

— QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER —

# THE GRIZZLY REPORT

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## SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

**It's been a summer of celebrations!** We concluded a wonderful year in service with 3 days of camping, swimming, and whitewater rafting along the stunning American River in El Dorado County with our 2021-2022 Cohort. After a week long orientation to kick off the start of the new 2022-2023 service year, the third GrizzlyCorps Cohort began their term with a variety of trainings centered around climate action in service, community resilience, and technical knowledge. *Through their stories, connections & experiences shared, the mycelial networks they have built will carry through each journey to come — onward we go!*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHECK OUT OUR  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

COHORT 2: GRADUATION 2022

We have 34 incredible GrizzlyCorps Fellows this year! Learn more about cohort 3:

26%

FROM OUT  
OF STATE

45%

IDENTIFY  
AS QUEER

41%

IDENTIFY  
AS BIPOC

41%

SPEAK MORE  
THAN ONE  
LANGUAGE

## FELLOW REFLECTIONS

*"The GrizzlyCorps community has been an unwavering source of support and inspiration as I have transitioned from college into the workforce. The relationships and knowledge developed during this fellowship have deepened my commitment to being a part of the movement building a resilient, justice-oriented, ecologically vibrant climate future."*

- Alex Litner, GrizzlyCorps



*"GrizzlyCorps was an incredible experience that deepened my understanding of the on-the-ground challenges many farmers face in practicing regenerative agriculture, all while illuminating some of the practical solutions public/private agencies and policymakers can prioritize to remedy these challenges. The GrizzlyCorps program staff was supportive each step of the way, and I feel really lucky to have grown - both personally and professionally - alongside my fellow GrizzlyCorps cohort."*

- Sukhmony Brar, UCCE Fresno







## NEW FELLOW HIGHLIGHTS



### Gabe, Oberlin College, Ohio (he/him)

Gabe is excited to serve with the Napa County Resource Conservation District and explore how he can contribute to their work. His work will focus on the RCD's forestry and wildfire resilience programming. Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Gabe graduated from Oberlin College in 2017 with a major in Geology and a minor in English.

### Nina, UCLA, California (she/her)

Nina is the oldest of three sisters from the San Francisco Bay Area, and loves swimming, camping, yoga, and playing guitar. She graduated with a B.S. in Environmental Science with a concentration in Environmental Systems & Society from University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA) in June 2021. She first became interested in the intersection of food and sustainability her freshman year of college.



### Clay, Auburn University, Alabama (she/they)

Clay is a GrizzlyCorps fellow serving with Mariposa Trails in Mariposa County, working on expanding the scope of trails in Mariposa County while integrating recreation with fire resiliency. Clay received their Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management from North Carolina State University, and a Master of Science in Natural Resources from Auburn University. Before GrizzlyCorps they worked as a Graduate Research Assistant at Auburn University.



### Ashleyann, CSU Chico, California (she/her)

Ashleyann is a Filipina born and raised in Stockton, CA, and she is one of the two fellows serving the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County. She will assist with the implementation of the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program. This work will include outreach, education, project planning, and gathering and organizing data for San Diego's regional priority plan and community wildfire protection plans.



WELCOME  
TO OUR  
NEWEST  
GRIZZLY  
STAFF!

### Jasmine, Grizzly Program Administrator

Jasmine has just joined the GrizzlyCorps team after serving as a GrizzlyCorps fellow at Pie Ranch. Jasmine graduated from UC Davis with a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science and Management.

She brings her experience as a fellow in the program and passion for environmental health, community engagement through nonprofit work, and creating sustainable food systems. At Pie Ranch, Jasmine supported the Cascade Regenerator Program, a program designed to support emerging and underresourced farmers build sustainable land-based businesses. She worked on creating an environmental stewardship plan for the ranch, education and outreach, fire recovery and planning projects, and supporting Pie Ranch's partnership with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and Land Trust.

### Out of the Ashes: Opportunities and Challenges after a California Megafire



BY BETHANY LLEWELLYN

6/27/22

Burn scars stretching across wide swathes of forested landscape are a familiar sight for any Californian today, but we treat them much like we might a scar on the body: we avert our eyes in passing and focus our energy elsewhere, only occasionally giving in to morbid fascination and staring outright. And yet, like bodily scars, burn scars can surprise in their beauty. I contemplated this beauty while lying on my stomach in charred soil, examining the largest patch of fawn lilies I'd ever seen.

I was deep in the footprint of the 2020 August complex, a million-acre fire that when it burned was the largest in recorded California history...(Read the rest [here](#).)

### Weaving together Indigenous food sovereignty, land rematriation, and land stewardship



BY JASMINE CURCIO

7/20/22

On May 10th, 2022, in collaboration with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band (AMTB), Amah Mutsun Land Trust (AMLT), and EcoFarm, Pie Ranch held a field day exploring the concepts of Indigenous food sovereignty, land stewardship, and land rematriation. The event highlighted the ongoing cultural resource management programs of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and Land Trust in collaboration with Pie Ranch and other organizations on the Central Coast, featuring speakers from the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, Amah Mutsun Land Trust, Deep Medicine Circle, Pie Ranch, State Parks, and UC Berkeley. The field day was held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Quiroste tribe, of whom there are no known descendants. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is ... (Read the rest [here](#).)



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