

Forest Health Grant – Forest Legacy Award Summary

1. Pacific Union College Conservation Easement (PUC Phase 2)

Landowner: Pacific Union College

Grant Award: \$2,500,000

County: Sonoma

Acres: 243

NGO: Land Trust of Napa County

The Pacific Union College Phase II Conservation Easement protects 243-acres of forestland abutting the Phase I easement (held by CAL FIRE), Las Posadas State Forest, and a Land Trust of Napa County preserve. This site is one of only three remaining working forests in Napa, and this project will create an area of over 2,000-acres of contiguous protected land. The property is a mixed-conifer forest with significant water and biodiversity values, in a strategic location, facing an extraordinary threat of conversion to vineyards.

2. Shackleford Forest Conservation Easement

Landowner: Ecotrust Forests II

Grant Award: \$1,220,715

County - Siskiyou

Acres: 12,214

NGO: Siskiyou Land Trust

The 12,214-acre Shackleford Forest Conservation Easement is the 3rd and final phase of a 39,685-acre Scott River Headwaters Conservation Initiative. The Conservation Easement will protect threatened and endangered species; 86 miles of stream habitats; a 776-acre wet meadow/aspen complex; Shackleford Falls; and extensive timber stands. The Conservation Easement sale includes public access to the property's trailheads accessing adjacent wilderness and the Pacific Crest Trail. The project also supports ongoing fuels reduction efforts to protect adjacent communities.

3. Silva Ranch Conservation Easement

Landowner: Dale Silva

Grant Award: \$1,060,000

County - Sonoma

Acres: 4,441

NGO: California Rangeland Trust

The Silva family wants to conserve their 4,441-acre ranch in western Sonoma County. The easement will extinguish all but 3 development rights and the 1,332-acres of mixed conifer hardwood forest will be sustainably managed under an

existing NTMP that exceeds CFPA requirements. The remaining oak woodlands, grasslands, and riparian habitat will be managed under the California Cooperative Forest Management Plan. Targeted benefits include forest health, carbon storage and reduced wildfire risk.

4. Lewis Ranch

Landowner: Francis Lewis
Grant Award: \$1,500,000
County - El Dorado
Acres: 972
NGO: American River Conservancy

American River Conservancy proposes the conservation acquisition of the 972-acre Lewis Ranch property (8 parcels; 1 owner). Fee title interest in the property would be held by American River Conservancy. The property is located in the South Fork American River watershed and contains about 3 miles of frontage along Greenwood Creek and Coloma Canyon Creek. Conservation of Lewis Ranch will protect it from the threat of residential development and will make more active forest management feasible.

5. Weger Ranch Conservation Easement

Landowner: Lisa Weger
Grant Award: \$9,500,000
County - Mendocino
Acres: 3,942
NGO: Save the Redwoods League

Bordering Montgomery Woods State Reserve and BLM, and providing critical salmonid and Spotted Owl habitat, this property's redwood and Douglas-fir forest is managed to ensure sustained-yield production of high quality forest products, cattle grazing occurs on a portion of the property, and shaded fuel break work is ongoing.

6. Lindsay Creek Conservation Easement

Landowner: Green Diamond Resource Company
Grant Award: \$5,000,000
County - Humboldt
Acres: 2,816
NGO: Northcoast Regional Land Trust

Situated between McKinleyville and Fieldbrook in the Mad River drainage the Lindsay Creek Conservation Easement project is widely supported by the local community and provides critical ecological benefit to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife species.

7. Wandern Ranch Conservation Easement Phase 2 & 3

Landowner: Lynn and Wayne Northrop

Grant Award: \$755,805

County - Madera

Acres: 2,300

NGO: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Wandern Ranch is a working ranch in oak woodland habitat in the Chowchilla River drainage. The landowner actively partners and allows recreational access for the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, and Sierra Foothill Conservancy.

8. Upper Bear Creek Meadow Conservation Easement

Landowner: Shasta Cascade Timberlands, Inc.

Grant Award: \$1,374,110

County - Siskiyou

Acres: 4,772

NGO: Siskiyou Land Trust

Upper Bear Creek Meadows is in the Pondosa area in Siskiyou County east of the town of McCloud. The easement area includes riparian and upland meadow complexes in the headwaters of Bear Creek and has a 100-200 resident Rocky Mountain Elk herd. Conservation of the property will also benefit the fisheries in Bear Creek which is tributary to Fall River, designated as State Wild Trout Waters by the State Fish and Game Commission.