



Ward Frontal Watershed- Restoration

Project Number	01.02.01.0051		
Action Priority	Restore Priority Meadows, Wetlands, and Lake Tahoe Tributaries		
Implementers	U.S. Forest Service - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit		
Supporting Agencies	California Tahoe Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit		
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Stage	Planning/Design	Duration	2019 - 2027
Total Project Cost	\$1,500,000	Funding Request	\$1,500,000

Watershed Restoration Program ➤ Restore Priority Meadows, Wetlands, and Lake Tahoe Tributaries

Ward Frontal Watershed Channel Restoration: Completes essential projects for this USFS Priority Watershed under the Watershed Condition Framework. This project involves a partnership with the California Tahoe Conservancy to restore a reach of the creek that crosses ownership boundaries. Install large wood along 3,000 feet of Ward Creek, to enhance aquatic habitat and channel stability. Restore approximately 2,000 feet of Ward Creek through floodplain grading and new channel construction. A feasibility study to determine the preferred restoration approach started in 2023 and will be completed in 2024.

Targeted Performance Measures

- Acres of SEZ Restored or Enhanced
- Linear Feet of Stream Channel Restored or Enhanced

Threshold Categories

- Fisheries
- Water Quality

Location



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Targeted Funding

- Secured Funding: California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC), \$110,000
- Secured Funding: Southern Nevada Publi... (USFS - LTBMU), \$433,854
- Targeted Funding: Lake Tahoe Restoratio... (USFS - LTBMU), \$1,500,000

Photos

Before



Ward Creek Restoration Reach



Ward Creek Restoration Reach

Project Fact Sheet Data as of 06/06/2025