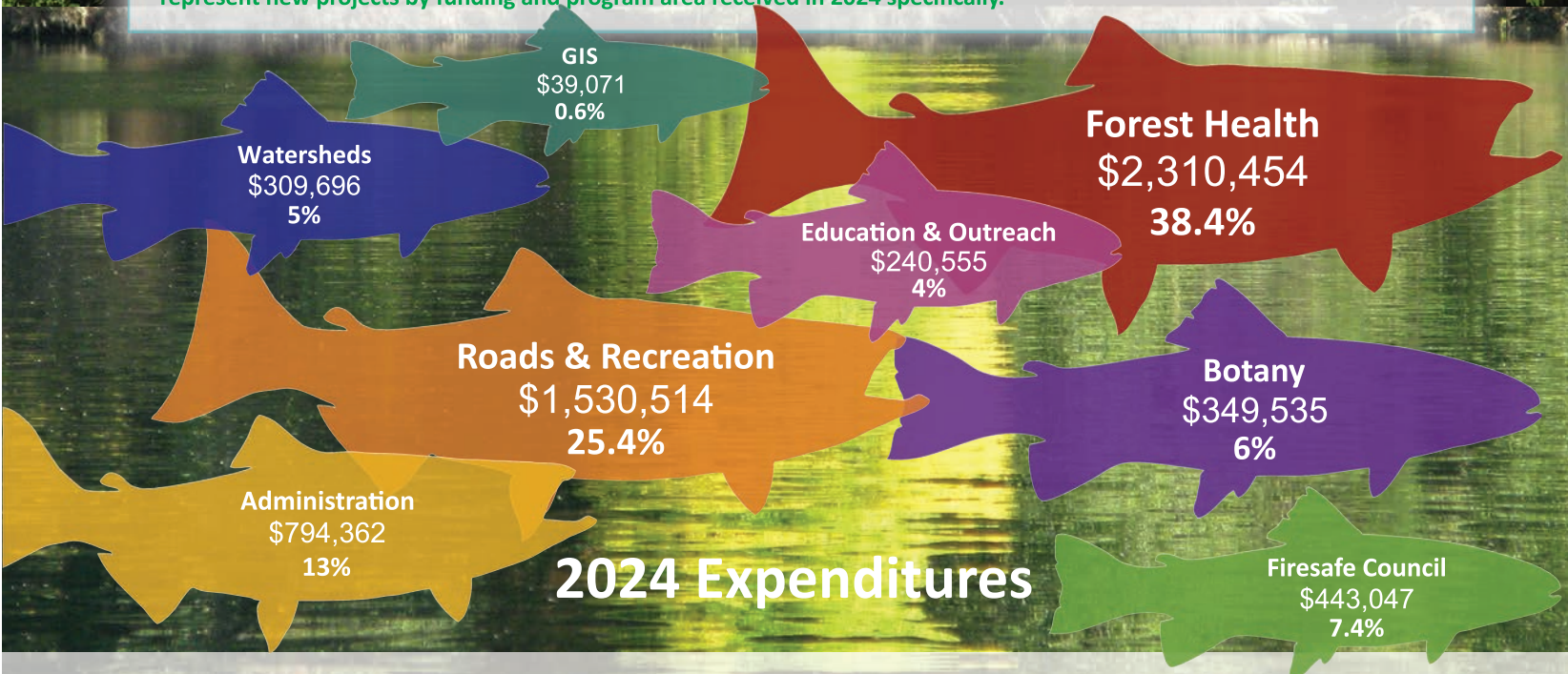
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2024 Revenues



The spring edition of the Conservation Almanac, the Trinity County RCD's quarterly newsletter, is the annual report of all project accomplishments in the 2024 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 2024 specifically.



2024 Expenditures



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TCRCD Roads Program - A Year in Review

The Roads department has been funded through a variety of sources over the years. Most recently it has been the United States Forest Service (both Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests) for road maintenance and post-fire rehab, California OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) Commission for both road maintenance and decommissioning, and Caltrans for a variety of upland improvements. The vast majority of our recent work is on USFS roads, starting in the early spring with clearing downed trees on main roads and then later the implementation of road upgrades to improve access and reduce sediment. In 2024, we worked on 142 miles of Shasta-Trinity National Forest (2 of these miles were a decommissioned road near Trinity Lake), and we improved 15 miles on Six Rivers National Forest roads.

We spent considerable time in the Monument Fire area downriver utilizing Caltrans and USFS funding to improve Soldier Creek, Hocker Meadow, Hobo Gulch roads, the road to Ironside Mountain, and the companion road to Beartooth Mountain terminating at the wilderness boundary that had been closed due to downed trees for many years. Several roads on the backside of Ironside Mountain that also had been impassable due to fire or other issues and roads in the Bordy Creek area were also improved near Big Bar. We also completed a road decommission project near Trinity Lake. This road, the

34N85, had been closed to vehicles for many years and was identified for decommissioning through the STNF Pettijohn project; this included the replanting of the area in the fall. We ended the season on the Six Rivers National Forest, addressing several problems on West Lake Road that runs along the western edge of Ruth Lake and several plugged culverts and slumps above Three Forks in the Upper Mad, as well as spot work in the Eel River watershed.

Going forward in 2025, we have work to complete in the Monument Fire area, including roads that drain into the Trinity River from the area of Big Bar down towards Burnt Ranch (Hayfork Divide side of Trinity River), a culvert replacement project in Grass Valley Creek on BLM managed lands, addressing access issues in the River Complex near Coffee Creek, and multiple road projects planned for Six Rivers National Forest related to ongoing road issues related to the August Complex fire. We also have several 2026 grant proposals submitted for work in the Eltapom, Corral, and Butter Creek watersheds in the South Fork Trinity and the Buck Mountain area roads of the Van Duzen River.



Springtime in the woods

Logs down across the road are common in the spring; the TCRCD works hard to get and keep the roads open



Woody debris and a damaged inlet threatened the road crossing in Soldier Creek. Damaged sections of culvert and logs were removed, and the streambank was armored with rip rap



Bordy Creek Road in Big Bar. Inboard ditches were cleaned, rock rolling dips reconstructed, and the road shaped and rocked



100% plugged culvert caused a partial washout of this stream crossing; rock armoring was added until the culvert can be replaced with a larger diameter one. Eel River watershed

Fire Safe Council: 25 Years of Wildfire Resilience Planning



Smiles at the Firewise Fair's goat petting zoo!

The Trinity County Fire Safe Council works to increase wildfire resiliency in Trinity County through community collaboration, education, and strategic planning. As we reflect on 2024, we take pride in the accomplishments that have brought us closer to our mission of increasing our county's wildfire resilience.

The Fire Safe Council traces its roots back to 1998, when the Trinity County Board of Supervisors' Natural Resources Advisory Council appointed a sub-committee to address wildfire concerns. This group evolved into the Trinity County Fire Safe Council, which has met monthly ever since. One of the Council's earliest achievements was leading a landscape analysis to identify community, agency, and landowner priorities for pre-fire treatments. This collaborative process laid the groundwork for the first Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), developed through a yearlong effort beginning in Fall 1999 that brought together community members and fire professionals.

In 2024, the Fire Safe Council continued this legacy of collaborative planning by hosting 11 community meetings to gather residents' input on priority wildfire

risk reduction projects. This feedback will form the foundation of the 2025 update to the Trinity County CWPP. Additional input was collected during the Trinity County Firewise Fair, held on May 11 at the Hayfork Park. The fair was a great success, drawing more than 160 attendees and participation from key partners including, but not limited to, the US Forest Service, CAL FIRE, The Watershed Research and Training Center, and the Red Cross. The event featured live music by the Good Times Band, a goat petting zoo, and free tacos provided by the Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department.

The Fire Safe Council holds public meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 PM, both in-person at the Trinity County Resource Conservation District and virtually. These meetings are open to all and bring together representatives from local, state, and federal agencies - as well as interested residents. In 2024, the Council held 11 meetings with a total attendance of 301 participants. Topics discussed included the county drought resilience task force, the vegetation management ordinance, and numerous proposals for wildfire risk reduction projects.

Our team expanded in 2024 with the addition of two new members: Emily Acer, GrizzlyCorps Fellow, and Emily Drain, Project Coordinator. Emily A. has played a key role in the development of the 2025 CWPP and has supported our fire safe education and outreach efforts. Emily D. has taken on coordination of the county's 14 Firewise Communities, which include: Big Bar & Big Flat, Burnt Ranch, Coffee Creek, Douglas City, Hawkins Bar, Hayfork, Hyampom, Junction City, Lewiston, Mad River, Post Mountain, Salyer, Trinity Center, and Weaverville.

Over two decades later, the Trinity County Fire Safe Council remains committed to advancing climate and wildfire resiliency through community-led efforts. We look forward to continuing our work alongside our partners and residents to build a safer, more resilient Trinity County.



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Trinity County Fire Safe Council team (left to right)
Emily Acer (GrizzlyCorps Fellow), Skylar Fisher (Program
Manager), Emily Drain (Project Coordinator), and Miles
Raymond (Outreach Coordinator)

Botany Program Year in Review

Despite the many changes that the Botany Program experienced this past year, we are proud of the work we accomplished in restoring and supporting native plant habitats throughout Trinity County. This past July, Alyson DeNittis joined the TCRCD as the Botany Program Manager. She was welcomed by former Program Manager Annie Barbeau, who stepped into the role of Grants Manager, as well as Conservation Technicians Tyler McKinley, Maryann Perdue, Tim Robertson, and Tom Asgeirsson.

In 2024, our program planted nearly 1,400 plants at 9 different restoration sites in collaboration with partners at Caltrans, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), California OHV Commission and the U.S. Forest Service. In order to ensure the success of many of our revegetation projects, we continued to maintain approximately 1,500 plants across 8 ongoing restoration areas.

Our program completed substantial work on restoring and enhancing 100 acres of pollinator habitat along the Trinity River in Northern Trinity County. Restoration plantings have been established at our Parks Creek Road restoration site to help support Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Our team conducted Monarch and bumble bee surveys at 12 sites to contribute data to the Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program and California Bumble Bee Atlas, and will continue monitoring and survey efforts in 2025. In Fall 2024, we completed milkweed seed collections to continue propagation efforts that provide regionally-sourced milkweed seeds and plants for further restoration efforts. In addition to our work on the ground, we are proud to support our Education and Outreach programs by creating pollinator-themed activities and presentations for the Plant & Seed Exchange, Weaverville Summer Day Camp, and Bar-717 Environmental Camp.

One of our key strategies in preserving native plant communities in Trinity County is controlling invasive species and noxious weeds. The Trinity County RCD continued to serve as a partner with the Trinity County Weed Management Area (WMA). Thanks to multiple partners that contribute to noxious weed management, our program treated numerous populations of noxious weeds throughout the county, including *Arundo donax* (giant reed), *Cytisus scoparius* (Scotch broom), *Isatis tinctoria* (Dyer's woad), and other high-priority noxious weed species.

The Botany Program continued to manage the Native Plant Nursery at the Young Family Ranch, where we propagate and grow plants to support internal and external restoration efforts. In addition to caring for nearly 4,000 plants at various stages of growth housed at the nursery, approximately 1,500 plants were propagated from seed and cuttings this past year.



Botany Conservation Technicians Tyler McKinley, Maryann Perdue, Tim Robertson, and Tom Asgeirsson wrapping up the 2025 planting season at our Ditch Gulch revegetation site

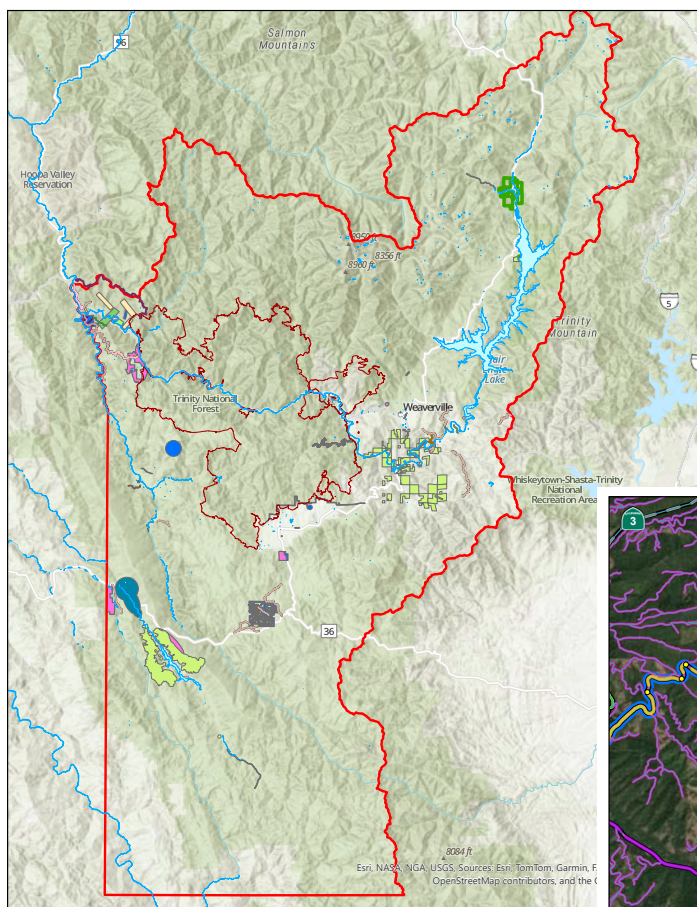


Botany Conservation Technicians Tyler McKinley, Tom Asgeirsson, Maryann Perdue, and Tom Robertson doing plant and pollinator surveys in Trinity Center

GIS Mapping Supports TCRCD Programs

The GIS department worked with the Forest Health Department to improve the Trinity County Wildfire Mitigation Project. We generated field maps for the crews that will be carrying out the fuel treatments for the Weaverville and Trinity Lake communities. The GIS department used ArcGIS Online to customize the forms to facilitate data collection in the field. It's much easier to maintain data integrity from the start, rather than going in after the fact and editing the data to be uniform. The multi-option pulldown menus are extremely helpful in this situation. The less typing in the field, the better.

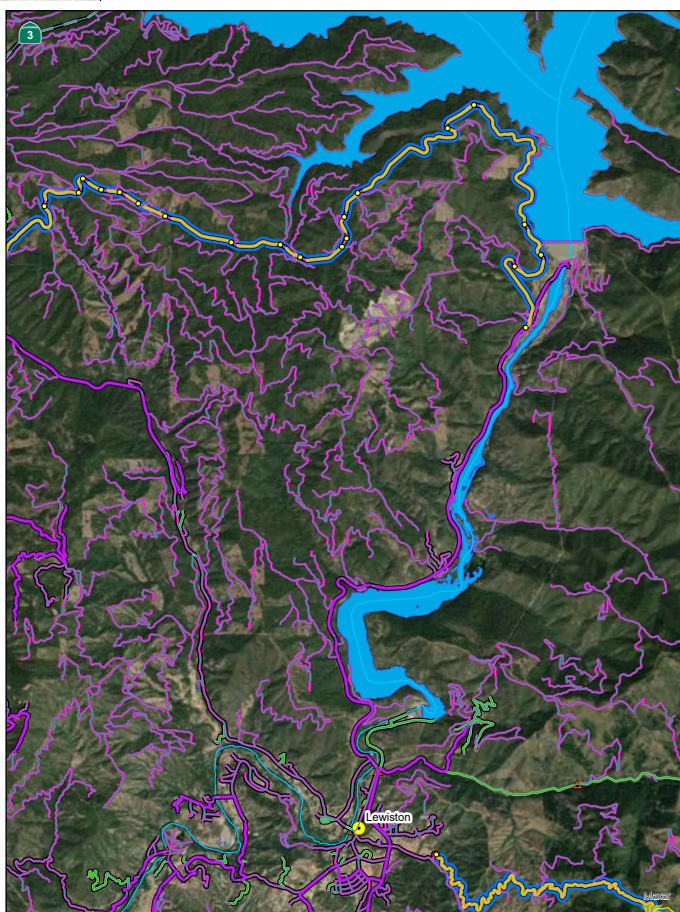
The GIS department worked with the Fire Safe Council in their efforts to coordinate wildfire protection projects this year. The largest project related to this was the Evacuation Routes and Hazards map, and it provides residents guidance for navigating away from disaster should it strike. The Fire Safe Council also wanted a Community Wildfire Protection Program (CWPP) map completed for categorizing and planning fuel treatments that will prevent property loss in our communities. These two large projects involved referencing fifty-two printed regional maps that local fire fighters and residents marked manually to show where road hazards are, which evacuation routes need work, and where fuel treatments are needed for fire prevention.



The GIS department also completed routine tasks related to GIS data and programs for the county government. We provided data for external agencies like insurance companies and the State of California. We also did troubleshooting and program installation for the GIS users in the Planning, Cannabis, Elections, and Assessor's offices.

Trinity County CWPP Update

This map displays the new potential fuel treatments (RX Burn, Mastication, Roadside Shaded Fuel Break etc.) that can be completed to prevent fire damage to communities in Trinity County. We translated hand written notes and drawings from 52 paper maps marked by firefighters and community members that have knowledge of the local terrain and roads.



Trinity County Evacuation Routes and Hazards

This map shows the main and alternative evacuation routes of Trinity County with symbols that indicate known hazards such as potholes, slip-outs, and high-clearance. It will be used to guide people who may need to flee a disaster, and also warns emergency personnel of one-way in, one-way out (ingress/egress) roads where becoming trapped is a risk.

Forest Health: Year in Review

2024 was another year of growth and learning for the Forest Health Department. Our office staff has continued to evolve, and the management team now includes the following: Shay Callahan (Program Director), Adriana Rodriguez (Forestry Program Manager), Gracie Hilinski (Project Coordinator), Eric Bruce (Forester), Jeff McGrew (Field Operations Coordinator), and GrizzlyCorps member Clay Groetsch. This administration team works to support and organize projects for the main stars of our department – our field staff. Our fuels team includes: Crew leads - Jeff Eads, Danny Wells, Kirk Wolfinbarger, Garrett Chapman and field crew staff include: Josh Scott, Jesse Capps, Jeff Heinig, Jesse Ferguson, John Mason, Joe Sidley, Dennis Tritchler, Donald Woodworth, and Jeremiah Weiss. Our 2024 Forestry field crew staff included; Matt Bellistri, Eric Bruce, Gracie Hilinski, and Jessica Tye. Our field staff make all the amazing work the District can complete in the forests possible – so thank you to our team for making all this work possible.

Fuels

Fuels Reduction in 2024 mainly consisted of hand thinning and piling treatments to reduce the density of fuel loading in 485 acres of overcrowded and dangerous stands. In order to reduce the fuels from the hand thin and pile units, and not just rearrange them, TCRCD ended up also pile burning the majority (405 acres) of those units. The goal going forward is to maintain the work previously done through another method of prescribed fire known as broadcast burning. In 2024 TCRCD and partners maintained 238 acres of previously treated forest and woodland via broadcast burning. Acres treated by District crews and contractors in 2024:

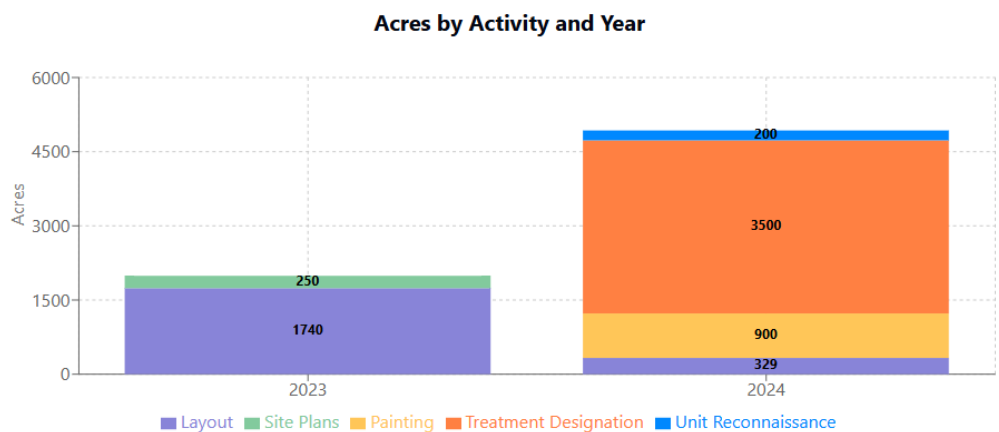
- 285 acres treated with cutting and chipping
- 485 acres treated with cutting and piling
- 405 acres treated with pile burning
- 238 acres treated with broadcast burning

In addition, TCRCD hosted the community chipping program and helped 235 landowners with 1,055 piles in 2024. All of these activities combined increased wildfire resiliency across Trinity County, increased pace and scale of hazardous fuels reduction through the various methods including prescribed burning, improved stewardship between TCRCD, partners, and the community, and allowed for increased employment within the County. Thank you to all involved in partnering with TCRCD to manage and care for the Communities and Resources of Trinity County.

Forestry Division: A year of growth and lessons

As the team reflects on the inception of the Forestry division, we see areas where we have met our partners' needs and areas where we can continue to grow. An important part of increasing the pace and scale of forest resilience work in Trinity County is increasing back-end work such as flagging, forest inventory, and timber cruising. In 2024, our crew doubled in size, and the impact was evident in our community. In this past year, our crew completed the following for various fuels projects, planning efforts, and implementation support;

Our 2024 crew, comprised of Gracie Hilinski, Eric Bruce, Matt Bellistri, and Jessica Tye also contributed greatly to the ongoing preparation of the District's largest project to date – the Trinity County Wildfire Mitigation Project (TCWMP). The TCWMP aims to treat roughly 3,300 acres in the communities of North Lake, Covington Mill, and Weaverville. Our seasonal field crew started running again in March this year and has been focused on finishing flagging, site plans, and other necessary paperwork to ensure smooth operations once work hits the ground. This work directly contributes to reducing wildfire risk across several communities and contributes to the continuity of work in Trinity County.



The figure above visualizes the impact the Forestry crew has from 2023 to 2024

Forest Health: Year in Review, cont.

These efforts are directly meeting the needs of our partners and will become ever more demanding, especially considering the current administration's shift in funding and prioritization in our Forests. Our Forestry team looks forward to new growth in 2025 to further support our partners and assist in efforts for even more great work to happen in Trinity. A big thanks to our partners who have been assisting us with guidance during this major growth period. These include CALFIRE, the State Lands Commission, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service, and the McConnell Foundation.

Weaverville Community Forest

Forest Health continues to facilitate projects and meetings for the Weaverville Community Forest (WCF) including the quarterly Steering Committee meetings and the annual public meeting with support from AmeriCorps Grizzly Member Clay Groetsch. Clay assists with projects in the WCF such as; Volunteer events, Careers in the Canopy field trips, Woodland Wonders field trips, Wildflower Hikes, and more!

The WCF's biggest accomplishment in 2024 was the closeout of the Oregon Mountain Timber Sale in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management. The project removed 1,149 tons of biomass to improve the understory health of the forest. The sale made around \$160k, and profits will be used for the next stage. The next steps for the stand include Oak woodland restoration, addressing conifer encroachment, permanent plots, and more.

The WCF took this accomplishment and showcased its success at the California Association of Resource Conservation District Annual Conference. In partnership with the Trinity County Fire Safe Council (TCFSC), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the group gave a presentation, "The Weaverville Community Forest and Trinity County Fire Safe Council – Showcasing the Importance of Community-Driven Land Management".

The WCF looks forward to celebrating 20 years in 2025, along with new growth and an official new website! To join in on planning efforts, join our next Steering Committee meetings, held quarterly on the first Wednesday of every third month at the TCRCD Conference Room from 10 am to noon; the next meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 10 am.



Much needed fuel reduction in the Shasta Springs area



Completed fuel reduction work in the Shasta Springs area



Pictured L to R: Eric Bruce (FH – Project Coordinator, Matt Bellistri (FH Crew), Emily Acer (GrizzlyCorp), Skylar Fischer (FSC Manager), Clay Groetsch (GrizzlyCorp), Gracie Hilinski (FH Project Coordinator), and Jessica Tye (FH Crew)



Former Forest Health Program Manager Bethany Llewellyn leading the WCF Annual Public Meeting

Education and Outreach at TCRCD: 2024 Highlights

TCRCD's Education and Outreach program continues to lead environmental education across Trinity County. Funded largely by the Trinity River Restoration Program, our efforts foster a deeper appreciation for the outdoors and encourage stewardship of our local natural resources.

This year, we were proud to host events, engage students, and create educational content, including:

Educational Videos and Publications

- Produced 10 educational videos.
- Published 3 editions of the Conservation Almanac.

Public Events

- Eight Science on Tap gatherings - *hosted to connect science and community.*
- A rafting trip on the Trinity River - *organized for 28 participants to explore river restoration.*
- A Science Symposium - *brought together 19 presenters from three countries, five universities, and multiple agencies.*
- A Scotch broom removal event - *coordinated at the Upper Conner Restoration Site in Junction City.*
- The Salmon Meets Harvest Festival - *we celebrated the fall salmon run and brought together our vibrant community.*
- Two Birding Days - *supported the Global Great Backyard Bird Count with citizen science engagement.*
- The 16th annual Trinity County Plant and Seed Exchange - *brought together plant and gardening enthusiasts from across the county.*

Student Engagement

- Day at the Wetlands:

Fourth graders from Weaverville Elementary, Lewiston Elementary, and Creekside Charter School enjoyed hands-on lessons about riparian ecosystems.

- Environmental Camp at Bar 717 Ranch:

Sixth graders from eight Trinity County schools spent two exciting days learning and exploring the outdoors.

- Weaverville Summer Day Camp:

Hosted three weeks of adventures for nearly 50 campers ages 6–12, filled with activities exploring local history, ecology, & art.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing partners, including the Bureau of Land Management, The Watershed Research and Training Center, U.S. Forest Service, Ascent Wilderness Experience, Shasta Wildlife Rescue, Trinity River Restoration Program, Bureau of Reclamation, Nor Rel Muk Wintu, Wintu Educational Council, and many dedicated volunteers and businesses!

Looking Forward

We are grateful for the community that makes this work possible. We look ahead with excitement to another year of building connections between people, science, and the natural world we call home.

Weaverville Certified Farmers' Market

In 2024, the Weaverville Certified Farmers Market celebrated its 34th season under the management of the Trinity County RCD. Running from the end of May through mid-October, it was a season full of delicious, fresh produce, artisan goods, live music, kids' activities, and more. One of the market's goals is to make local produce as accessible to the community as possible. This year was the first year that we implemented our own market match system. Customers who use EBT were able to get an additional \$5 worth of EBT to spend at the market each week. For the 2024 season, \$2,000 worth of food was purchased through the use of EBT. There were 14 volunteers who helped out, 15 new vendors that joined for the first time, and 16 agencies collaborating to make the market a success. We look forward to celebrating the 35th season!



Grizzly Corps Fellows Clay Groetsch and Emily Acer sporting the beloved Super Salmon outfits—always a hit with the kids!



Ken DeCamp, renowned photographer and author, presenting 'Klamath Mountain Wildflowers' at the April Science on Tap.

Watershed Program Accomplishments in 2024

2024 brought many changes to the Watershed Program including the addition of our GrizzlyCorps service member Clay Groetsch in September, the conclusion of our Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) service term with Christine Burchinal in August, and the transition of the former Program Manager, Kayla Meyer, to the position of Deputy Director of the District in May. With these staffing adjustments, we relied on our collaborations and partnerships more than ever.

In our community, the Trinity River Watershed Council saw an attendance of upwards of 29 watershed stakeholders, and the addition of the Nor-Rel-Muk-Wintu tribe as a voting member. In close collaboration with The Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC), we co-authored the Upper Trinity Watershed Restoration Assessment and Management Plan to provide future guidance for restoration practitioners and land management agencies in the North Lake region of the Trinity River Watershed. Taking our planning to reality, we initiated environmental compliance with workgroups to move forward on an enhanced programmatic for the Trinity River Watershed aimed at restoration activities, installations of Beaver Dam Analogues (BDAs) within the Weaverville Community Forest, and sought permitting for future Fish Passage Assessment surveys within the Weaverville Basin. Our WSP Corpsmember hosted her Watershed Awareness Volunteer Event (WAVE) at Sidney Gulch in Weaverville, and cleared 5,840 ft² of invasive Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) with 35 volunteers to enhance ecosystem health along the streambank.

In our largest monitoring season yet, we partnered closely with WRTC and the USFS to collectively deploy 53 temperature probes, conducted 7 Stream Condition Inventory Surveys, monitored 11 stream discharge sites, snorkeled 146 miles for spring Chinook, boated 4.5 miles for salmon redd surveys, surveyed over 5 miles for beaver dam analogue suitability, and contributed to over 75 acres of Meadow Inventory surveys.

As always, we are grateful for our partnerships and collaborations with the WRTC, the USFS, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the collective agencies within the Trinity River Watershed Council, our continued capacity-building support of AmeriCorps programs of WSP and GrizzlyCorps, and the unwavering support of our community members that share our love and stewardship of the Trinity River Watershed.



WSP Corpsmember Christine Burchinal and RCD staff Veronica Klenk move foliage out of the way to create a line of sight for the laser level in order to take cross-section measurements of Price Creek at permanent monuments of a Stream Condition Inventory Survey



Chris Resinger (WRTC) uses a gravelometer to estimate the sizes of rock substrate in Corral Creek for a Stream Condition Inventory Survey

2024 Executive Director Report



Aerial photo compilation of the Oregon Gulch Rehabilitation site taken throughout 2024 to show different levels of flood plain inundation as the year progressed. [Eric Wiseman]

The Trinity River Restoration Program's twenty-fourth year brought challenges and positive steps forward with agency collaborations, channel rehabilitation on the Trinity River, watershed restoration, and environmental flow management.

The Program facilitated its first in-person Science Symposium since 2016 in Weaverville, California. The four-day event covered presentations on fish populations; habitat, flow and temperature; and the physical channel form. Nineteen scientists from around the world with specialties in geomorphology, hydrology, biology, and ecology gave presentations throughout the event discussing their mutual impact toward management actions with the mission of restoring anadromous populations of Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, and Steelhead. The presentations were recorded with the help of the California Great Basin Public Affairs team and are available by visiting this page: <https://www.trrp.net/2024-science-symposium/>.

In December, despite initial disagreement on changes to flow management, all 8 partners agreed to adjust the timing of flow, thus providing the Trinity River a schedule of water releases to better match the needs of rearing juvenile salmonids for water year 2025. This includes the Program's first-ever synchronized storm pulse flow, which occurred with a December 23 storm event.

In 2024 the Trinity River Restoration Program Implementation Branch acquired the training and licensure to fly a drone within the Trinity River watershed to better inform restoration practices and the community through aerial imagery. Small Unmanned Aerial Systems, also known as drones, are becoming a commonplace and vital tool for natural resource managers across the country. Drones provide a nimble, cost-effective, easy-to-employ tool for collecting aerial photography and an array of topographic data.

In collaboration with agency partners and local landowners, the Program's Implementation Branch completed the first phase of a two-year channel rehabilitation project in Junction City, California, the Upper Conner Creek Rehabilitation site. Crews restored 9.3 acres of riparian habitat, mulched and seeded upland areas, replanted riparian zones, added channel complexity, and returned much-needed low-flow habitat to juvenile Trinity River salmonids. The second phase of the project, to be completed in 2025, will further enhance habitat and recreational facilities for river enthusiasts in the area.



Upper Conner Creek Restoration Site shown in comparison of pre (left) and post (right) Phase I restoration via aerial photography. [Ken DeCamp, 2019 (left), Elliot Sarnacki, 2024 (right)]

Limiting Factors Analysis

In recent years, scientists across the Trinity River Restoration Program's partnership have recognized a disparity... program actions have more than doubled production of juvenile Chinook in the Trinity River, yet those increases have not translated into larger runs of adult Chinook. Efforts in the 1990's identified only a single limiting factor: juvenile habitat. It is now apparent that Chinook have additional limiting factors which may, or may not, be controllable by the Program. The science branch has engaged a contractor (Cramer Fish Sciences) to develop a new Limiting Factors Analysis (and to provide an independent evaluation of limiting factors). The process is underway and will examine all life stages including when Chinook are in the Klamath River, estuary, and the Pacific Ocean.

2024 Funding Sources

Allocations were received from two funds within the Bureau of Reclamation in Fiscal Year 2024 totaling 86.6% of the Program's funding source. Additionally, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided funds for 3.1% of the total budget. Both organizations are administrators of the Trinity River Restoration Program and serve as agencies in the Department of the Interior for the United States Government. An additional 10.4% of funding came from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Upper Conner Creek Project.

2024 Budget Allocations

Funding supported physical modifications to the river and the associated modeling, designing, permitting, and monitoring of physical and biological responses. Other partner agencies were funded and/or contributed in-kind services to support Trinity River Restoration Program activities. It should be noted that staff positions and agency assistance funding can shift between categories so the levels of funding in Administration, Implementation, and Science are not directly comparable between years.

Watershed Grantee Funding

The Program awarded \$659,900 in fiscal year 2024 to 2 projects within the Trinity watershed. The grantees put forward \$2,056,600 in matching funds for a total conservation impact of \$2,716,500. The projects selected 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

Thank you to all the staff across our partnership who have made this year so successful. Here's to an even better 2025.

Mike Dixon, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Dixon".

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The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) is a special district set up under state law to carry out conservation work and education. It is a not-for-profit, self-governing district led by a volunteer board of directors.

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.

Fuels & Forestry Crew

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