

## Klamath National Forest, Cannabis Cultivation Complexes Reclamation Operation Synopsis and Statistics April 2 - 12, 2019

## **Organizations Involved**

**Governmental:** United States Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations (USFS-LEI), California Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division (CDFW-LED), California Conservation Corps (CCC)

**Non-Governmental:** Integral Ecology Research Center (IERC)

**Reclamation Organizers:** Dr. Greta Wengert, Dr. Mourad Gabriel (IERC); Captain Chris Magallon (USFS-LEI); Lt. DeWayne Little (CDFW-LED)

**Funding Support:** Funding for the reclamation of these trespass cannabis cultivation complexes was provided by a **California Department of Fish and Wildlife Cannabis Restoration Grant** to Integral Ecology Research Center.

**Logistical Support:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division and United States Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations assisted with coordination and provided law enforcement officers and vehicles as a force multiplier for this effort.

## **Statistics**

Number of cannabis complexes reclaimed: Seven (7)

Total number of independent sites reclaimed: Seven (7)

**Location:** Klamath National Forest

**Watersheds affected:** Three Creeks, Crawford Creek, Coon Creek, Tinkham Creek, and Browns Creek, all draining to the Klamath River

**Species of conservation concern affected:** northern spotted owl (sites within Critical Habitat), occupied Pacific fisher habitat, foothill yellow-legged frog, Del Norte salamander, southern torrent salamander, northern goshawk, bald eagle, silverhaired bat, and steelhead trout

Personnel: IERC (8), CCC (12), CDFW-LED (3), USFS-LEI (6)

Trash and infrastructure removed during reclamation: 4,645 lbs (2.3 tons)

Irrigation pipe removed during reclamation: 6.7 miles (35,400 ft)

**Long-line loads:** 14 loads (Total long-line flight time ~ 2.7 hrs)



**Top Photo:** One net load of trash consisting of food refuse being loaded into a trailer by helicopter support.

**Bottom Photo:** One net load of trash, infrastructure, and irrigation pipe removed from a local creek that was diverting water.









