



Reporting Our Progress in Caring for the Land and Serving People



Ramping up for Wildlife Conservation Wildlife Program FY2012 Accomplishments National Forest System, Pacific Southwest Region

State: California

Congressional District: Multiple

Accomplishments:

- Commissioned and installed aquatic escape ramps throughout the region have enhanced over 2,000 terrestrial acres. The ramps permit small wildlife to escape from cattle troughs and water developments to prevent wildlife drowning.

Forest Service Contribution: \$13,000

Partner Contribution: \$3,500 in-kind and pamphlet production

Project Costs: \$16,500

External Partners:

Bat Conservation International, Partners for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation.

Internal Partners:

Pacific Southwest Region’s Range Program, Wildlife Program, Fisheries Program, Regional Emphasis Area leadership program.

The purpose of this project is to prevent the unnecessary drowning of snakes, lizards, birds, bats and numerous other species in water developments/troughs, as well as to provide clean, safe drinking water to livestock and wildlife.

This innovative collaboration among Regional Office program staff and Region 5 Regional Emphasis Area leaders for herpetology, bats, and aquatic education, helped support and provide National Forests with field visits, ramps, and educational materials to properly install ramps.

Multiple wildlife species are now better protected against accidental drowning.



Installation of Aquatic Escape Ramp (above right). Specialized tool for shaping and installing ramp (lower right).

Project Contact: Chrissy Howell, 707-562-8929, cahowell@fs.fed.us