Restoring America’s Watersheds through Public/Private Partnerships

2018 Agricultural Outlook Forum
The National Forest Foundation (NFF) engages Americans in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the 193-million-acre National Forest System.

The NFF builds collaborative relationships that ensure effective, proactive conservation solutions. We focus our efforts on on-the-ground projects, seeking efficiency and leveraging support whenever possible.

Tree Planting • Volunteer Opportunities • Collaboration • Watershed Restoration • Carbon Offsets • Wildlife Habitat Improvements • Recreational Enhancements • Fisheries Restoration
The Many Values of America’s National Forests

Covering 193 million acres of public lands, America’s National Forests and Grasslands provide treasured landscapes and critical resources for the entire nation.

• Our forests generate fresh water valued at more than $3.2 billion annually, supplying this critical resource to more than 123 million Americans.

• National Forests harbor vital habitat for 10,000 species of plants and 3,000 species of fish and wildlife.

• National Forests host more than 160 million visits by outdoors enthusiasts and tourists annually, which produce $13.5 billion annually for the U.S. economy.

• Our forests sequester carbon to help mitigate climate change and clean pollutants from our air.
The National Forest System is the largest single source of fresh water in the United States. To steward this important resource, the NFF:

- Partners with corporations on projects with measurable water benefits.
- Includes watershed health projects in all of our Treasured Landscapes campaign sites.
- Makes strategic investments in watershed health when opportunity arises.

- 5,828 Miles of stream restored
- 330 Road crossings repaired
- 2084 Acres of wetland restored
- 195 Miles of road restored

$13 million NFF Investments $58 million Conservation Value
National Forest Replenish Projects

$2.1 million
Coca-Cola Contributions

$4.5 million
On-the-ground Impact
Arundo Removal
Angeles National Forest | California

Problems
• Post-fire weed invasion in riparian areas.
• Invasive weeds restricted natural streamflow.
• Trash from user groups impaired water quality.

Approach
• Multi-year invasive eradication effort.
• Partner with local youth corps and local contractors.
• Leveraged youth corps to remove trash.

Results
- 211 Acres of invasive species removed
- 324 Bags of trash removed
- 155 Feet of graffiti cleaned
- 22.5 Miles of trails maintained

Restoration Benefits
- Restored function to riparian areas
- Improved and expanded native wildlife habitat
- Youth engagement
- Recreation infrastructure benefits
DURING
Restoring Tallgrass Prairies
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie | Illinois

Problems
• Agricultural and military legacy at Midewin.
• Agricultural drain tiles disconnect natural hydrology.
• Opportunity to restore native tallgrass prairie.

Approach
• Demolish defunct infrastructure.
• Remove agricultural drain tiles.
• Re-plant with native plants and grasses.

Results
3 Miles of agricultural drain tile removed
226 Acres treated for invasive weeds
79 Acres planted with native species

Restoration Benefits
Rare wetland habitat re-established | Groundwater infiltration | Improved habitat for wetland and grassland bird species
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THANK YOU!

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