Two Chow Win Dragon Fish protect Joss house from fire.

Alex Cousins is the Assistant District Manager of the Trinity County RCD Office in Weaverville. Another native of Weaverville, Alex got his start managing a strip club and spent a year back home serving his hometown in a very special capacity. On a sunny day in November, Alex agreed to show me through the Weaverville Community Forest. Driving through the Community Forest, we talked of past successes and opportunities for the future.

"When we are just starting to think about forest improvement, the first thing we do is plant a tree," Alex said. "And then we start thinking about the next step."

"We have a variety of forest types, and each has its own set of challenges. Some are more difficult to manage than others, but we are learning to overcome these challenges."

"We are working with the community to develop a forest stewardship plan that will meet their needs and interests."

"We are also working with other agencies, such as the US Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to ensure that our plans are consistent with their goals."

"We are committed to providing a diverse and healthy forest that will benefit all who visit it."

"We are looking forward to the future, and we are confident that we will continue to be successful in our efforts."

"We are grateful for the support of the community and the partnerships we have established."

"We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and are committed to continuing our work to improve the Weaverville Community Forest."