



## Summary Social Assessment Report 2021

### ECONOMIC

#### *Local Contracting & Local Purchasing*

URFC and RFFI contract for various services:

**URFC:** 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, stand improvements and carbon offset program sales and support.

**RFFI:** Communications support, management support, as well as Annual Update and Annual meeting production. Halfway through 2021 RFFI started contracting with the then board chair for its CEO position while the organization embarked on a hiring process. They were still contracting at the end of 2021.

Usal Redwood Forest Company, LLC			
Year	Major Local Vendors/Contractors	Approximate Value of Goods and Services	Community Donations
2021	32	\$639,730	\$4,483.16

Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc.			
	Major Local Vendors/Contractors	Approximate Value of Goods and Services	Community Donations
2021	6	\$53,867	\$125

### *Personnel Costs*

#### **Usal Redwood Forest Company, LLC**

Year	# of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees	Total Personnel Costs
2020	5	\$571,140

#### **Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc.**

Year	# of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees	Total Personnel Costs
2021	2.75 Jan - June 0.75 July - Sept 1.75 Sept - Dec	Staff: \$222,953 Interim CEO contract expense: \$20,000 <b>Total: \$242,953</b>

### *Safety Record for 2021*

There were no incidents of injury or illness in 2021.

### *Carbon Certification contractors*

URFC contracts with US Forest Capital out of Portland, Oregon for management of our carbon credit certification process and NCRM, Inc. for carbon offset program calculations.

### *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

### *2021 Annual Meeting*

The 2021 Annual Meeting held virtually on Wednesday, September 8, 2020. There were 171 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 provide a video interview of Kelly Payne and his wife who are small mill operators that we make special accommodations so that they can purchase and mill wood from Usal. Karen Youngblood, Forest Conservation Specialist, gave an overview of recent restoration work and Kathleen Moxon, Interim CEO/President spoke about the organization’s accomplishments and the strategic priorities for the next five years. Frank Lake was the guest speaker who toured the property prior to the meeting and provided his thoughts on integrating into our forest management objectives for meeting our strategic priority to “create management objectives that address fire resiliency, carbon capture and climate mitigation.” He also discussed integration of indigenous knowledge and management practices that would enhance Native American utilization of our forest assets. It was well received with 100 participants staying ½ hour after the meeting to ask additional questions.

### *Community Governance*

Community involvement is integral to RFFI’s existence and operation. It is reflected in our governance by what is currently a six-member Board of Directors (we are currently recruiting for additional board members) and an advisory group composed of regional representatives. In 2021, members of the Redwood Forest Council (RFC), RFFI’s 25-member community advisory group, held quarterly 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*

URFC again hosted the Lost Coast Hopper which had over 200 registrants. After the Hopper URFC hosts a fireside chat with those who stay over until Sunday. This gives us an opportunity to educate them about the vision, goals and objectives of both our forest management and community governance/engagement.

### *Community Events*

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all in-person community events were postponed once again, until 2022.