

DECEMBER 2015 TROUT UNLIMITED UPDATE:

TU just received a grant for 119k from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to do a handful of things in the watershed in 2016. These include 1) completing a restoration design (engineering) for what we are calling Confluence Meadow (where we did that field tour last year), 2) completing restoration on the splitter (directly above HWY 44) to ensure more water enters the main channel of Pine Creek, 3) dedicating the Bogard Spring water right back into Bogard Spring Creek (as opposed to being used for the Rest Station), and 4) developing a simple watershed plan so we can track our success toward desired future conditions.

The biggest part of this grant is the Confluence Meadow portion, which will create the engineering to complete an actual large scale meadow restoration project in the watershed that will keep more water in the system longer in the season. Construction could start as early as spring 2017.

This is pretty great news, and if we get either of the two Prop 1 grants from the State of CA, your initial investment in TU will be entering the half million range of funding. If we get all of our funding requests, we will be close to the million dollar range. Besides grant writing, we have been organizing the next CRMP and Pine Creek TRT meetings for early 2016. Stay tuned for dates.

I can't thank you enough for your help in these endeavors and I always want to hear what your thoughts are on what else it is we should be working on, as you know the area best!

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