

## **Grizzly Creek Conservation Easement announcement**

On March 25, 2022, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) purchased the 762-acre Grizzly Creek Conservation Easement located in Humboldt County north of Bridgeville. The Grizzly Creek property is privately owned and the conservation easement restricts development rights while ensuring that the property continues to provide environmental benefits such as sustainable timber production, wildlife habitat, and watershed protection.

Funding for the purchase of the easement came from a California Climate Investments (CCI) - CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant and a US Forest Service (USFS) - Forest Legacy Grant. Conservation easements are a means to conserve forested properties in perpetuity from willing sellers as a permanent working forest. As the easement holder, CAL FIRE will comply with all federal and state laws in monitoring, enforcing and defending the requirements of the easement. To ensure this, a Monitoring Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was agreed upon by CAL FIRE and the Northcoast Regional Land Trust (NRLT) whereas NRLT will be responsible for conducting the annual monitoring inspections and preparing the associated monitoring reports.

CAL FIRE would like to congratulate and thank property owners Sean and Kathryn O'Day and the South Dakota Trust Administration LLC, as well as their representative, AgLand Engineering for their continued patience during this long arduous process and their commitment to forest conservation.