

# Restoring Sierra Meadows A Nature-based Solution

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# Healthy wet meadows are ecosystem workhorses in the Sierra Nevada

Critical components of watersheds that provide >60% of CA drinking water

Store as much carbon per acre as wetlands, peatlands, tropical rainforest

Among the most biodiverse ecosystems in CA

Single most important habitat for birds in the Sierra Nevada

Climate refugia & resilience to wildfire

# Meadows Need Our Help

>60% degraded reducing important services & exacerbating climate impacts









# Increasing Pace, Scale, & Efficacy of Meadow Restoration

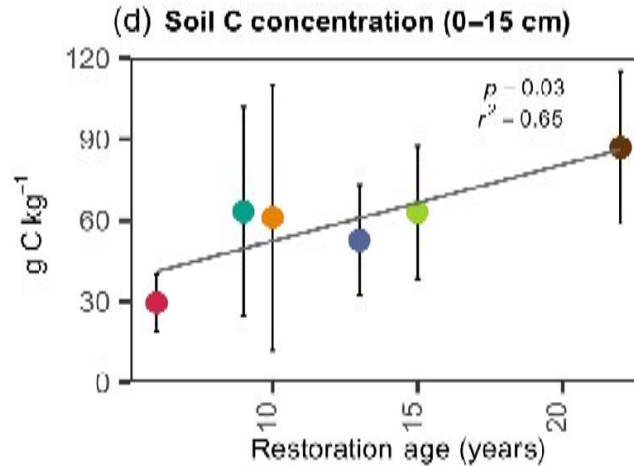
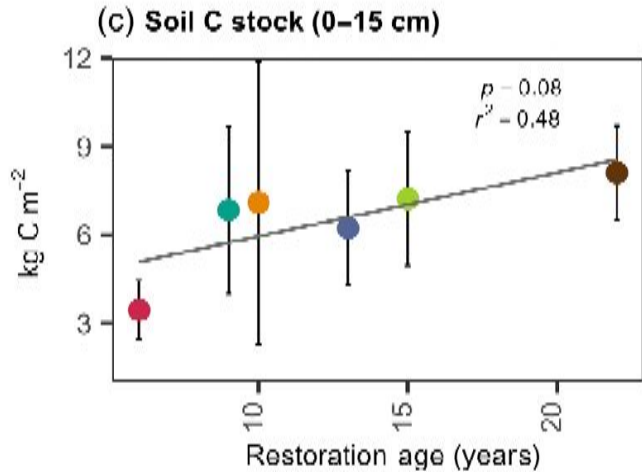
## Sierra Meadows Partnership

Restore & protect 30,000 acres by 2030 that enhance  
water, carbon, biodiversity, and cultural benefits

We are more than 1/2 way to our goal!



# Restoring Meadows = More Carbon Storage

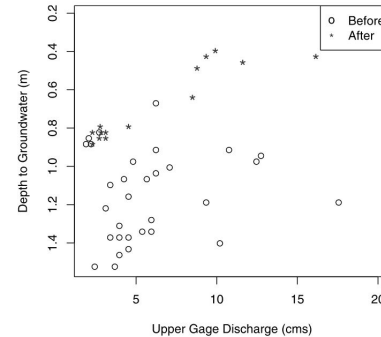
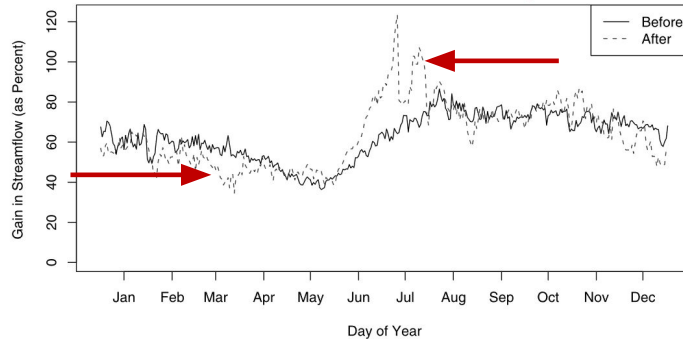


From Reed et al. 2022



# Restoration of floodplain hydrology can restore ecological function

Increased groundwater storage, flood attenuation, base flow, and improved water quality





# Healthy Meadows = Biological Diversity

- Birds, fish, amphibians, mammals, pollinators, plants
- Meadows are vital habitat for many imperiled species



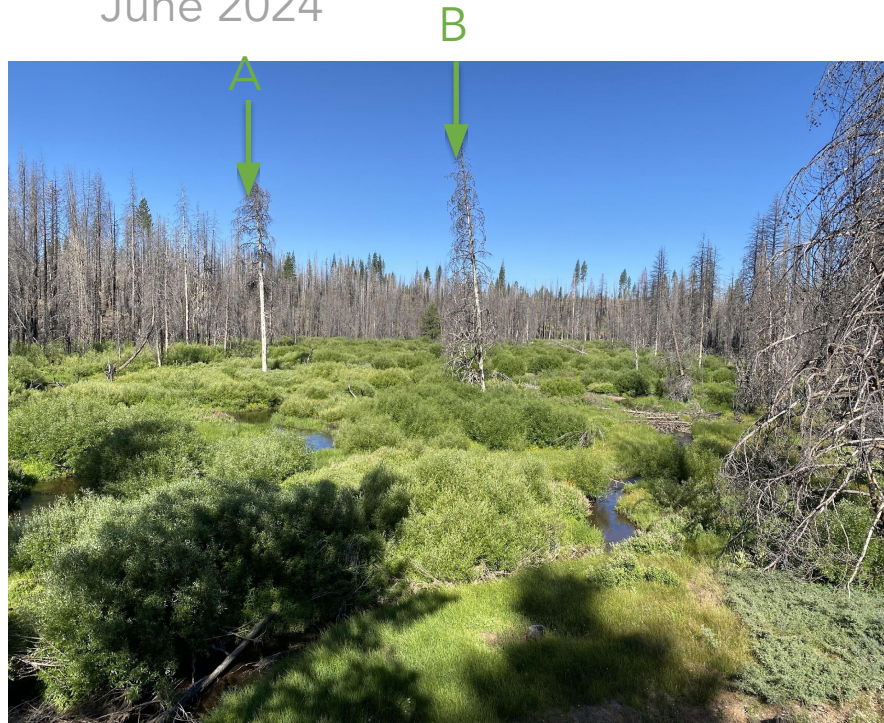


# Post-fire Refugia

June 2022



June 2024





# Culturally Important





# How are We Ensuring Meadows are a Climate Solution Not a Problem?

Restoring Degraded Meadows

Increasing Impact & Durability of Actions

Engaging Communities in their Stewardship

Protecting Meadows from Conversion