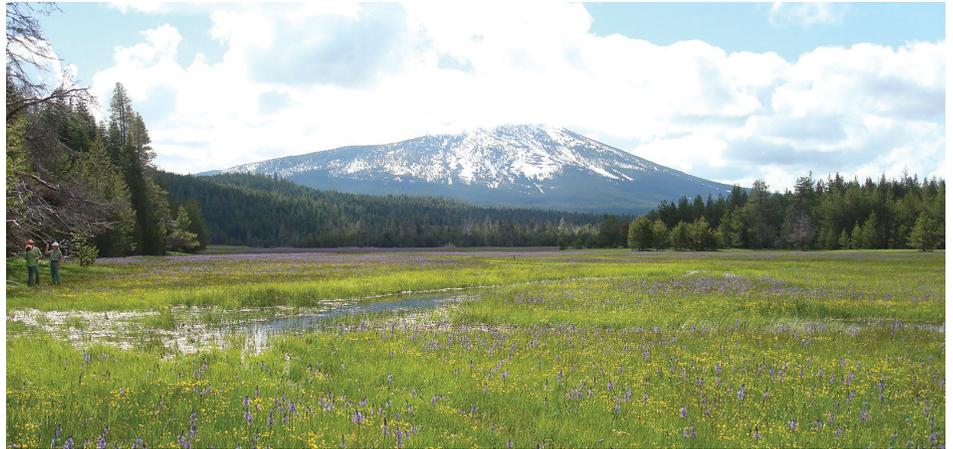




Total acreage of landscape: 369,036

Partners

- Burney Fire Department
- Cal Trout
- CALFIRE
- Consulting Forester
- Fall River Conservancy
- Fall River Conservation District
- Fruit Growers Supply
- Hat Creek Fire Safe Council
- Hat Creek Ranger District (USFS)
- Lassen Forest Preservation
- Lassen National Park
- McArthur-Burney Falls State Park
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Pit River Tribe
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- Stewardship Council
- Tubit Enterprises



Burney Gardens in the project area. © Todd Sloat

Renowned for outdoor recreational opportunities, “The Basins” has numerous springs and is also a haven for wildlife species, including black-tailed deer, California spotted owl, northern goshawk, American marten, and Pacific fisher. Controlled burns and mechanical fuels reduction are boosting wood production and reducing the threat of destructive mega-fires. Destructive fire probability is expected to decrease by more than a third, saving an estimated \$11 million in future fire management costs across the 69,239 acre CFLR project area.

2015 Results

- 451,000 partner match on National Forest System lands
- Nearly \$3M in leveraged funds
- 29,730 green tons of biomass
- 3,211 acres of wildlife habitat resotred
- 1,695 acres of fuel reduced near homes

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During his career as a private land forester, Pete Johnson helped manage over 400,000 acres of timberland in Northeast California. He recently retired from the Fall River RCD, yet is still heavily involved to the Burney-Hat Creek Collaborative and CFLR project group.



Pete Johnson © Credit

Pete says the Burney-Hat Creek’s biggest success story happened when four industrial timberland owners came together to create a single comprehensive plan for 2,500 acres of meadow restoration. The innovative plan, involving timber harvest and watershed restoration, later became the Burney Gardens project, located on all private land within the Burney Hat Creek Basins CFLR landscape. That project is in the implementation phase and moving towards the finish line. Restoration treatments include activities in forest wetlands and Pacific Gas and Electric Company land adjacent to industrial private and National Forest lands.

Pete says there is a positive feeling in the Burney-Hat Creek group these days, and the Forest Service has taken encouraging steps to leverage the collaborative group’s diverse stakeholders to help set priorities and discuss treatment priorities. The group now operates under an official charter, and “has developed important relationship with the Forest Service, private timberland owners, and many other stakeholders, including Native American tribes.” The group is also transferring important lessons through the SCALE efforts, where CFLR groups in California have combined forces to learn from one another as the projects move into the future. Finally, Pete notes that jobs, as part of the three-legged stool of economics, society, and environment, have been a keystone focus of the group.

“The forests and good resource management is certainly what I’m made out of,” says Pete, and continues, “The Burney-Hat Creek is a great group with a lot of potential.”