Healthy Eldorado Landscape Partnership



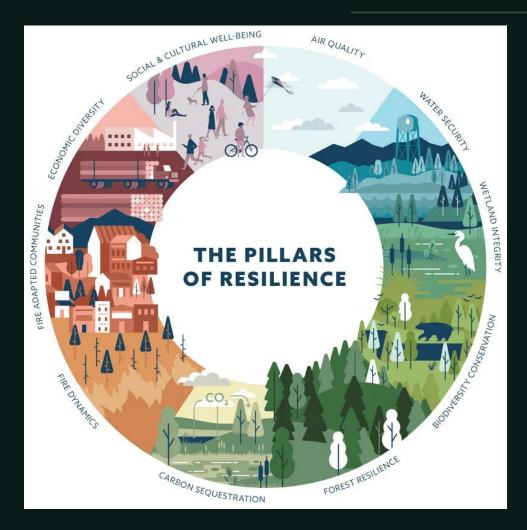
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On the path to a resilient Eldorado NF



Challenges to achieving resilience



Forest Service and partner staffing capacity



Locally absent biomass infrastructure



Competition; availability of project funding sources



Public sentiment of fuels reduction methods

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Healthy
Eldorado
Landscape
Partnership

Focus on shovel-ready project progress / adjacency of projects in planning

+ Create a landscape-based ecosystem service project portfolio

+ Align project activities to quantifiable metrics of resilience

+ Stitch multiple funding sources to accomplish shovel-ready work

+ Shared partner- and FS-led planning + implementation activities



Orchestra of partners roles and actions



Team Coordination

- American Rivers
- One Water Econ
- Blue Forest
- Eldorado NF
- SOFAR



Ecosystem Service Analysis

- Blue Forest
- The Freshwater Trust
- TCSI



Beneficiary Engagement

- Blue Forest
- SOFAR



Project Implementation

- Great Basin Institute
- American Rivers
- Mule Deer Foundation
- Nat'l Forest Foundation
- Nat'l Wild Turkey Fed.
- Tribes



Project Planning

- Eldorado NF
- American Rivers
- Local RCDs
- Fire Safe Councils
- Tribes



- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- American Rivers
- CALFIRE
- NFWF



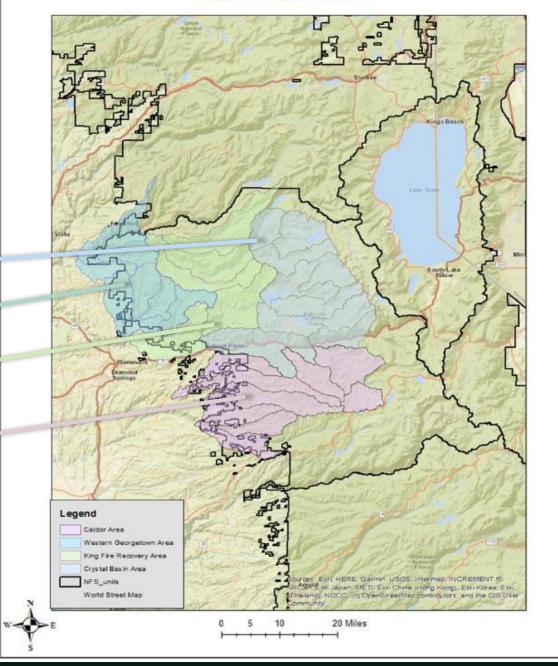
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Focus Areas

- 1. Crystal Basin
- 2. Western Georgetown
- 3. King Fire recovery
- 4. Caldor Fire/Cosumnes

HELP Focus Areas



Timeline: on the path to a resilient Eldorado NF

H.E.L.P. first convened by former Eldorado NF Supervisor, Jeff Marsolais

Co-develops action plan for conservation finance strategy & communications strategy with Eldorado NF

Attends S.C.A.L.E.; finalizes Crystal Basin Scope of Work



Spring 2022



Spring 2023



Spring 2024

Winter 2021



Winter 2022



Summer 2023



Co-develops the 10-Year H.E.L.P.
Strategy to align with Eldorado NF
10-Year Resilience Strategy and
TCSI Framework for Resilience

- + \$10 million CALFIRE/SNC grants for shovel-ready projects in Crystal Basin
- + **\$150k IFNF grant** Cosumnes River Watershed Outcomes Bank study
- + American Rivers receives grant to plan meadow restoration post-Caldor

Begin implementation on the Reservoir Project in the Crystal Basin

Thank you

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