

Looking for dedicated Environmental Stewards to purchase a beautiful, offgrid, strawbale house and co-steward the Smiling Owl Wildlife Preserve with the Bear Yuba Land Trust, the preserve's founder and the larger community. Useful skills include: knowledge of native plants and riparian wildlife corridors; forestry skills; prescribed burning; cultural burning and invasive plant removal experience. Must have a good work ethic, be mechanically minded and have a willingness to learn and work in community.

"For the right people, this land is a gorgeous paradise, a study in ecology and a Spiritual Sanctuary. The more you give to life here, the more you are given." - Nina Allen, Founder of Smiling Owl Preserve Smiling Owl Preserve was created to protect and preserve a wildlife habitat on the north fork of the Deer Creek Watershed. All but the two small building envelopes, totaling less than 1 acre, has been dedicated to a Conservation Easement held by the Bear Yuba Land Trust. The founder, Nina Allen, with the assistance of the greater community, has done extensive thinning and prescribed burns to support a healthy forest ecology. Many of the neighbors share her vision and work together to make the forest healthy and fire-safe.



Beautiful, Fire-Hardened, Straw Bale Home with Solar for Off-Grid Living

Offered for Sale: exclusive rights to the .56 building envelope that includes a 2-bedroom, two bath, 1800 sq. ft., strawbale house with an oversized garage/ workshop and separate guest studio. The home has a masonry wood stove and radiant heat under hardwood floors, tiled bathrooms, a claw foot tub and great natural light. Both buildings have been fire-hardened with a metal roof, stucco siding and enclosed cement board soffits. The solar is owned and off-grid but there is the possibility of connecting to PG&E if desired. There is also a legal hydro-electric infrastructure that can be developed.



The sweet strawbale studio has a propane fireplace, a wet bar and a sleeping loft. Three small gardens include an herb garden, a pollinator garden and a raised bed vegetable garden, plus a small orchard with pear, apple and raspberries. A gray water system waters the orchard, gardens and native landscaping.

The internet is via satellite and there is a land line; cell service is spotty but can be improved with a booster.



Shared Stewardship

Nina Allen has devoted over 20 years and most of her personal and financial resources to stewarding the land and is now looking to pass the torch to others who will continue her work.

She will retain exclusive use and care of her home, a 650-sq. ft., Earth-Bag House she designed and helped build, located on a separate, .03 acre building envelope with its own water, septic and power and accessed via a private drive. Nina is dedicated to co-stewarding the land and willing to consider a creative financing and ownership structure for the right buyer.

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