



Ecological Restoration
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Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project

The Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project is a science-based, ecological restoration initiative covering 154,000 acres in the southern Sierra Nevada Range of California. Climbing from 1,000 to over 10,000 feet in elevation, the mountainous landscape weaves coniferous and hardwood forests together with meadows, lakes, rivers, and riparian forests. This area is home to the California red-legged frog and Lahontan cutthroat trout, both are Federally-listed threatened species, and the Pacific fisher, Yosemite toad, and Mountain yellow-legged frog, which are candidates for listing. Much of the project area has experienced a lack of regular fire that historically shaped the vegetation, resulting in altered forest composition and higher fuel loadings. Every summer, approximately 5,000 homes, clustered in four communities, risk uncharacteristic wildfire.