

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy-Progress Report**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program  
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control  
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2008 (Proposition 84)**

**Grantee Name:** Plumas Corporation

**Project title:** GO722011 - Trails

**SNC Reference Number:** GO722011

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**6-Month Progress Report**

**Final Report**

<p><b>6-Month Progress Reports</b> should reflect the previous six months. <b>Final Reports</b> should reflect the entire grant period.</p>
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- A. Progress Report Summary:** (Please provide a general description of work completed during this reporting period.)
- Deliverables associated with the SNC-funded trails project include:  
Development of data and repository website, and the migrated mapping and GIS data from multiple sources;
  - Creation of an educational website to facilitate downloading of scalable trail maps and other information on TMP trails. The website will include a bulletin board for information such as trail education or volunteer opportunities, trail conditions, etc.;
  - Development and publishing of printed outreach materials, including brochures of popular trails and other information; other outreach efforts, including advertising in trails-related publications, web blogs, etc.

- B. Deliverables or Outcomes completed during this Reporting Period or Milestones Achieved:** (Include specific information, such as public meetings held, agency participation, partnerships developed, or acres mapped, treated or restored.)
- The grantee did not complete the “Hardware and Training” portion of the grant. Instead the grantee was able to host the website on existing servers. The website,

advertising and published brochures were completed as described in the grant scope of work. The website provides and overview of the trails program pages were created to reach out to individuals interested in supporting the program. Web users can enter and interactive system to identify trails and zoom into find additional detail. This site page allows the user to view Plumas County trails on Google Maps (with terrain and satellite imagery!), write about your expeditions, and answer our survey.

Advertising and Brochures (publisher) with the assistance of the local Visitor Bureau the grantee created and published several brochures including a hiking guide and mountain biking guide (threefold brochure).

**C. Challenges or Opportunities Encountered:** (Please describe what has worked and what hasn't; include any solutions you initiated to resolve problems. If your project is not on schedule, please explain why here.)

The biggest challenge was due to the "start and Stop" associated with the California State Bond freeze. However, the grantee was able to restart the project to accomplish the deliverables.

**D. Unanticipated Successes Achieved:** (Please describe any additional successes beyond completing scheduled tasks or meeting scheduled milestones.)

The project helped to leverage new relationships for the promotion of trails in Plumas County.

**E. Compare Actual Costs to Budgeted Costs:** (Please refer to your grant agreement to list your deliverables/budget categories and budgeted costs compared to actual costs incurred during this reporting period in the table below.)

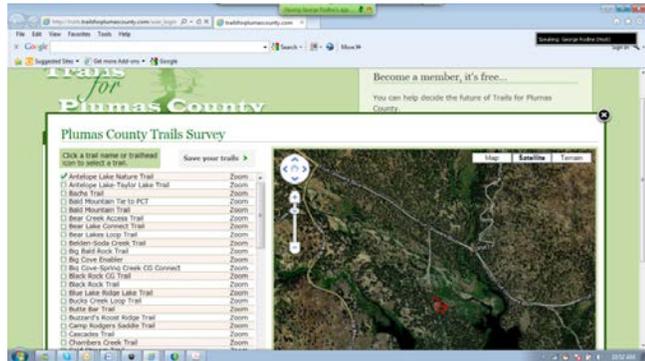
<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Budgeted SNC Dollars</b>	<b>Actual Dollars</b>
Hardware/Training	15,000	<b>-0-</b>
Website	8,000	<b>7380</b>
Advertising	2000	<b>20</b>
Publisher	5000	<b>6590</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>13990.51</b>

**Explanation:** (if needed)

**F. Do you have information to report on the project-specific Performance Measures for your project?** (If so, please list the Performance Measures below and describe your progress.)

**G. Were there any other relevant materials produced under the terms of this Agreement that are not a part of the budgeted deliverables? If so, please attach copies.** (Include digital photos, maps, media coverage of project, or other work products.)

Creating the web based map and database for the trails required the cooperation of Plumas County GIS system, and Forest Service information, county maps and trail data. Allowing view trails (both motorized and non-motorized) that are part of the forest system on a map that displays County districts, towns, roads, rivers, etc. The trails map



is a valuable planning tool as part of the trails master plan to be submitted as part of the county General Plan. This will allow us to create and fund the trails projects that enhance our lives in Plumas County. The following is a sample of the trails that can be viewed on the web site as a result of the SNC funding. This site allows visitors to view Plumas County trails on Google Maps (with terrain and satellite imagery).

**H. Next Steps:** (Work anticipated in the next 6 months, including location and timing of any scheduled events related to the project.)

N/A

## **Please Complete this Section for FINAL Report ONLY**

### **Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders:**

(What partnerships did you initiate or strengthen as a result of this project? How did they affect the project outcome? If applicable, how did this grant increase your organization's capacity? What is your plan to sustain this increase?)

### **Description of Project Accomplishments:**

#### **1. Most Significant Accomplishment**

Describe in one concise, well-written paragraph, the most significant accomplishment that resulted from this grant.

The project accomplished three significant outcomes. The website [trailsforplumas.com](http://trailsforplumas.com) was created to host information to the public on the abundant trails in Plumas County. The website provides a central place to meet online to search, view and explore trails online. The project is expected to lead to a "Trails Master Plan" for consideration in the General Plan.

#### **2. WOW Factor**

If applicable, please describe anything that happened as a result of the project or during the project that is particularly impressive.

The creation of the website and organization of literally hundreds of trails on one place is impressive. Further, the County of Plumas has realized that a "Trails Master Plan" like that of Nevada County would assist the development of the new General plan for Plumas County.

#### **3. Design and Implementation**

When considering the design and implementation of this project, what lessons did you learn that might help other grantees implement similar work?

Technology is not static as it relates to mapping of trails. Further, the applicant and partners realize that maintenance and care will be required to make sure the software/data remain dynamic.

#### **4. Indirect Impact**

Please describe any indirect benefits of the project such as information that has been developed as a result of the project is being used by several other organizations to improve decision-making, or a conservation easement funded by this grant that encouraged other landowners in the area to have conservation easements on their property.

The County of Plumas and Trails for Plumas County (TPC) will use the information to educate the public working partnership with others to foster, plan, develop, and maintain high quality inter-connected trail systems on public and private lands that provide access to neighborhoods, communities and recreation areas. Such a system of trails will allow residents and visitors to enjoy the benefits of recreation, education, environmental health, public health, accessibility, cooperation among trail users, and economic well being within the county

#### **5. Collaboration and Conflict Resolution**

If you worked in collaboration or cooperation with other organizations or institutions, describe those arrangements and their importance to the project. Also, describe if you encountered conflict in the project and how you dealt with it, or if there was conflict avoided as a result of the project.

Strong relationships were forged through the cooperation of several local agencies and organizations including the TPC an unincorporated nonprofit association, Plumas County Planning, and Plumas Corporation.

#### **6. Capacity-Building**

SNC is interested in both the capacity of your organization, as well as local and regional capacity. Please describe the overall health of your organization including areas in need of assistance. SNC is interested in the strength and involvement of your board, significant changes to your staff, size and involvement of membership. In addition, describe how your project improved capabilities of partners, or the larger community.

Long time Executive Director John Sheehan retired in December 2011. The Plumas Corporation Board hires Mr. Greg O'Sullivan as the new Executive Director. Mr. O'Sullivan has a long background in community/economic development. He has worked for local and state agencies from Imperial County to Siskiyou County California.

## 7.Challenges

Did the project face internal or external challenges? How were they addressed? Describe each challenge and any actions that you took to address it. Was there something that SNC did or could have done to assist you? Did you have to change any of your key objectives in response to conditions "on the ground"?

The project did experience several "Start and Stop" processes. Further, the grant was expected to provide funding for "outreach materials (hardcopy). However, after launching the project and website the need for these types of materials became less important.

## 8.Photographs

Grantees are strongly encouraged to submit photos, slides or digital images whenever possible. These images will be used for SNC publications such as annual reports or on the website. Please make sure you clearly identify location, activity, and your project with each submitted image. Images will be credited to the submitting organization, unless specified otherwise.

"screenshots"



## 9.Post Grant Plans

What are the post-grant plans for the project if it does not conclude with the grant? Include a description of the following (if applicable): (1) Changes in operations or scope; (2) Replication or use of findings; (3) Names of other organizations you expect to involve; (4) Plans to support the project financially, and; (5) Communication plans?

No Post Grant plans – The Plumas County Visitor Bureau was unfunded in 2011-2012.

### Post Grant Contact

Who can be contacted a few years from now to follow up on the project? Please provide name and contact information.

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**SNC-approved Performance Measures:** (please list each Performance Measure for your Project, as identified in your Grant Agreement, and the results/outcomes.)

Deliverable	Status/results/Outcome	Comments
Computer Hardware/Software	Accomplished	Website Software resident on server
Consultant/Interactive Website	Accomplished	
Peripheral Marketing Materials	Accomplish/Changed format	Downloadable PDF's of trails
Advertising/Outreach	Accomplished	public meetings, news letters

### **Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Project Reporting Guidelines**

Progress Reports are required periodically throughout the term of the Grant Agreement (Refer to Exhibit B of the Grant Agreement). These reports will allow you and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) to see the degree to which the project is on track and achieving your projected outcomes. Your Progress Reports will further provide the SNC with information that will help us to explain your work to the Board Members and various other audiences. Timing of Progress Reports is specified in the Project Schedule included in Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement, but generally every 6 months until completion of the project.

A Progress Reporting Form is provided to Grantees on the SNC Website. **Six-month Progress Reports** should reflect the previous 6-month period; **Final Reports** should address each question for the entire grant period – looking at the project as a whole.

The form specifies the items you will need to report on. For the Six-Month Interim Report these include, but are not limited to: *A Progress Report Summary of work completed, Deliverables or Outcomes Completed, Challenges or Opportunities Encountered, Unanticipated Successes Achieved, Actual Costs compared to Budgeted Costs, Any Additional Relevant Materials Produced, and Next Steps.*

The Final Report will include additional information, such as: *Resources Leveraged, Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders, a Description of Project Accomplishments, and SNC Approved Performance Measures.*

Please make sure that you submit complete reports by the dates requested in your Grant Agreement.