

Wildlife board funds conservation project near Truckee

At its Feb. 22 quarterly meeting, the Wildlife Conservation board approved approximately \$17.9 million in grants to help restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat throughout California, including in the Sierra.

Some of the 15 approved projects will benefit fish and wildlife—including endangered species—while others will provide public access to important natural resources. Several projects will also demonstrate the importance of protecting working landscapes that integrate economic, social and environmental stewardship practices beneficial to the environment, landowners and the local community.

Funding for these projects comes from a combination of sources including the Habitat Conservation Fund and the Wildlife Restoration Fund. Bond measures approved by voters to help preserve and protect California's natural resources.

Funded projects include:

- A \$350,000 grant to the National Forest Foundation for a cooperative project with U.S. Forest Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to thin approximately 140 acres of forest in the Tahoe National Forest, 10 miles northeast of Truckee.