

Hello Val,

Thanks for our visit last week. Fun to see the creek flowing. I hope you got your kayak trip in!

As we discussed, I am writing to update you on some Trout Unlimited work that Eagle Lake Guardians has been supporting.

First, the Stream Condition Inventory (SCI) data collection at McCoy Flats Meadow was successfully completed last May (2023) and Sabra has the report writing on her to-do list. Since we got the CDFW funding for restoration design of McCoy Flats and Champs Flat Meadow, we have asked Sabra to perform the same SCI data collection at Champs Flat, and she and a team of Trout Unlimited field staff are scheduled to do that work the week of May 27th after the Monday holiday. Scheduling this additional field work will delay us in getting you the McCoy results and report, but we are eager to get all the data collected for these meadows to inform the restoration design process, which will begin in earnest in June. I appreciate your patience, and it may prove most beneficial for Sabra to write-up both meadows at once so they can be looked at together for similarities and differences.

Second, we are making progress in renewing attention to the 2015 Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout Conservation Agreement and increasing the pace and scale of implementation. Our active outreach to the agencies almost surely helped CDFW to decide to award us the meadow planning grant for Champs and McCoy. Trout Unlimited has organized two workshops with USFS and CDFW and one CRMP tour last October. Most recently, on April 12th, we organized a hydrology workshop to discuss the past and future hydrology of the basin and evaluate the adequacy of prior hydrology studies and data collection efforts. Under our grant from CDFW, the University of Nevada Reno will be conducting hydrology modeling to identify ways to improve hydrology for spawning ELRT. The workshop helped frame the questions that the modeling will help answer.

Beyond all this, Trout Unlimited has secured a grant from the Sierra Meadows Partnership to implement the restoration design at Logan Springs Meadow this summer. We are still working through our permitting process, but I am optimistic we will implement the project on schedule. And Dan Johnson and I look forward to further conversations with you about how best to conduct outreach and to raise awareness of the positive things that are happening for ELRT – more to come.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the above. I will reach out for another visit on one of my upcoming visits. Thanks again for all your support, and that of Eagle Lake Guardians members.

Sincerely,

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