

**CAL FIRE Forest Legacy Grant Awards - FY 2022-2023**

Applicant	Project Name	County	Award Amount	Project Description
American River Conservancy	Bear Creek Ranch	El Dorado	\$1,500,000	This project proposes the acquisition of the Bear Creek Ranch in El Dorado County, CA. The goal of this project is to protect, in perpetuity, the habitat and natural resource values of the property. This project contributes to the protection of a major tributary to the South Fork American River, including 2.5 miles of stream frontage and a large (3.5-acre) pond. Proposed activities will protect habitat from future subdivision and development, thereby protecting watershed health and integrity. The property is bordered by Eldorado National Forest and supports a reproductive population of California red-legged frog ( <i>Rana draytonii</i> ), a federally threatened species. The Bear Creek Ranch is also operated as a working forest that is managed in a sustainable manner, compatible with ARC's habitat protection goals.
Feather River Land Trust	Big Grizzly Creek Corridor	Plumas	Partial Award Approximately \$2,270,000	Located near Portola in Plumas County, the Big Grizzly Creek Corridor Conservation Project will conserve two adjacent working forest properties covering 1,476 acres. The project will fund a fee title acquisition and a conservation easement to expand Sierra Nevada Journeys, a non-profit outdoor education camp which serves 10,000 campers per year. The conservation easement will limit development and extinguish subdivision rights.
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County	Estrada Ranch	Santa Cruz	\$3,019,846	The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (Land Trust), in partnership with the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), intends to permanently protect the 1,204-acre Estrada Ranch by acquiring two adjacent working forest conservation easements (WFCE). The two easements, will be combined into one WFCE if Forest Legacy funding is awarded. Located in Santa Cruz County less than five miles from the City of Watsonville, the Project protects 800 acres of sustainably managed, mixed-age redwood forest and 400 acres of sustainably grazed grasslands.
Sanctuary Forest Inc.	Lost Coast Redwoods & Salmon Initiative, Phase 3	Humboldt	\$3,750,000	The Lost Coast Redwoods & Salmon Initiative (LCRSI), Phase 3 Project (the "Project") will permanently protect the headwaters of three sub-watersheds including Baker Creek—a tributary to the headwaters of the Mattole River, and Sproul and Sebbas Creeks—tributaries to the South Fork Eel River, in coastal Humboldt County. All tributaries have been identified as key strongholds for federally threatened salmonid species in state and federal recovery plans. Protecting these lands will provide a conservation bridge linking over 140,000 acres of protected lands. This Project ensures 2,300 acres remain in long-term sustainable timber production under easement terms that align silviculture practices with key watershed and salmonid recovery goals.
Pacific Forest Trust	Large-scale working forest conservation in Siskiyou County for enhanced wildfire and climate resiliency	Siskiyou	\$125,000	Restoring fire resilience and ecosystem function to key northern California's forest watersheds is an urgent challenge. The Pacific Forest Trust (PFT) is seeking support to methodically develop in Forest Legacy projects by reaching out to large industrial and family forest landowners in Siskiyou County and adjacent HUC 8 watersheds providing water to the Sacramento River to collaboratively develop working forest conservation projects.
North Coast Regional Land Trust	NCRLT Capacity	Humboldt, Trinity, Del Norte	\$66,000	Financial support from CALFIRE through the CA Forest Legacy Program (FLP) will enable NRLT to enhance its organizational and financial capacity for engaging effectively with forestland owners in the region. The funding will be utilized to consult with landowners interested in pursuing conservation easement projects that align with CA FLP goals. This support will allow NRLT to accomplish key project development tasks that might otherwise remain incomplete prior to securing funding for conservation easement acquisition. Additionally, such funding could facilitate the completion of a conservation easement on a property (or properties) where the landowner is interested in donating the value of a conservation easement. Project development activities include conducting meetings with landowners, visiting candidate properties to assess conservation values, collecting and mapping GIS data, creating materials for NRLT board review, performing title review and due diligence, and investing time in negotiating conservation easement terms with the landowner.
<b>Total # Awards = 6</b>		<b>Total Funding Amount = \$10,730,846</b>		