



# YSS

## YOSEMITE STANISLAUS SOLUTIONS

### Members

- American Forest Resource Council
  - American Motorcyclist Association, District 36
  - Blue Mountain Minerals
  - California Forestry Association
  - Central Sierra Audubon Society
  - Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
  - CT Bioenergy Consulting
  - Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp
  - Jim Dambacher Construction
  - Hetch Hetchy Water & Power
  - Merced Dirt Riders, 4x4 in Motion
  - Mule Deer Foundation
  - Pacific Gas & Electric
  - Sierra Pacific Industries
  - Stanislaus Trail Bike Tuolumne County
  - Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources and the Environment
  - Tuolumne County Farm Bureau
  - Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District
  - Tuolumne County Sportsman, Inc.
  - Tuolumne Group of the Sierra Club
  - Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council
  - Tuolumne River Trust
  - Yosemite Deer Herd Advisory Council
- ### Liaison Members
- Bureau of Land Management
  - CA Fish & Wildlife
  - South West Interface Team
  - United States Forest Service
  - Yosemite National Park

The Yosemite-Stanislaus Solutions (YSS) collaborative group is a highly diverse coalition of interests who share a common goal. The YSS mission is to restore and maintain healthy forests and watersheds, fire-safe communities, and sustainable local economies using a science-based approach.

In spring 2010, U.S. Forest Service staff and interested stakeholders participated in a joint field trip to view previously burned areas with restoration needs in the southern half of the Stanislaus National Forest. As a result of that field session and subsequent discussions, nearly 30 stakeholder interests agreed that forming a collaborative under the guidance of the Forest Service would aid the potential for increasing the pace and scale of restoration efforts within the southern portion of the Stanislaus Forest and on adjacent Park Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and private lands.

During 2012 and 2013, YSS held field trips and resource discussions to promote restoration treatments across areas burned in the 1987 Complex Fires and other large fires. YSS expanded its membership and built a strong cooperative relationship with the federal agencies and private land participants. Common goals and concerns led to a desire to coordinate even more broadly with county leaders, resource user representatives, businesses, and other interested parties to support expanded forest management and restoration treatments.

The devastating Rim Fire severely damaged a vast portion of the landscape that is the focus of YSS. Due to the massive amount of restoration planning and targeted reforestation, the value of collaborative support became even more evident. With so much national attention being given to Rim Fire recovery planning and actions, YSS members agreed it was the appropriate time for YSS to become fully independent. In January, 2014, YSS approved governance agreements, finalized a new charter, and launched outreach efforts to look for pivotal funding to respond to the massive burn area recovery needs within the Rim Fire. YSS, in conjunction with their fiscal agent, Tuolumne River Trust, has been successful in being awarded funding to assist with multiple planning and implementation efforts for the Rim Fire footprint.

Once again, catastrophic events have caused YSS to expand focus to help bring attention to, and find ways to address, the multiple issues caused because of tree mortality from the drought and bark beetle infestation. Whether in Sacramento or locally, YSS is at the table assisting in crafting solutions.

At a time when national, regional, and local resource management discussions are often highly polarized and contentious, the YSS collaborative group has effectively brought together representatives of the timber industry, grazing interests, local government, environmental organizations, business interests, motorized recreation groups, state and federal agencies, and other diverse interests. The goal of YSS is to build on fire recovery and tree mortality successes and expand the scope of YSS efforts over time in order to increase management actions within the unburned, still-green forest areas of the local region.

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