

Yreka FWO Connecting People with Nature Activity Report Calendar Year 2009

Outdoor Festivals

Sacramento River Festival – Dunsmuir, CA. April 25, 2009.



SeeMore the Salmon lures kids to the fish dissection exhibit at the Sacramento River Festival.

Noah Ellis, Jennifer Jones, Roxanna Hinzman, Darla Eastman, Sheri Hagwood, and Jennifer Silveira from the Yreka FWO participated in the Sacramento River Festival. Hundreds of locals and out-of-town visitors came to the event to learn about watershed ecology, view wildlife up close, take a fire engine tour, and enjoy an operetta performance and live music. The YFWO staff had a booth where they dissected a total of eight fish to teach the public the internal and external anatomy of

fish, including the functions of each organ. Darla dressed in a salmon costume to lure festival participants to the dissection table.



YFWO staff dissect fish at the Sacramento River Festival.

Noah Ellis and Jennifer Jones were on the planning committee and attended several meetings before the event.

Quartz Valley Festival – Quartz Valley, CA. June 19, 2009. Noah Ellis and Sheri Hagwood of the Yreka FWO assisted the Quartz Valley Tribe with an informative booth describing the best way to deal with encounters with dangerous animals in the wild. There were around 30 children and their parents in attendance. Included in the display were replicas of grizzly bear, black bear, mountain lion and bobcat skulls.

Outdoor Environmental Education Programs

French Creek Outdoor School – J.H. Guest Ranch, Scott Valley, CA. Spring 2009.

Noah Ellis, Jennifer Jones, and Jennifer Silveira from the Yreka FWO assisted the French Creek Outdoor School in the spring and fall by



Jen Jones helps a Jackson St. Elementary School student “meet a tree” at French Creek Outdoor

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 (SCOE) and is a 3-day environmental science program.

The YFWO staff 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.



Jen Jones admires a Jackson St. Elementary School student’s “nature art” at French Creek Outdoor School.

YFWO staff also led the Creek Field Study Program and taught about watershed and riparian systems through guided creek walks, aquatic species identification, and question and answer sessions. The YFWO staff participated with the outdoor school program approximately 12 days and interacted with 30 - 60 students per visit. The Yreka FWO also provided \$15,000 of funding to SCOE to sponsor students to attend the French Creek Outdoor School.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Solar Powered Race Cars – Delphic Elementary School, Montague, CA. March 17, 2009.

Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO assisted the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) with constructing solar powered race cars at Delphic Elementary School's afterschool program. Twelve 5th – 8th grade students participated in the solar car workshop led by Jason Singleton and Barbara Freeman from SCOE, with help from three volunteers. The solar cars were raced before an audience of 30 students from kindergarten through 8th grade.



Students race solar cars during Delphic Elementary's afterschool program.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Ski Trip – Mt. Shasta Nordic Center, Mt. Shasta, CA. March 13,



Noah Ellis and Jen Jones help lead the McCloud Elementary School ski trip.

2009. Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis from the Yreka FWO assisted with the cross-country ski trip for McCloud elementary school. Twenty-five 6th – 8th grade students, two teachers, and four volunteers attended. There were three activities for the day in addition to free ski time. The first activity was a cross-country ski lesson. Most of the students had never cross-country skied before, and needed

some guidance. After the groups learned the basics of skiing, half of them went on a stuffed animal hunt with Barbara Freeman from the Siskiyou County Office of Education.

Barbara gave the students descriptions of the animals, including information about their adaptations and life history, and the students had to guess the names of the animals and find them along the trail based on the clues. The third activity was a discussion and demonstration on avalanche rescue with Eric White and Dan Towner from the U.S. Forest Service. Jason Singleton from the Siskiyou County Office of Education organized the event.



Jason Singleton demonstrates how to use a compass to locate Mt. Shasta during the Golden Eagle Charter School ski trip.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Ski Trip – Mt. Shasta Nordic Center, Mt. Shasta, CA. March 27, 2009.

Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis from the Yreka FWO assisted with a cross-country ski trip for Golden Eagle Charter School with nine 4th – 8th grade students, three teachers, and three volunteers from various places in Siskiyou County. The day started with

a cross-country ski lesson, followed by an interactive discussion on compass use and orienteering by Jason Singleton of the Siskiyou County Office of Education. After lunch, Dan Towner of the U.S. Forest Service demonstrated a mock avalanche rescue using a trained dog and the students learned how to use rescue equipment.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Greenhorn Nature Day – Greenhorn Park, Yreka, CA. March 9, 2009.



Montague Elementary afterschool students create fish prints.

Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis from the Yreka FWO worked with 25 students from Montague Elementary's afterschool program during the annual Greenhorn Nature Day at Greenhorn Park in Yreka, California.



Sam Cuenca demonstrates how to use binoculars during Greenhorn Nature Day.

Three agencies were responsible for putting on the event; taking the lead was the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) with support from both the Klamath National Forest and the Yreka FWO. Sam Cuenca from the Forest Service provided a lesson on using binoculars, including an explanation of how to use them effectively. The students were then led on a bird



Montague Elementary afterschool students watch geese at Greenhorn Reservoir.

watching walk where they observed a number of species including coots, ducks, geese, and gulls. The students practiced using binoculars during the stuffed animal hunt led by Barbara Freeman of the SCOE. After Barbara hid various stuffed animals around the park, she gave the students hints so they could use the binoculars to locate the hidden stuffed animals. The Yreka FWO staff assisted the students in creating fish prints, which allowed each student

to connect with nature in an artistic and creative way. Students painted a rubber fish which was then 'stamped' on to a piece of paper so the kid's could take home a keepsake from their afterschool adventure.

Kids and Bugs – Bear Creek Park, Medford, OR. April 25, 2009.

John Hamilton of the Yreka FWO participated in the "Kids and Bugs" education program at Bear Creek Park in Medford, OR. About 70 low-income kids attended. There were stations about stream fish, macroinvertebrates, fly casting, and fly fishing. The event was sponsored by the Bear Creek Watershed Council. Rogue Fly Fishers, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, BLM, and others were cooperators.



John Hamilton teaches the art of fly fishing.

Science Works Museum and Lithia Park Nature Walk – Ashland, OR. June 2, 2009.



Trinity Bradford from Evergreen School explores the Science Works Museum.

Misty Bradford of the Yreka FWO visited the Science Works Museum in Ashland, Oregon with twenty-five 2nd grade students from Yreka's Evergreen School. The museum offered hands-on exhibits where the students could experience and experiment with motions, engineering, and perception. The students were split into groups and allowed to explore the various exhibits for about two hours. Misty also helped lead the students on a nature walk in

Lithia Park where they saw different types of



Students from Evergreen School overlook the Ashland Creek during the Lithia Park Nature Walk.

plants and insects and discussed which animals might be living in the park. During the 40 minute walk, they discussed why it is important to keep the trails and creek clean.

Horse Camp Hike – Mt. Shasta, CA. September 28, 2009.

Misty Bradford of the Yreka FWO assisted Mrs. Justice's 5th grade class from Jackson Street School with a field trip to Horse Camp, located in the Mt. Shasta Wilderness of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and owned by the Sierra Club Foundation. The hike was led by a caretaker for the Shasta Alpine Lodge and two employees from the U.S. Forest Service. The 29 students started the hike at 7,000 feet elevation at the Bunny Flat trailhead in Mount Shasta, and gained 1,000 feet in elevation during the 2-mile hike. The students learned about the local vegetation and wildlife, and about minimizing impact to the sensitive high elevation ecosystem.



Jackson St. School Horse Camp field trip.

Watershed Education Field Trip – Castle Creek, CA. October 7, 2009.

Jen Jones and Jennifer Silveira from the Yreka FWO taught twenty-five 7th graders from Dunsmuir Elementary School about riparian ecology during the Castle Creek Watershed Education field trip. At the Water Chemistry station, Jennifer showed students various methods for testing the creek (e.g., dissolved oxygen levels, pH, temperature, flow) and helped the students interpret the results to evaluate stream health. Jen showed students how to collect and identify aquatic insects at the Microinvertebrates station. Students also learned how to fish at the Fishing Techniques station, and about wildlife habitat and tracking at the Nature Mapping station.



Jen Jones helps Dunsmuir Elementary students collect insects during the Castle Creek Watershed Education field trip.

Scott Valley Elementary School field trip – Greenhorn Park, Yreka, CA. October 23, 2009. Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO helped teach approximately 80 K-1st graders from Etna Elementary and Ft. Jones Elementary schools about local wildlife and aquatic habitats during the Greenhorn Park field trip. The students visited the newly constructed bridge and learned about the dam and reservoir.



Students overlook Greenhorn Reservoir during Scott Valley Elementary field trip.

Classroom Education Programs

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Science Fun Day – Gold St. Elementary School, Yreka, CA. June 4, 2009. Noah



Noah Ellis and Jen Jones teach Gold St. Elementary School students about local wildlife using puppets.

Ellis, Jennifer Jones, and Cheryl Carter of the Yreka FWO taught students from Gold Street Elementary School about local wildlife using puppets during the school's annual Science Fun Day fair. The YFWO staff had the 3rd – 4th graders identify the wildlife puppets based on natural history clues. The YFWO staff also performed short "puppet shows" based on Native American, African, and other folkloric stories. Nine groups totaling 180 students were audience members.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Fish Dissections – Gold St. Elementary School, Yreka, CA. March 6, 2009. Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO assisted the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) with fish dissections at Gold St. Elementary School in Yreka, California. Four groups consisting of a total of 120 students participated in the dissections. The students learned the internal and external anatomy of fish, including the functions of each organ. Jason Singleton and Barbara Freeman from SCOE led the dissections, with help from four teachers and three volunteers.



Gold St. Elementary School students dissectioning a fish.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Fish Dissections – Etna, Ft. Jones, and Quartz Valley Elementary Schools, Scott Valley, CA.

March 23, 2009. Noah Ellis from the Yreka FWO assisted the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) with fish dissections at both Etna Elementary and Ft. Jones Elementary, with Quartz Valley Elementary joining the dissection in Ft. Jones. Sixty 4th – 6th grade students attended overall from the three schools. The students learned the location and basic function of all the internal organs in salmon. Jason Singleton and Barbara Freeman of the SCOE lead the event, and 15 parent volunteers were in attendance for the dissection.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Frog Dissections – Jackson St. Elementary School, Yreka, CA. March 30, 2009.

Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis from the Yreka FWO assisted the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) with frog dissections at Jackson St. Elementary School in Yreka, California. The students learned where all of the internal organs were, as well as the basic functions of each organ. All 120 fifth grade students attended the dissection in four groups. Jason Singleton and Barbara Freeman from SCOE led the dissections, with help from the fifth grade teachers and two high school volunteers.



Noah Ellis and Jen Jones assist Jackson St. Elementary School students with frog dissections.

YMCA Summer Camp – Gold St. Elementary School, Yreka, CA. August 7, 2009.

Jennifer Jones and Christy Carter of the Yreka FWO taught 12 kids from the YMCA summer camp about local wildlife using puppets. The YFWO staff had the 1st – 7th graders identify the wildlife puppets based on natural history clues. The YFWO staff also performed short “puppet shows” based on Native American, African, and other folkloric stories.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Solar Program – Montague Elementary School, Montague, CA. November 4, 2009. Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO assisted the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) with teaching thirty-one K-2nd graders about solar energy during Montague Elementary School’s afterschool program. Jennifer and Barbara Freeman from SCOE helped the students construct solar powered fans and demonstrated how heat from the sun will cause a solar balloon to float.



Montague Elementary School student demonstrates solar powered fan.

Science Advisory Committee Member for Environmental Resources Technology Program – College of the Siskiyous, Weed, CA. Ongoing.

Jennifer Jones is representing the Fish and Wildlife Service and assisting College of the Siskiyous with the development of the Environmental Resources Technology Program. As a Science Advisory Committee Member, she advises the college in the areas of curriculum, instructor hiring, agency needs, and marketing to the general public.

Classroom presentation – Klamath River Elementary School, Klamath River, CA. August 26, 2009. Sheri Hagwood and Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO talked to a class of 10 students at the Klamath River Elementary School about the USFWS Partners and Ecological Services programs. The Yreka FWO staff then looked at the school garden as a possible Schoolyard Habitat site and an adjacent oak woodland where the 5th – 8th graders would like to construct an interpretive trail.

Classroom presentation – Covenant Chapel School, Yreka, CA. October 2, 2009. Jennifer Jones of the Yreka FWO taught 15 students from the Covenant Chapel School

about local wildlife using puppets. Jennifer had the 2nd – 6th graders identify the wildlife puppets based on natural history clues. Jennifer also performed short “puppet shows” based on Native American, African, and other folkloric stories.

Classroom presentation – Klamath River Elementary School, Klamath River, CA. October 13, 2009. Sheri Hagwood and Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO visited the Klamath River Elementary School to talk to Sue Hall’s class of 10 students about bird biology and migration. Sheri and Jen also delivered binoculars and bird guides donated to the class using Connecting People with Nature funds for the students to use during their regular “Nature Observation” activity.

Schoolyard Habitats and Garden Projects

Schoolyard Garden Project – Gold St. Elementary School, Yreka, CA. April 23 and 24, 2009. Yreka FWO employees Noah Ellis, Misty Bradford, Sheri Hagwood, and Jennifer Jones assisted the students at Gold Street Elementary with their schoolyard gardens. The gardens had not been used over the last couple of years, so the Yreka FWO staff worked with students and teachers to rejuvenate the school’s interest in maintaining the garden. Each of the classes removed the weeds from their planter box, added soil amendment, and planted their garden. The project was a songbird garden, so plants were chosen to attract birds. Scott Valley Feed of Yreka matched the Yreka FWO in a one-to-one donation of soil amendment and plants. The staff at Scott Valley Feed also researched which plants would help attract songbirds to the garden. Overall, the school made a big step towards having a working garden that will help the students learn about plant cycles, plant and animal interactions, and how to maintain a garden of their own.



Students begin work on the garden, removing the plants that were already in the box assigned to their class so they could start fresh.



The same garden box as above after weeding and planting.

Sensory Garden Project – Yreka Community Garden, Yreka, CA. September 25, 2009. Jennifer Jones of the Yreka FWO hosted the first monthly planning meeting for the creation of the Sensory Garden Project. The project is a collaborative effort among Yreka FWO, Klamath National Forest, Siskiyou Arboretum, Yreka Garden Club, Yreka high school, and other community members and organizations. The meeting agenda included brainstorming session for the garden design, funding opportunities, discussion of the purpose and intention for the project, and construction logistics.

Restoration Programs

Greenhorn Park Earth Day Restoration Event – Greenhorn Park, Yreka, CA. April 22, 2009. The Yreka FWO conducted a tree planting and invasive species removal for Earth Day at Greenhorn Park. The Siskiyou County Arboretum supplied the plants, with Tom Hesseldenz of Tom Hesseldenz & Associates Ecological Landscape Architecture providing the layout for the planting. The Siskiyou County Office of Education contributed to the event by providing tools for the volunteers to use. Volunteers from a variety of agencies were present, including the Resource Conservation District (RCD), AmeriCorps Watershed



Stewards Project, students from Gold Street Elementary School in Yreka, Yreka FWO administration staff Juanita Quijada, Misty Bradford, and Noah Ellis, as well as Yreka FWO biologists Jennifer Jones and Mark Cookson. By the end of the day, the volunteers planted nearly 40 native plants in the rocky soil. The volunteers also removed the majority of the invasive species from the workspace on the Yreka Creek floodplain, removed garbage, and improved the general aesthetics of the area.

Volunteers work to remove invasive plants and plant native species. Pictured: (from background to foreground) Juanita Quijada, Misty Bradford, Kirsten Underwood, and Jennifer Jones.

Siskiyou County Office of Education's Mt. Shasta Frog Pond Restoration – Larry Wehmeyer Environmental Education Area, Mt. Shasta, CA. May 26 and 29, 2009. Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis from the Yreka FWO helped the Siskiyou County Office of Education (SCOE) lead a restoration activity at the Mt. Shasta Frog Pond on May 26, 2009, with 18 students from Gazelle Elementary School. The Yreka FWO staff worked with the 6th – 8th grade students to clear the trails of weeds and blackberries. The students also learned how to use forest metric equipment from Marie Kennedy from the Talk About Trees organization and write poetry from Barbara Freeman of the SCOE. On May 29, 2009, Noah continued the restoration work with eighteen 1st – 7th grade students from the Klamath River Elementary School.

Yreka and Greenhorn Creeks Restoration Seminar for the California Conservation Corps / John Muir Charter School Training – Yreka Creek and Greenhorn Park, Yreka, CA. March 26, 2009. NOAA's Don Flickinger and FWS' Mark Cookson and



Don Flickinger talks to CCC staff about wetland restoration at the Greenhorn Park reservoir.

Noah Ellis led a one-day training of fourteen California Conservation Corps (CCC) staff in Yreka, California. Using a City of Yreka map demarcating the 100-year floodplain, trainers worked with the CCC staff to identify characteristics and attributes of wetland systems, and how CCC ground-disturbing activities have the potential to affect these systems. Discussions focused on the Yreka Creek Basin's capacity to sustain anadromous fish (salmon and steelhead), and how restoration of the Yreka Creek floodplain can improve the survival and recovery of these fish while

enhancing flood protection of a significant portion of downtown Yreka. A recently restored reach of Yreka Creek within the city limits was visited, so that CCC staff could compare a widened and revegetated floodplain with confined/channelized portions of the creek that have yet to be restored. The CCC group then visited Yreka's Greenhorn Park, to see how the park's reservoir has been recently dredged and redesigned hydrologically, to improve both its stormwater attenuation capacity and riparian habitat characteristics for use by wildlife and the public alike. Throughout the exercise emphasis was placed on incorporating riparian habitat and water quality considerations into any CCC activities that involve ground disturbance. CCC staff were also encouraged to consider pursuing careers in resource management at the end of their CCC employment, confirming that what they enjoy the most in their current CCC work could one day become an enjoyable and rewarding career.

Outreach

Yreka FWO CPWN Website – Yreka, CA. February 6, 2009. Noah Ellis, Elizabeth Willy, Jennifer Silveira, Karen West, and Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO developed CPWN pages for the office website that include links to information about the CPWN initiative; national, regional, and Yreka FWO programs; kid's activities; and educational resources for parents and teachers.

Connecting People with Nature Presentation – Aquarium Incubator Inservice, Yreka, CA. January 14, 2009. Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis of the Yreka FWO gave a presentation about the Connecting People with Nature program during the Siskiyou County Office of Education's Aquarium Incubator Inservice. The purpose of the workshop was to train local teachers how to raise trout in the classroom from eggs. The entire process was discussed, including aquarium selection, aquarium set up, and how long it will take for the eggs to hatch. Biologists Bill Chesney, Diana Chesney, and Morgan Knechtle also gave presentations on fish population trends from previous years. Approximately 12 people attended the workshop.

Connecting People with Nature Presentation – Winter Wings Festival, Klamath Falls, OR. February 13-15, 2009. Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis of the Yreka FWO attended the Winter Wings Festival in Klamath Falls, Oregon to give two presentations about the Connecting People with Nature (CPWN) program. They discussed the importance of having a public that is connected to the natural world, and steps the Fish and Wildlife Service are taking to encourage children to explore the outdoors and gain more connections with nature. The presentation was well received by both groups, and the approximately 17 people in attendance had lively and thoughtful discussions about the possibilities present in the CPWN program.

Connecting People with Nature Presentation – Yreka FWO, Yreka, CA. June 17, 2009. Jennifer Jones and Noah Ellis gave the Region 8 Connecting People with Nature (CPWN) presentation to the Yreka FWO. The presentation discussed the CPWN regional program, including Region 8's accomplishments in 2008 and goals and priorities for the future, and a summary of Yreka FWO accomplishments and ideas for upcoming activities and events.

Connecting People with Nature Fall Activities Brochure – Yreka FWO, Yreka, CA. August, 2009. Matt Baun and Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO produced a “10 Siskiyou Things to Do” brochure to highlight ten outdoor activities local residents could enjoy in the fall.

Siskiyou Golden Fair – Siskiyou County Fairgrounds, Yreka, CA. August 12-16, 2009. This year's Siskiyou Golden Fair featured a nature-oriented booth sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yreka Field Office and Klamath National Forest. The theme of the booth highlighted the partnership between the agencies' conservation outreach programs — "NatureWatch" (USFS) and "Connecting People With Nature" (USFWS). This shared booth gave an overview of the outreach programs and a summary of activities that the agencies are involved with



Darla Eastman and Klamath National Forest employees staff the conservation outreach booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair.

throughout Siskiyou County. An estimate of 10,000 fair visitors spent time learning about nature, getting wildlife tattoos and posters, wearing elk antlers, and finding out what the outdoors of Siskiyou County has to offer.

California State Fair – Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA. September 3, 2009. Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO assisted with the USFWS “Discovery Island” exhibit at the California State Fair. Jennifer helped kids and adults apply wildlife tattoos and make salmon egg bracelets, kit fox masks, condor visors, and bird silhouettes to prevent birds from flying into windows. The displays included illegal endangered species products confiscated by USFWS law enforcement, a touch table of natural items, and more than 25 large-size graphic



Jen Jones applies a tattoo at the FWS “Discovery Island” exhibit at the California State Fair.

informational panels featuring topics such as helping endangered species, connecting people with nature, recovered species examples, addressing climate change issues, conservation partnerships, and fire management.

College and Career Day – College of the Siskiyous, Weed, CA. September 30, 2009. Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO partnered with two representatives from the Klamath National Forest on a joint booth for the College of the Siskiyous’ annual College Day career fair. The booth provided information to well over 300 high school and college students, as well as members of the public, about job opportunities and application guidelines for employment with the agencies.



Jen Jones and Klamath National Forest employees staff the College Day career fair booth at COS.

Siskiyou County Wildflower Show – Siskiyou County Fairgrounds, Yreka, CA. May 10, 2009. Nadine Kanim and

Sheri Hagwood of the Yreka FWO helped set up the 16th Annual Siskiyou County Wildflower Show. A total of 310 wildflower species were featured. The event was sponsored by the Klamath National Forest, with additional assistance from the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and the California Native Plant Society.

Partners

Meeting with U.S. Forest Service – Yreka FWO, Yreka, CA. June 2, 2009. Jennifer Jones, Noah Ellis, and Matt Baun from the Yreka FWO met with Davida Carnahan from the USFS to follow up on the kickoff meeting held on October 16, 2008. The group continued to discuss ideas for how the two agencies can partner in nature-related educational activities to unify the FWS Connecting People with Nature and USFS Conservation Education programs. Ideas included a joint booth at the Siskiyou County Fair and developing a charter to formalize the partnership.

Funding

FY 2009 Connecting People with Nature Project Award – Yreka FWO, Yreka, CA. June 12, 2009. Noah Ellis, Matt Baun, and Jennifer Jones from the Yreka FWO submitted eight proposals for Region 8 CPWN FY 2009 funding and received a \$3,350 award to purchase chiller units for the Aquarium Incubator project for the Siskiyou County Office of Education.

French Creek Outdoor School – Siskiyou County Office of Education, Yreka, CA. Spring and Fall 2009. The Yreka FWO provided \$15,000 of funding to the Siskiyou County Office of Education to sponsor students to attend the French Creek Outdoor School.

Wildlife Observation Supplies – Klamath River Elementary School, Klamath River, CA. September, 2009. The Yreka FWO purchased \$370 worth of supplies (binoculars, bird guides, and tarps) for the Klamath River Elementary School to conduct wildlife observation activities.

Bird Watching Supplies – Grenada Elementary School, Grenada, CA. September, 2009. The Yreka FWO purchased \$69 worth of supplies (bird guides and bird seed) for the Grenada Elementary School to conduct bird watching activities with the Klamath National Forest.

Sensory Garden Project – Yreka Community Garden, Yreka, CA. September, 2009. The Yreka FWO donated \$5,000 to the Siskiyou Arboretum to help fund the construction of the Sensory Garden Project at the Yreka Community Garden.

Greenhorn Botanical Garden – Greenhorn Park, Yreka, CA. September, 2009. The Yreka FWO donated \$1,000 to the Siskiyou Arboretum to help fund the creation of interpretive trails and a native botanical garden at Greenhorn Park.

Scott Valley Field Trips – Scott Valley, CA. September, 2009. The Yreka FWO donated \$1,830 to the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District to assist the Scott Valley

Unified School District with their environmental education program and field trips. During the Salmon Lifecycle field trips, students identify salmon species, take part in spawning ground surveys, and learn the salmon lifecycle. The French Creek Riparian field trips teach students about watersheds and irrigation systems.

Yreka Creek Greenway Murals – Greenway Welcome Center, Yreka, CA. September, 2009. The Yreka FWO purchased \$317 worth of anti-graffiti supplies for the Yreka Creek Greenway Committee to restore and protect the murals painted on the Yreka Creek Greenway Welcome Center.

The Mid-Klamath Youth Habitat Stewardship Education Program – Middle Klamath River region, CA. Year-round. The Yreka FWO donated \$5,000 to the Mid-Klamath Youth Habitat Stewardship Education Program to support the experiential environmental education program. Natural and cultural resources professionals from Federal and State agencies, the Karuk Tribe, the Salmon River Restoration Council, and the Mid Klamath Watershed Council taught students geology, hydrology, botany, wildlife, aquatic biology, fisheries, fire ecology, traditional cultural resource management, and current resource issues during excursion on the Klamath River. Students participated in restoration projects such as fish passage improvement, river clean up, noxious weed removal, hazardous fuels reduction, tree planting, and erosion prevention.