



Summary Social Assessment Report 2020

ECONOMIC

Local Contracting & Local Purchasing

URFC contracts for various services, including timber harvest plan (THP) consulting, inventory cruising, logging, hauling, road work, carbon verification, FSC auditing, spotted owl surveying, botanical surveys, geological review of THPs, reforestation, restoration activities, site preparation and stand improvements.

Year	Major Local Vendors/Contractors	Approximate Value of Goods and Services	Community Donations
2020	16	\$641,642	\$6,610

Safety Record for 2020

There were no incidents of injury or illness in 2020.

Personnel Costs

Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc.

Year	# of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees	Total Personnel Costs
2020	2.75	\$335,499

Usal Redwood Forest Company, LLC

Year	# of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees	Total Personnel Costs
2020	5	\$524,057

Carbon Certification contractors

URFC contracts with US Forest Capital out of Portland, Oregon for management of our carbon credit certification process.

Biochar-in-Place Feasibility Project

In winter 2020, we began a new biochar demonstration project called Biochar-in-Place Feasibility Project. In this project, we used six portable kilns, two Oregon Kilns and four Ring of Fire kilns, in several different locations on Usal Redwood Forest to turn hazardous fuels into biochar and assess the feasibility of equipment, labor and cost. Kelpie Wilson (creator of the portable kilns) trained our staff and a fantastic California Conservation Corps (CCC) crew how to operate the portable kilns and make high

quality biochar and the importance of carbon sequestration. The biomass carbon was sequestered into biochar and then applied to forest soils at the site where the biochar was made by the CCC. This project continued through the winter of 2020 into 2021. A community outreach webinar for this project was held in March of 2021.

ENVIRONMENT

Restoration Activities

- Anderson Creek, South Fork Eel River Watershed – Large Wood placement for Instream Habitat Enhancement
- Julias Creek, Usal Creek Watershed - Sediment Reduction, Instream Habitat Enhancement and tree planting

Restoration Committee

- Developed a project proposal for a watershed level Restoration Plan including planning for a paired watershed assessment on the effect of hillslope treatments on streamflow.

COMMUNITY

2020 Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting held virtually on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. There were 120 community members in attendance; this included regional residents along with others who tuned in from all over the US and internationally. Chief Forester Linwood Gill led a virtual forest tour pointing out various types of silviculture. Karen Youngblood, Forest Conservation Specialist, gave an overview of recent restoration work and Chair Kathleen Moxon and CEO/President Mark Welther spoke about the organization's accomplishments. Harun Mehmedinović, Cinematographer for "Ice on Fire" – the HBO documentary that featured RFFI's contributions to addressing climate change - gave a great overview of his experience on the film.

Community Governance

Community involvement is integral to RFFI's existence and operation. It is reflected in our governance by an eleven-member Board of Directors and an advisory group composed of regional representatives. In 2020, members of the Redwood Forest Council (RFC), RFFI's 25-member community advisory group, held monthly meetings and attended RFFI Board meetings and our virtual Annual Meeting. RFC members provided input on strategic planning, organizational development, hiring, forest management planning, timber harvest plans and restoration projects.

Volunteer Program

URFC and RFFI benefit from a dedicated group of volunteers, who among other contributions help us conduct a number of educational, citizen science, forest restoration and recreational activities in conjunction with dedicated partners. We generally have about 50 active volunteers, both local residents and from beyond, who volunteer personally or virtually to support our work.

Usal Lost Coast Hopper

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the one-day mountain bike event produced by Grasshopper Adventure was postponed until 2021.

Community Events

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all in-person community events were postponed.