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THE GRIZZLY REPORT



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Orientation

Surrounded by the stunning backdrop of 5,000 acres of rolling hills & oaks in Mendocino county, our new Grizzly Cohort launched into 4 days of camping, exploring, and learning at the Hopland Research & Extension Center. The week was spent in conversation with guest speakers about climate resilience & restoration practices to set the stage for the service year. Fellows were also introduced to field activities around the site to gain skills in Forest Inventory & Oak Identification. Watch our full recap video on the GrizzlyCorps youtube channel [here](#).

“Partnering with GrizzlyCorps this year has been a terrific experience and asset for our nonprofit. After just two months, Jordan, our Grizzly Corps fellow, has quickly become a valued member on our small team! Jordan has already contributed so much to our Community Food Project by assisting MESA with grant tracking and project reporting, providing hands-on support for our local partner organizations, and getting to know our project participants' needs and interests.”

— Lauren Augusta, Executive Director of Multinational Exchange for Sustainable Agriculture (MESA), Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars: **GrizzlyCorps 2022-2023 Site partner application** opens **JAN 18 - MAR 18**.

- You can visit our website for more information & to view this year's application!

Giving Tuesday: Please consider supporting GrizzlyCorps this holiday season and donate [here](#).

A Bittersweet Farewell: Jordan Diamond, the executive director of CLEE & GrizzlyCorps, will be leaving CLEE after 7 years at Berkeley. Jordan will be greatly missed by our team and we wish her the best luck in her next venture!



FELLOW HIGHLIGHTS

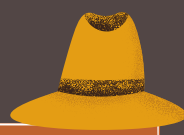
Josh (*Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority*) has been building support and capacity for wildfire mitigation in six key areas of Marin County. He hopes to promote the idea that defensible space is beautiful and to shift forest management paradigms towards long forgotten practices.



Sukhmony (*UC Cooperative Extension, Fresno*) has been working directly with BIPOC farmers to implement regenerative agricultural practices, assist with ongoing research projects assessing soil health and specialty crop production, and expand UCCE's education and outreach initiatives.



A few Grizzly fellows (**Dana, Tyler, & Jasmine**) participated in a Wildland Fire Training at Pie Ranch in collaboration with members of the Amah Mutsun Native Stewardship Corps. Corps members aimed to remove and reduce flammable materials that allow fires to spread or intensify.



I Thought Prescribed Fire Was the Answer

BY PAULINE ALLEN
11/3/21

In the last five years everyone on the west coast has become familiar with fire. Often it's from a personal experience with a particular fire, one that made us feel vulnerable. I visit homes in the Santa Monica Mountains to help people prepare their houses for wildfires as part of the Free Home Ignition Zone Evaluation Program run by the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains. Residents often tell me stories which begin like this, "When the Woolsey Fire came through..." For me that fire was the Tubbs Fire, when my family awoke to friends frantically calling us to make sure we'd seen the evacuation orders. That was when I learned what a "firestorm" was...(Read the rest [here](#).)

From Planning to Implementation

BY MIKAYLA TRAN
10/21/21

So far, I've learned that the implementation phase is no easy feat. At my host site, Sustainable Conservation, I work with two key environmental policies: the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the Salt and Nitrate Programs arising from the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS). Now is an exciting time for California's water landscape, as we are starting to see what implementing these plans and projects really looks like on the ground. In college, analyzing environmental policies felt nowhere similar to the work I am doing now. Policies that may have seemed dull in the classroom now take new shapes and dimensions that I never could have imagined...(Read the rest [here](#).)

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