

The Yurok Tribe



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Search warrants were served at 43 locations on and near the Yurok Reservation. The operation eradicated more than 15,000 plants.



Millions of gallons of water was wasted by the clandestine cannabis farms.



The high nitrate fertilizers and other chemicals threaten drinking water systems.



Illegal water diversions filled large, tarp-lined pools. The one on the right is in a creek bed.



Giant water tanks were also used to feed thirsty plants.



The majority of the plants still needed a month or more of irrigation to become marketable.



The farms threaten cultural resources like the bear grass (on the left). Liquid fertilizers contaminate fish-bearing streams.



Piles of debris were found at almost every site, including this one off of Mitchell Road.



Fish and wildlife killing fungicides and herbicides were used at the illegal sites.



300 gallon containers of fertilizer were a common item found at the grow sites.



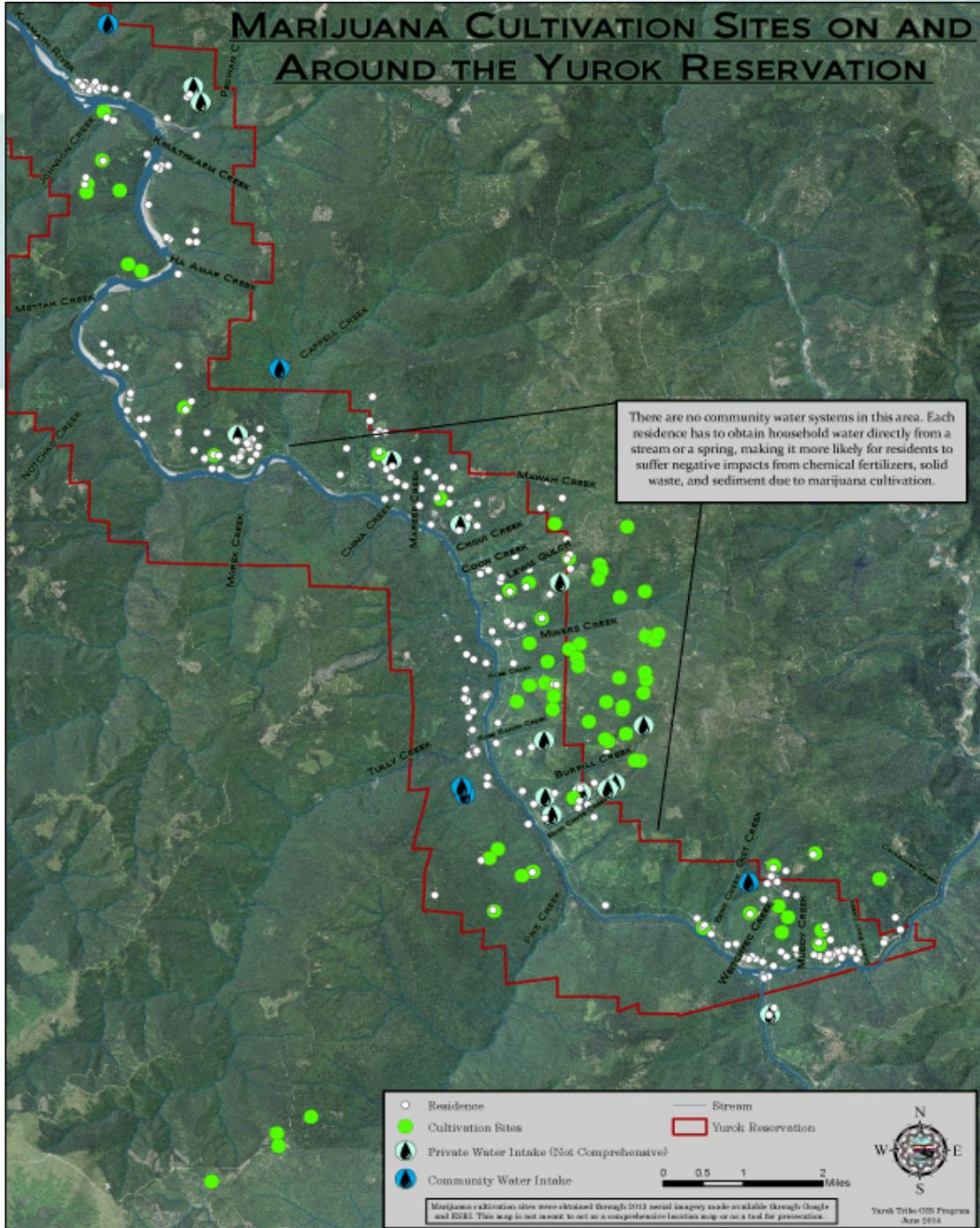
Mature trees were removed to make room for plantations.



Law enforcement collaboration

- Operation Yurok consisted of tribal, federal and state law enforcement officers including: California National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, Bureau of Land Management, BIA, Humboldt County Sheriffs Office, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Pelican Bay State Prison Swat Team, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, Marin County Sheriffs office and Calfire. The Yurok Tribe would like to give special thanks to the National Guard Counterdrug Task Force

MARIJUANA CULTIVATION SITES ON AND AROUND THE YUROC RESERVATION



There are no community water systems in this area. Each residence has to obtain household water directly from a stream or a spring, making it more likely for residents to suffer negative impacts from chemical fertilizers, solid waste, and sediment due to marijuana cultivation.

- Residence
- Cultivation Sites
- ⚓ Private Water Intake (Not Comprehensive)
- ⚓ Community Water Intake
- Stream
- ▭ Yurok Reservation

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

Marijuana cultivation sites were obtained through 2012 aerial imagery made available through Google and ESRI. This map is not meant to act as a comprehensive location map or as a tool for prosecution.

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