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## I volunteer for the Wildlands Restoration Team because

through it I can directly increase local biodiversity. . . On hundreds of occasions I have rescued a tiny madrone, live oak, or other native plant from the patch of broom in which it had been imprisoned. ”

—C.K.

“ I sit at a desk most of each weekday, and I relish the opportunity to get out and thrash around in the bush and burn off some of the extra energy that accumulates while I stare at my computer. The physical release of such difficult work is enormously revitalizing, mentally refreshing, and relaxing. ”

—P.S.

“ The work provides fulfillment with the knowledge that the day I’ve just spent outdoors also served a purpose. ”

—T.M.



“ The positive rewards I get from my work with the team come from many sources: the satisfying physical labor, the sense of team work, the excitement of seeing a redwood seedling given the chance to survive.” —M.B.

“ . . . meeting wonderful people with diverse backgrounds. . .

“ . . . the incredible learning experience. . .

“ . . . witnessing the remarkable forces of nature” —N.A.

“ . . . a sense of spirit, camaraderie, and hope for the Santa Cruz redwood ecosystem.” —R.McG.

“ . . . a great sense of caring and hope for the land to heal. —L.B. ”

“ Just as we humans are capable of inflicting great harm on the environment, we also have the strength to restore nature and reverse the destruction. . . Seeing this, I’ll never again underestimate the power of a few dedicated individuals working as a team. ”

—M.B.

“ The camaraderie of the group can only be compared with that of a sports team. And yet, the closeness of the group’s members is enhanced by a sense of a shared mission larger than just winning a game or a championship. We are united by a love of nature, a commitment to give something back, and a desire to see tangible, positive results from our work. ”

—P.S.

“ The individual really does make a difference because two people can pull a whole lot more broom than one. ” —J.M.

