In June, three GEAR-UP schools collaborated to attend the “Landscape for Learning Camp” in the Methow Valley. Oroville, Bridgeport and Tonasket students camped, hiked, swam, fished and had a great time... even though it rained! We camped in tents at Pearrygin Lake Campground and ate some great food. During the day, we ventured up into the forest where the Tripod Fire had caused damage. We had 9 different instructors from the US Forest Service and a variety of other organizations and agencies that shared information about the Tripod Fire. We learned how and why the fire started, where the damage was, the strategies used to fight the fire, and how the landscape has recovered. We also learned about the early civilizations that inhabited the area. In the afternoon and evenings we played games, created skits and had an awesome campfire program. Special thanks to the Camp Mentors (CWU Bridges Students, Bridgeport Americorp and Tonasket and Oroville GEAR-UP Tutors) who helped make our Camp run smoothly. They had lots of energy and great ideas to keep the kids busy and engaged. Kudos to all!

This was our 4th year documenting the return of the forest following the Tripod Fire. The first two years we conducted investigations in the Conconully area and the last two years we investigated the Methow Valley area.