

# YSS Accomplishments for 2016-2017

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. While YSS does not implement projects, its strength is in the diversity of support it lends to further projects within the Rim recovery and efforts to actively promote increased management actions within the unburned, still-green forest areas of the local region. Additionally, YSS actively works to assist in securing outside funding to further projects within its boundary.

Some of the accomplishments YSS either directly, or indirectly, influenced during the past two years are as follows:

- The Ultra Power Biomass plant is open and operating
- Master Stewardship Agreement is approved and signed.
- Hosted field trip for Mr. Dan Morain, SacBee
- \$850,000 SNC grant for 204 acres of fuel reduction for wildlife, restoration of 4 meadows and 10 springs, and 2 new culverts substantively complete
- \$3.5M WCB grant implementation underway. This includes installation of guzzlers/troughs, meadow restoration, Great Grey Owl nest structures, aspen stand restoration, culvert replacement, and deer habitat restoration.
- \$30,000 NFF grant renewed for volunteer tree planting and trails within the Rim. Tree planting has begun.
- RAC grant for continued facilitation approved
- Watershed threats within the Rim significantly reduced through construction/maintenance of fuel breaks (HUD)
- Hosted field trip w/FS staff to view Rim reforestation alternatives
- Expanded the YSS boundary
- Hosted field trip with FS Regional Office staff
- Fully developed and accepted a Large Landscape Pilot Project with help from Dr. Stine
- Submitted comment letters on: subsidies and contracts for Pacific Ultrapower Chinese Station biomass facility, AB 32 Natural Lands, CA Forest Carbon Plan, and SNC Watershed Improvement Program
- Co-hosted a joint tree mortality field trip with TuCARE
- Supported FS "Community Alternative" for Reforestation EIS (substantively based on YSS alternative proposal) resulting in approval of the ROD w/o significant legal challenges
- Supported SNC/TUD Ditch Thinning Project
- Completed NFF grant work to include field trips and Sacramento interface
- Received local, regional, and national recognition as an inclusive and effective forest collaborative and a model for other regions.