

Sierra Nevada Conservancy award Butte Fire Safe largest grant yet

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Paradisepost>> The Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California, has awarded the Butte Fire Safe Council the Butte Creek Forest Health Project, a \$499,100 grant, the largest grant the Butte Council has ever received.

“We have helped thin out a little more than 500 acres of overgrown forest in Maglia in partnership with Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service which has been over a million dollars in investment,” Butte County Fire Safe Executive Director Cali-Jane said. “This new grant is significant in being able to complete high priority areas for the Butte Creek watershed.”

The grant was a part of Sierra Nevada Conservancy forest health and watershed restoration project initiative which gave a total of 3 million in grants to 15 different projects in the Sierra Nevada region to reduce wildfire risk.

“The 2017 fire season in California was one of the most damaging, and really emphasized the need to focus on the health of our forests,” says Jim Branham, Executive Officer for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. “Investing in projects in the Sierra Nevada, like the ones we’re supporting today, that reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires, limit greenhouse gas emissions, and protect our water supply is critical for California’s future.”

Funding for these projects comes from Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. This is the sixth set of awards made under the SNC’s Proposition 1 grant program.

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. The SNC has awarded over \$65 million in grants for projects to protect and enhance the health of California’s primary watersheds by improving forest health, remediating mercury contamination from abandoned mines, protecting critical natural resources, and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

The Sierra Nevada Region spans 25 million acres, encompasses all or part of 22 counties, and runs from the Oregon border on the north to Kern County on the south. The Region is the origin of more than 60 percent of California’s developed water supply.

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