

**Region 8 CPWN Activity Report  
Calendar Year 2008  
(Yreka FWO)**

I. All activities shown for this station in the Baseline Report prepared in February 2008 were continued throughout the year except for the following activities which were **not** conducted in Calendar Year 2008 (please list):

- **Northern California Forestry Institute for Teachers**
- **Natural History Field Trips**

II. Following are new activities (not included in the Baseline Report) that were conducted during this Calendar Year (please provide a **short description of the activity, location and dates** (if applicable) within the following categories:

**Rick – some of these activities were included in the original Baseline Report, but there were some modifications this past year. So please use the following for the '08 report.**

Outdoor Festivals

Formal Environmental Education Programs

**French Creek Outdoor School – J.H. Guest Ranch, Scott Valley, CA. Fall and Spring 2008.** Jen Jones, Sheri Hagwood, and Jennifer Silveira from the Yreka FWO assisted the French Creek Outdoor School in the spring and fall by leading activities and teaching ecological concepts to groups of students from local elementary schools. The French Creek Outdoor School is operated by the Siskiyou County Office of Education and is a 3-day environmental science program. Jen Jones and Sheri Hagwood led the Forest Field Study Program and taught about the forest ecosystem through experiential activities and hands-on learning. The curriculum topics included forest succession, food webs, plant identification, and practicing observational skills in nature. Jennifer Silveira led the Creek Field Study Program. She taught about watershed and riparian systems through guided creek walks, aquatic species identification, and question and answer sessions. Jen, Sheri, and Jennifer participated with the outdoor school program approximately four days and interacted with 30 - 60 students per visit.

**Siskiyou County Office of Education's Science Fun Day – Greenhorn Park and Gold St. Elementary School, Yreka, CA. June 3-4, 2008.** Scott Yaeger, Darla Eastman, and Jennifer Jones of the Yreka FWO staff spent two days teaching students from Jackson Street and Gold Street Elementary Schools about wildlife biology and conservation during the two Science Fun Day fairs. Jennifer taught students how to identify animal skulls based on their shape, teeth, and other adaptive features. Students learned about fishers from Scott, who demonstrated how biologists use non-invasive techniques to collect information on wild animals using equipment such as remote motion detecting

infrared cameras, track plates, and hair snares. Darla discussed the importance of wildlife conservation and showed students examples of confiscated consumer products made from endangered species during the "Illegal Wildlife Trade" presentation.

**Involving Youth with Nature – Castle Creek, Dunsmuir, CA. Spring, 2008.** As part of Dunsmuir Elementary School's Castle Creek Ecology Day, Jennifer Silveira took approximately 40 seventh graders (in small groups) into the creek to teach them stream ecology and macroinvertebrate identification.

**Salmon Watch – Valley of the Rogue State Park, Ashland, OR. Oct 8, 2008.** Gary Curtis taught approximately 50 students about salmon biology during Ashland Middle School's "Salmon Watch" event. Other educational stations at the day-long event included water quality, invertebrates, and outdoor journals.

**Kids and Bugs – Medford, OR. April 26, 2008.** John Hamilton participated in the "Kids and Bugs" education program sponsored by the Bear Creek Watershed Council. John taught youth about stream macroinvertebrates, salmon life cycle, fly-tying, and fly casting.

#### Interpretive Trails and Guided Nature Walks

##### Schoolyard Habitats and other Restoration Programs for Children

**The Mid-Klamath Youth Habitat Stewardship Education Program – Middle Klamath River region, CA. Year-round.** The Mid-Klamath Youth Habitat Stewardship Education Program is an expansion of the Middle Klamath Restoration Education Project supported by Yreka FWO in 2007. The program provides environmental education to youth in the Middle Klamath River region, an economically-depressed area dependent upon the declining resources of timber and fisheries. The program provides experiential education during both the summer and school year, with the participation of natural and cultural resources professionals from Federal and State agencies, the Karuk Tribe, the Salmon River Restoration Council, and the Mid Klamath Watershed Council. Youth are taken on excursions to the Klamath River and into mixed conifer forests with experienced local instructors and licensed insured river guides. On these field trips students are taught a foundation in geology, hydrology, botany, wildlife, aquatic biology, and fisheries. They learn about forest succession and management, fire ecology, traditional cultural resource management, and current resource issues in the Mid-Klamath region. Under the supervision of resource professionals, students participate in restoration projects such as fish passage improvement, river clean up, noxious weed removal, hazardous fuels reduction, tree planting, and erosion prevention. The goal of the program is to inspire local youth to pursue careers in habitat restoration so they can earn a livelihood in the region while improving the condition of Mid-Klamath natural resources.

##### Hunting Programs (include any special youth hunts)

Fishing Programs (include any special youth fishing)

Other Unique Ways to Connect People with Nature

**CPWN presentations.** Jennifer Jones gave the R8 CPWN presentation to the Yreka FWO on May 21, Klamath Falls ERO on Oct. 6, and Klamath Basin NWRC on Oct. 28. Matt Baun gave a presentation about the Yreka FWO, including information about the CPWN initiative, to the local Yreka Kiwanis Club and Siskiyou Fly Fishers organizations in May and October, respectively.

**Yreka FWO CPWN Website – Yreka, CA. 2008.** Yreka FWO is currently developing a CPWN page for its website that will have links to information about the CPWN initiative; national, regional, and Yreka FWO programs; kid's activities; and educational resources for parents and teachers.