

**Eagle Lake Guardians  
Pine Creek Conservation Plan Update  
8-5-15**

**Updates on Pine Creek work include:**

- 1) Fieldwork on Confluence Meadow, including habitat surveys and geomorphic sampling that has produced recommendations for restoration at that site. We will bring these recommendations to the Forest Service to begin NEPA.
- 2) LiDAR flight is paid for and scheduled to be flown this week or next on segments of Pine Creek, which will help inform new restoration recommendations for a variety of sites.
- 3) Goals, objectives, and desired future conditions that will produce a cohesive watershed strategy among all stakeholders has been started and is being further developed within the Pine Creek Technical Team, which will help with project sequencing, prioritization, and fundraising.
- 4) The 'splitter project' near Highway 44 is going to be permitted and designed and implemented as early as next spring. This will keep more water in Pine Creek during low flow periods.
- 5) A conversation has begun about restoration and grazing management within the watershed, and I will keep you apprised on how that develops, and what changes might be brought as a result.
- 6) Trout Unlimited staff is scheduled to participate in fieldwork on Pine Creek during late August and early September in coordination with CFWF covering a week and a half of field time. We will continue to collect bugs, complete a survey of all occupied Brook Trout waters, and do another round of flow and dye sampling, which collects data for a future chemical treatment.
- 7) We are working with the Forest Service to look at recommendations for better use of the wildlife ponds/diversions (I.e Harvey) which will allow for increased water being released down stream into Pine Creek during years when spawning is likely to occur.

Again, I cannot thank you all enough for your support over the past two years, and I think a lot of really good work has already been completed and even bigger accomplishments are teed up to be completed in the next two years.

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