

## **Watershed Results Act**

Throughout the West, communities are experiencing extreme heat and record levels of drought that are hurting agriculture, conservation, as well as our nation's water quality. The Watershed Results Act provides the tools necessary to increase the resilience and health of our watersheds, which play an essential role in supporting safe drinking water for communities, outdoor recreation, and productive fisheries.

By using advanced forms of data analytics to identify key acres for restoration projects, the Watershed Results Act identifies and implements the most cost-effective and high-impact restoration activities for watersheds -- the land leading into streams, rivers, or lakes. This work will result in more positive environmental outcomes to combat the climate emergency.

### **The Watershed Results Act:**

- The Secretary of Interior will work in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to establish two to five watershed restoration pilot programs across the country.
- To maximize cost effective restoration, each pilot program must incorporate predictive data analysis to analyze millions of acres of a watershed to precisely locate the most effective acres for restoration that will make the largest impact.
- Each pilot program must establish milestones, outcome targets, an implementation plan, and a timeline for achieving full implementation.
- Outcomes for these pilots can include a quantifiable reduction in nutrient or sediment runoff or thermal load, quantifiable increases in dissolved oxygen and surface water or groundwater that functionally benefits fish and wildlife species, and any other quantifiable benefit identified to support watershed restoration.
- Each pilot program must work with state, local, and Tribal representatives, nongovernmental organizations, and private sector representatives.
- The Secretary shall provide an annual report to the relevant congressional committees describing the status of each watershed pilot, including progress towards the milestones and an additional 5-year report describing the result of the pilots.