



VOLUNTEER REPORT



2022

CSERC'S Volunteer Report for 2022

CSERC strives to make a difference for our mountain region by motivating volunteers and connecting them to areas in need of restoration and protection.

After being forced to curtail volunteer restoration projects during 2019-2021 due to COVID and the mandate to practice social distancing and avoid gatherings, last year CSERC reached out to the U.S. Forest Service for permission to re-start restoration workday projects in 2022. Due to national policies related to potential COVID outbreaks elsewhere in different parts of the country, the Forest Service held off on authorizing any volunteer projects until changing that policy in June.

Soon afterwards, CSERC staff joined with volunteers and USFS staff members to do a restoration workday project out at Deer Creek in the national forest. In areas where off-road vehicles had trespassed repeatedly into areas known to contain sensitive plant species and into the riparian area along the main creek, **the workday project enabled volunteers and CSERC to help build exclusion barriers to protect resources.**

Volunteers also helped to clean up trash and debris in the area. A second volunteer project was done at the same site later in the summer, with CSERC staff and volunteers again assisting USFS crew members in building wood fence exclusion barriers and to further repair degraded areas.

A third volunteer project was completed at three separate areas along **Trout Creek and the Clavey River, where volunteers assisted with blocking illegal off-road-vehicle routes** and worked to natural areas with ruts and erosion.

The final volunteer project was done in September. Volunteers joined CSERC staff to **do maintenance and repair work on the long trail leading out to Chain Lakes** in the Emigrant Wilderness. This was a challenging workday that was extremely successful and allowed CSERC staff and volunteers to do restoration work in a beautiful wild area of our mountain region.

