

Get involved with the Lake County Watershed Council today! If you are like a lot of landowners, you would like to do something to improve water quality, enhance fish habitat, or address juniper encroachment, but you don't have the time or money.

Watershed councils can help you get something done on your own land, under your own control.

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Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council

*Ridge Top to Ridge Top
Restoration*



What We Do

Formed in the mid 90's, the Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council is made up of Lake County residents who assist local landowners in improving and promoting the health of Lake County's watersheds. The group has accomplished much over the years, but not without the help of many partners, local contractors, and willing landowners.

“ Our mission is to promote cooperative watershed restoration across jurisdictional boundaries, to better Lake County's watersheds and people. ”

Consultation

Through meetings, phone calls, and discussion, we can help identify resources, explore options, and assist landowners in reaching their land restoration and enhancement goals.

Stream Channel Restoration

Individual landowners can have a voice in promoting natural channel design in order to prevent erosion and washouts - while restoring a stream to its historic condition. This may include stabilizing stream banks, modifying channel shape, adding large wood for complexity, or rock riffles and boulder clusters to restore and maintain stable channel conditions and reduce velocities.

Forest Health and Juniper Management

The goal of forest health and juniper management is to restore a resilient ecosystem by thinning forest stands and removing invasive juniper. In doing so, we increase water and nutrient availability, improve wildlife habitat, and enhance forage production.

Riparian Area Improvement

Riparian fencing, off-site water developments, and harden water crossings can provide for a sustainable riparian area for your grazing needs and for the health of the stream and aquatic species.

Fish Passage and Screening

Maintaining water resources for our ranching communities and native fish populations is important to the LCUWC. We help to improve fish access to streams in efforts to improve fish habitat and sustain populations. Working together can lead to a win-win scenario where efficient irrigation and watering systems can be implemented while providing fish passage and quality habitat.

Education and Outreach

In the field or in the classroom, the LCUWC provides education activities for youth in Lake County along with hosting tours and workshops for adults. We connect our youth and landowners to the experts in the field and stay up to date with the latest research.