

# SOUTH LASSEN WATERSHEDS GROUP

The South Lassen Watersheds Group (SLWG) is comprised of private landowners, environmental interests, local land trusts, the Maidu Summit Consortium and Conservancy, among others, all of whom are enthusiastic participants. The group was formed as a result of strategic planning sessions of the Lake Almanor Watershed Group, which has operated in different iterations since 2005, advocating for the communities and ecosystems of the Almanor Basin. SLWG builds on this work but significantly expands the focus, scope, and communities served, taking a collaborative all-lands approach to forest and watershed stewardship in their focus area.

The 600,000-acre area of the Upper Feather River, Upper Mill and Upper Deer Creek Watersheds where the group will focus their efforts is home to a number of impoverished communities and critical fire-shed and watersheds in the Lassen National Forest. The area encompasses headwaters of the State Water Project, and supports free-running salmonid populations in Deer and Mill Creeks. This landscape also hosts dense forests that stand as salient wildfire threats to local communities. SLWG aims to bring together diverse stakeholders to holistically and cooperatively manage public and private lands to promote healthy, fire-safe forests in these economically and ecologically critical watersheds. The nascent collaborative is currently seeking funding to support more robust development of an already enthusiastic consortium of stakeholder organizations.

