



## NAU to get \$2.38 million for research

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Congress has appropriated \$2.38 million to the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University for research and restorative treatments.

Projects that will receive funding include those at Mount Trumbull on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon where the land was heavily grazed in the late 1800s; fire regime research in the mixed conifer on the San Francisco Peaks; urban wildland interface treatments near mountain communities such as Springerville; and presettlement forest structure research on historic plots in northern New Mexico and Arizona.

Some of the money will also be used to study the pinion-juniper ecosystems of the West.

ERI Director W. Wallace Covington credits Sen. Jon Kyl's dedication to conservation for the funding.

"Sen. Kyl's support is fundamental to getting scientifically and socially responsible restoration implemented," said Covington.

Following a meeting this week with Sen. Kyl in Washington D.C., NAU President John Haeger said, "It is incredibly satisfying to see that the important work of the ERI is acknowledged, understood and supported by our elected officials."