



The University of California’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources administers the Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program of California. Our program uses the limited federal funds allocated annually by Congress to implement a competitive grants program. In FY 2012 the California RREA program was allocated \$90,603 and, based on the recommendations of a Technical Advisory Committee participating from throughout California, funded a total of 8 competitive grants. The projects addressed 3 strategic categories: Forest Stewardship and Health, Rangeland Stewardship and Health and Invasive Species. Each of these projects deserves special recognition for their accomplishments however only a few can be highlighted.

***Preventing the Spread of Invasive Weeds via Aggregate***



*Workshop participants tour a weed-free quarry*

This project addressed a primary vector for the spread of invasive plants in California's Sierra Nevada region, the movement and use of weed-infested gravel, sand and fill materials. Best Management (BMP) guidelines were developed that included topics on how invasive plants spread and how to look for invasive plants in a quarry. Over 170 land and quarry managers and private landowners attended prevention workshops held throughout the region learning prevention BMPs and receiving information about weed-free aggregate inspection programs. Workshop participants agreed that there was "*Lots of really good practical information folded into a 2-hour session well worth attending.*"

***Geospatial Technology Workshops***



*Participants at Geospatial Technology Education & Training workshop*

Geospatial technologies are constantly being developed to collect, analyze, manage, share and display ecosystem information. Geospatial educational course content and a workshop were developed to enhance land managers and resource professional’s ability to address management goals and objectives to identify, plan and apply integrated renewable resource management practices. The first Geospatial Technology Education and Training workshop targeted for resource professionals and land managers was held at the UC Forestry Camp with 19 participants. Workshop participants strongly agreed that the workshop had "*increased my understanding of how to conduct spatial analyses with GIS*" and that they will incorporate GIS into their projects to a much greater degree in the future.

RREA in California has supported dozens of projects. Federal partnerships, like those supported through UC Cooperative Extension and RREA continue to make a difference at the local level and expand our impacts. Please visit our website: <http://ucanr.org/sites/rrea/> for full stories of our RREA successes. Contact: William Frost, Associate Director, UC Cooperative Extension, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616, (530) 752-3931, wefrost@ucanr.edu.

