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CA Groups, Tribes Praise New Bill, Call for Climate Emergency Declaration





The Yurok Tribe hopes that money from the Inflation Reduction Act will allow a big expansion of its forest restoration programs, like this one along the Trinity River in northern California. (Matt Mais/Yurok Tribe).



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As President Joe Biden gets ready to sign the Inflation Reduction Act into law, California conservation groups are hailing it as the country's largest-ever investment in the battle against climate change.

The bill puts \$369 billion into projects to reduce carbon emissions, boost clean energy, mitigate damage from climate change, and more.

Phillip Williams, councilmember for the Yurok Tribe in Northern California, said the money could supercharge his tribe's effort to restore their land after 150 years of environmental degradation.

"It's a great start to help fix the environmental damage that has been done on the Yurok territory," Williams outlined. "From gold mining, clear-cut logging of our redwood trees, and then damming of our rivers."

The Biden administration set a goal of reducing carbon emissions by half over the next eight years. The climate change projects funded by the Inflation Reduction Act are expected to help the U.S. cut greenhouse gasses by 40%. Opponents cite cost concerns.

Alex Cornell du Houx, president of Elected Officials to Protect America, wants Mr. Biden to declare a national climate emergency, to cut emissions by the remaining 10%.

"A national climate emergency declaration would scale and accelerate clean energy so that we reach the 50% by 2030, that the scientists show will avoid the worst effects of climate change," Cornell du Houx asserted.

The bill just passed both houses of Congress and now awaits a signature from President Biden. Supporters said the effort to tackle climate change will prevent billions of dollars in climate-related damages going forward while creating jobs in frontline communities.

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