

## May 2016 NRC News

### **Northern Region Conference Call- May 18th 2pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE!)**

Dial number: [\(641\) 715-3580](tel:(641)715-3580), Access Code: 305-654.

Stay informed, participate in our **brief**, 1-hour conference call.

(Please reply to this email to let Carol know if you or a representative from your organization can make the call.)

#### **Agenda to include:**

- Brief re-cap of Mt. Shasta meeting take aways, and follow-up items
- Discussion re:location and timing for next gathering
- Schedule of upcoming conference calls and E-newsletters
- NRC membership drive
- Support letters for upcoming projects

Please contact Carol at; [carol.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vandermeer@gmail.com) if you would like to have something on the agenda.

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## **NRC Face-to-Face Meeting a Great Success!**



A big thank-you goes out to the Siskiyou Land Trust for hosting the gathering on May 6th & 7th. Friday afternoon was spent focused on NRC business and updates from members.

Highlights of the business meeting included an update on the proposed **Inland Coast Range Conservancy** (more info attached), progress on a **Mountains and Rivers public lands bill** (see attached) to set aside more Wilderness in northern California, a discussion about the importance of mitigation funding to the work of land trusts, possible NRC participation in the 2017 North Coast Forest Conservation Conference.

On Saturday, we enjoyed a full day in the field looking at several different conservation projects including a salmon safe organic beef ranch, TNC stream restoration for coho habitat, and a dry land ranching operation that also serves as

elk habitat. For a more details, including participant updates, check out the attached Regional Gathering notes or visit the NRC website at: [www.northernregioncouncil.org](http://www.northernregioncouncil.org) to see more photos.

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## Public lands bill

Mountains & Rivers is a proposal of draft legislation to be presented to our Congressman, Jared Huffman, to protect these special places, restore watersheds and fisheries, support economic development, enhance recreational opportunities, and protect communities from catastrophic fire. This proposal will aim to establish the South Fork Trinity River Restoration Area to restore the forests, habitat, and fisheries in this essential watershed. The proposal will also help restore fire-resilient forests in wilderness areas and clean up public lands that have been damaged by illegal trespass marijuana grows. Fact sheets, maps and information re: support letters is attached. For more information contact:

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## CDFW has released its Proposal Solicitation Notice for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

*Proposals are due Friday, June 24, 2016, by 4:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time.*

Updated priorities for the 2016/2017 Watershed Restoration Grant Program:

- Restore Mountain Meadow Ecosystems
- Manage Headwaters for Multiple Benefits
- Protect and Restore Anadromous Salmonid Habitat
- Protect and Restore Coastal Wetland Ecosystem

More information at:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/watersheds/restoration-grants>

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## **Congratulations Northcoast Regional Land Trust on the Grand Opening of Freshwater Trail**

On May 1st, the Northcoast Regional Land Trust officially opened up their new Freshwater Nature Trail. Food, music and plein air artists greeted hundreds of community members who were there to celebrate the event. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northcoast-Regional-Land-Trust/1567133583546887?ref=hl>

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## **Check out Mendocino Land Trust's New Trail App**

As the NRC works to develop its own printed Guide to the Trails of the Northern Region, we will be looking into how to use some of the templates developed through the Mendocino Trail finder App. Visit <http://trails.mendocinolandtrust.org>

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## **North Coast Water Rights Workshop, May 17, 5:30-8pm, Briceland. Sponsored by Trout Unlimited and Salmonid Restoration Federation.**

More info at: <http://www.calsalmon.org/new>

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**The NRC calendar** is kept up to date with key events for regional land trusts at: <http://www.northernregioncouncil.org/calendar/> Please send your additions to the calendar to [carol.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vandermeer@gmail.com)

**The deadline for the next NRC E-newsletter Deadline is July 11, 2016.** Send your items to: [carol.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:carol.vandermeer@gmail.com)