



Yurok Tribe Trails and Waterways Master Plan

Yurok Tribe

Environmental Justice
FY 11-12 Grant Cycle
District 1
Grant Award Amount: \$167,251



Project Summary:

The inventory of trails located on and near the Yurok Reservation helps identify the areas of trail disconnection. The planning study establishes how to safely connect trails for scenic, recreation, cultural, health, and safety purposes. The planning study also encourages economic development of the Yurok Tribe while developing guidelines and standards for trail usage.

Community Outreach

- Public input activities were conducted to learn more about community priorities, issues, and preferences related to trails and waterways.
- Conducted two community open houses involving members of the general public, Tribal members and Yurok Tribe Planning Staff.
- Visited Del Norte and Humboldt counties' Technical Advisory Committees to present the master plan and ways that it related to respective county planning documents.

Environmental Justice Community Outreach:

- The plan accounts for all of the forested Yurok Tribal lands both inside and outside the reservation boundary. The Yurok Forestry Department will be responsible for managing forest health

Project Outcome

- To work with community leaders, local governments, private land owners and developers, community members and Yurok neighbors to develop partnerships for creating an interconnected network of trails and waterways.
- The development of this trail will take place within the Yurok ancestral territory.

Successes & Next Steps

- Approval from the Yurok tribal council and Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, both of which border the Yurok reservation; the plan will include Yurok Ancestral Territory.
- The Tribe will begin to seek funding from Local, Private and Non-Profit Sources, and will also apply for federal and state grants in order to fund the waterway project.
- Working in partnership with Redwood National Park, State Parks, Del Norte County and Humboldt County, the Yurok Tribe will seek to identify significant access points to place integrated interpretive, safety, and way finding features that will help to protect the cultural values of the trail and improve the recreation experience of users.