

Klamath National Forest, Cannabis Cultivation Complexes Air Operation Synopsis and Statistics April 30, 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), Ivan Medel (IERC); Captain Chris Magallon and Captain Jeremy Mack (USFS-LEI); Lt. DeWayne Little (CDFW-LED)

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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: Four (4)

Total number of independent sites reclaimed: Five (5)

Location: Klamath National Forest

Watersheds affected: Salmon 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, silver-haired bat, and steelhead trout

Personnel: IERC (6), CCC (12), CDFW-LED (4), USFS-LEI (6)

Trash and infrastructure removed during reclamation: 2,860 lbs (1.4 tons)

Irrigation pipe removed during reclamation: 3.9 miles (20,592 ft)

Long-line loads: 15 loads (Total long-line flight time ~ 2.5 hrs)







Top Photo: Before and after photos of irrigation line staged at one of the trespass cannabis cultivation complexes on the Klamath National Forest located on the Salmon River.

Bottom Photo: A delighted IERC and California Conservation Corp team after staging 500 lbs. of a campsite for air operations at a trespass cannabis cultivation complex on the Klamath National Forest located on the Salmon River.

