

YSS Accomplishments for 2020-2022

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. YSS's strength is in the diversity of support it brings to projects within the Rim recovery area and its efforts to actively promote increased management actions within the unburned, still-green forest areas of the local region. YSS actively works to assist in securing and managing outside funding to further projects within its boundary and partners with the USFS in developing priorities, strategies, and methodologies to increase pace and scale of ecologically and economically sound treatments on the landscape.

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

- Continued to work with Tuolumne County and the USFS in a Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA)
 - Work spreads across a multitude of SPAs, and two large landscapes
 - Ongoing work in the SERAL Landscape includes ~5,000 acres of fuelbreaks being installed, and ongoing prescribed burning within the Strawberry Burn Project. Survey work (landline, botany, common stand exams) is ongoing, as well as roads maintenance.
 - Ongoing work in the Rim Fire Footprint includes prep work for 680,000 trees to be planted in 2023.
- Provided prioritization and guidance on multiple USFS projects, including the SERAL project, which was an unprecedented large landscape plan
- Provided feedback to the California Department of Conservation regarding their Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Plan, streamlining future block grant funding
- Provided feedback to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy regarding their Landscape Grant Investments Strategy, streamlining future block grant funding
- Partnered in the development, submission, management, and implementation of over \$30,000,000 in multiple projects that include:
 - CAL FIRE – funded Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR), Granite Reforestation, thinning, biomass, burn, Strawberry Phase II pre-burn
 - CAL FIRE – funded installation of up to 7,074 acres of fuelbreaks in the SERAL Footprint
 - Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)—funded installation of fuelbreaks in PODs 1-5 of the SERAL Footprint
 - SNC – meadow restorations, springs, culverts, thinning, drone photography
 - Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) – funded guzzlers, water troughs, Great Grey Owl nests, deer migration habitat, culvert replacements, meadow restoration, & Aspen stands
 - WCB—funded over 2,000 acres (60-,000+ trees) of reforestation in the Rim Fire Footprint
 - NFF – tree planting, trail restoration, and volunteer coordination
 - Jawbone Ridge plantation thinning and reforestation