

# 2019 Tribal Assistance Update

NRCS California annually helps tribes and tribal members to manage natural resources in a manner that is consistent with their needs and values. This report summarizes the types of assistance provided to tribes through our Conservation Technical Assistance and the Environmental Quality Incentives Programs in 2019.

Requests for assistance occur across a broad landscape of land uses and issues of concern to tribes. The resources areas of common interest in 2019 included, forestland, rangeland, traditional plants gathering areas, wildlife habitat, and cropland. In 2019, 7 new Tribal EQIP contracts were obligated providing direct assistance in the amount of over \$650,000.00. Meanwhile, technical assistance was provided to tribes for 27 previously funded contracts and technical assistance not tied to a contract was delivered to 19 tribes.

Below is a breakdown of our work with tribes in each agricultural landscape and how that varied around the state. You will see that the majority of assistance to the tribes in northern middle of the state centered around forestland. The majority of work with the southern tribes was in traditional plants restoration.

## 2019 Tribal EQIP Obligations

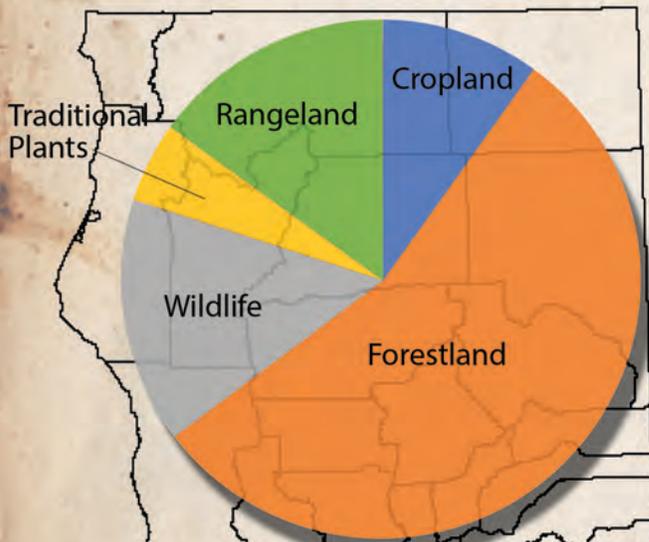
Land Use	Contracts Obligated	Contracted Acres	Obligation Amount
Forestland	3	60,224.0	\$605,295.50
Cropland	1	0.1	\$9,706.00
Rangeland	2	6,945.0	\$32,874.00
Traditional Plants	1	69.3	\$4,940.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>67,238.4</b>	<b>\$652,815.50</b>



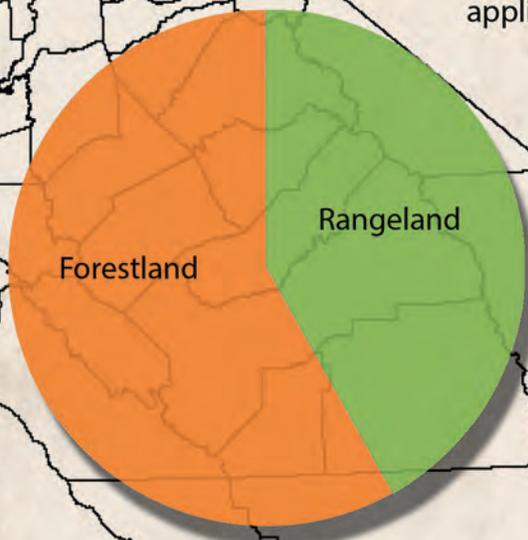
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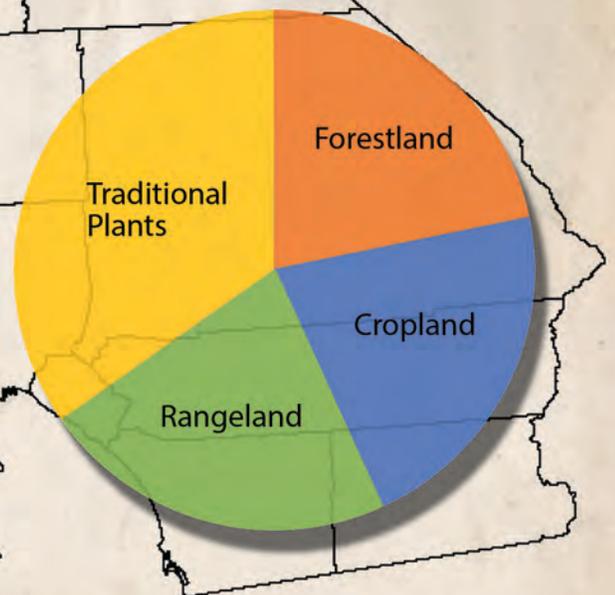
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In the Northern part of the state NRCS assisted tribes with 13 financial assistance contracts and provided 8 tribes with conservation technical assistance not associated with NRCS contracts. Slightly more than half of that assistance was provided in forestland with 15% each in wildlife habitat and cropland, 10% in rangeland, and 5% in traditional plant gathering areas.



In the Central part of the state we assisted tribes with 4 financial assistance contracts and provided 3 tribes with conservation technical assistance not associated with NRCS contracts. 57% was applied in forestland, and 42% in rangeland.



In the Southern part of the state we assisted tribes with 16 financial assistance contracts and provided 7 tribes with conservation technical assistance not associated with NRCS contracts. 35% of the total assistance was provided in traditional plants restoration projects while 22% was provided in forestland, cropland, and rangeland.