



Reclamation of Cannabis Cultivation Complexes, Shasta-Trinity National Forest Air Operation Synopsis and Statistics May 7-10, 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 National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (CNG-CDTF), Trinity County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), Watershed Stewards Program (WSP)

Non-Governmental: Integral Ecology Research Center (IERC), Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC), Cannabis for Conservation (CC), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD), Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theater (Dell'Arte)

Reclamation Organizers: Dr. Greta Wengert, Dr. Mourad Gabriel, Ivan Medel (IERC); Lt. DeWayne Little (CDFW-LED); Detective Nate Trujillo (TCSO)

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, Trinity County Sheriff's Office 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: Eight (8)

Total number of independent sites reclaimed: Sixteen (16)

Location: United States National Forest Lands: Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Watersheds affected: Tule Creek, Philpot Creek, and Salt Creek draining directly to Lower Hayfork Creek

Species of conservation concern affected: northern spotted owl (sites within Critical Habitat), occupied Pacific fisher habitat, foothill yellow-legged frog, western pond turtle, Townsend's big-eared bat, and steelhead trout

Personnel: IERC (8), CDFW-LED (3), USFS-LEI (1), TCSO (4), RMEF (1), WRTC (8), TCRCO (8), CC (2), CNG-CDTF (7), Dell'Arte (3), WSP (4)

Trash and infrastructure removed during reclamation: 6,100 lbs (3.05 tons)

Irrigation pipe removed during reclamation: 5.55 miles (29,280 ft)

Long-line loads: 22 loads (Total long-line flight time ~ 2.9 hrs)



Top Photo: Before and after photos of reclamation within a camp at one of the trespass cannabis cultivation complexes on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest located in Trinity County southwest of Hayfork.

Bottom Photo: A delighted team of diverse cooperators after removing over 6,000 lbs. of trash from eight trespass cannabis cultivation complexes on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest located in trinity County southwest of Hayfork.

