

Forest Legacy Program

CAL FIRE Forest Legacy Grant Awards - 2024

Applicant	Project Name	County	Award Amount	Project Description
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Brushy Mountain Phase 4	Mendocino	\$2,077,500	The Brushy Mountain Phase 4 project will fund the acquisition of a conservation easement to permanently protect 13,124 acres of working forest land in Mendocino County. This landscape-scale project and the larger Eel River Peninsula project presents a strategic opportunity for focused protection of California's water supplies, salmon populations, biodiversity, habitat connectivity, and public recreation opportunities, while fostering climate resilience via land protection from development and carbon sequestration across the northern California landscape.
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County	Estrada Ranch	Santa Cruz	\$1,578,494	The Estrada Ranch Working Forest Conservation Project aims to permanently protect 1,204 acres of regionally significant and sustainably managed working lands. The Estrada Ranch property contains over 800 acres of coastal redwoods at the southern extent of their harvestable range, located in Santa Cruz County less than five miles from the City of Watsonville. The property has been managed by the Estrada family for over a century and, since 1975, sustainably harvested by Big Creek Lumber, a national leader in single-tree selection forestry. As a result of impeccable management, the property is an economic engine for the region and a benefit to wildlife with high quality forest, riparian, and grassland habitat.
Placer Land Trust	Owl Creek	Placer	\$1,362,917	The Owl Creek project is for Placer Land Trust (PLT) and the Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe to acquire 308 acres along Owl Creek in Foresthill, to prevent subdivision and development, and to manage the property's forest health using traditional cultural practices in conjunction with State requirements. The Koy'o Land Conservancy, the 501c3 nonprofit affiliated with the Tribe, will be the owner and land manager, and PLT will hold a conservation easement. This project will also provide the Tribe with a significant land base to keep their cultural traditions alive through the hands-on multi-generational practice of traditional ecological knowledge and land stewardship
Save the Redwoods League	Miller Family Forest	Mendocino	\$3,500,000	The Miller Family Forest Project (Project) would protect 1,849 acres of unfragmented redwood/Douglas fir forest in Mendocino County 2 miles east of Westport via conservation easement. It avoids development of 13 legal parcels of highly coveted coastal lands north of Fort Bragg, CA with forested views of the Pacific Ocean, preserves a sustainably managed working forest, and protects key habitat in the critical Ten Mile River watershed. The project has the longest known history of continuous sustained-yield, single-tree selection management on the north coast and affords a rare opportunity to witness what a redwood forest can look like after 50 years of continued selective management. The overall goal of the Project is to insure long-term sustained-yield production of quality forest products in a healthy and diverse forest while protecting the associated values of watershed health, wildlife and fish habitat, soils, and aesthetics
<b>Total # Awards = 4</b>		<b>Total Funding Amount = \$8,518,911</b>		