



# Sierra Nevada Conservancy Priorities 2022

# Strategic Plan



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# 2022 Funding

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**WILDFIRE RECOVERY AND FOREST RESILIENCE**

**Directed Grant Program**

**VIBRANT RECREATION & TOURISM  
GRANT GUIDELINES**

**March 2022**

**STRATEGIC LAND CONSERVATION  
GRANT GUIDELINES**

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# Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience

- Focuses on multi-benefit forest restoration projects
- Also considers:
  - Landscape-scale projects
  - Community/ High value asset protection
  - Wildfire Recovery
  - Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program
- Planning and Implementation funding separate

# Vibrant Rec and Tourism

- Assess conditions, existing resources, needs, and opportunities to improve recreation and tourism throughout the Region and identify highest priority activities.
- Identify, create, and participate in partnerships to support the development of vibrant recreation and tourism throughout the Region.
- Create or improve new and existing recreation amenities or infrastructure that provide multi-benefits to the Region.
- Eliminate or reduce the impact of overuse on natural or cultural resources.

# Strategic Lands Conserved

- Supports Fee Title and Conservation Easement Acquisition
- Important considerations include:
  - Important Natural lands and expand connectivity and potential adaptation to climate change
  - Working Landscapes
  - Protect headwaters and/or steward natural resources
  - Protect special cultural values

# NDRC Updates



# Forest and Watershed Health Program

- Fuelbreak Projects
  - 750 acres USFS and BLM fuelbreak contract out for bid – work to begin soon
  - CalFire implementing adjacent fuelbreak work on private lands
  - Total expected this season 1,800 acres
- Tree Planting
  - 2,660 acres underway now, finishing soon
  - 2,695 acres Herbicide Release in planted areas, this Summer and Fall
- Rangeland Projects
  - 7.2 miles of fence construction by CCC early summer
  - Jones Meadow Cattleguards painted this summer
  - Cottonwood Meadow Water supply developed this summer
- Noxious weed control in a few select locations beginning in April



# Biomass Utilization Fund Updates

Continuing work to support three initial projects:

- Tuolumne Bioenergy, Inc. – Pellet production.
  - Environmental Analysis complete.
  - In final permitting stages.
  - In final loan underwriting
  - Construction expected to start late Spring 2022
- Tuolumne Biomass, LLC – Firewood and post and pole production.
  - Environmental Analysis underway.
  - Early permitting stages.
  - Financial analysis in progress.
  - Loan underwriting to begin soon
  - Construction aiming for Fall 2022
- Carbon Based Solutions – Biochar Production.
  - Early stages for Environmental, permitting, and loan development.
  - Construction estimated Fall 2022