

## **Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS)**



**Submitted  
By:**

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**Submitted To:**

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**September 1, 2015**

**Note on discussions with SNC staff per discrepancies in the Full application Checklist/instructions:**

Item 6.a. in the Full Application Checklist is somewhat confusing. Under 6.a. there is the following direction: (5,000 character maximum for section 5.a only). This was obviously meant for section 6a, but it does not indicate if the limitation is to be with or without spaces.

In addition there is additional confusion in item 6.a. in that there are two check boxes that would indicate there are two different items, with perhaps the limitation applying only to the first item where the limitation is noted.

Our application was written with well below 5,000 characters for each of the 5.a. items, but somewhat over 5,000 characters, including spaces, for both items combined.

The discrepancies only came to light to the applicant in our final application review on 8/30/15, just prior to the submittal deadline. Applicant consulted with SNC staff and was advised that the character limited should have indicated "including spaces" and that 6.a. is in fact only one item, and not two separate items. Staff advised applicant to "not worry" about going slightly over the intended 5,000 character with spaces limit and to submit the application without going through last minute edits to further reduce characters in 6.a.

## Appendix B - Full Application Checklist

SNC Reference#: 832

Project Name: Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS)

Applicant: Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.

Please mark each box if item is included in the application. Please consult with SNC staff prior to submission if you have any questions about the applicability to your project of any items on the checklist. All applications must include a CD including an electronic file of each checklist item, if applicable. The naming convention for each electronic file is listed after each item on the checklist. (Electronic File Name = EFN: "naming convention". file extension choices)

Submission requirements for all Category One and Category Two Grant Applications

1.  Completed Application Checklist (EFN: *Checklist.doc, .docx, .or .pdf*)
2.  Table of Contents (EFN: *TOC.doc, .docx, or .pdf*)
3.  Full Application Project Information Form (EFN: *SIform.doc, .docx, or .pdf*)
4.  CCC/Local Conservation Corps Document (EFN: *CCC.pdf*)
5.  Authorization to Apply or Resolution (EFN: *authorization.doc, .docx, or .pdf*)
6.  Narrative Descriptions (EFN: *Narrative.doc or .docx*)
  - a.  Detailed Project Description (5,000 character maximum for section 5a only)
    - Project Description including Goals/Results, Scope of Work, Location, Purpose, etc.
  - b.  Workplan and Schedule
  - c.  Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements
    - Restrictions / Agreements (EFN: *RestAgree.pdf*)
    - Regulatory Requirements / Permits (EFN: *RegPermit.pdf*)
  - d.  Organizational Capacity
  - e.  Cooperation and Community Support
    - Letters of Support (EFN: *LOS.pdf*)
  - f.  Tribal Consultation Narrative (EFN: *tribal.doc, docx*)
  - g.  Long Term Management and Sustainability
    - Long-Term Management Plan (EFN: *LTMP.pdf*)
  - h.  Performance Measures
7. Budget documents
  - a.  Detailed Budget Form (EFN: *Budget.xls, .xlsx*)
8. Supplementary Documents
  - a. Environmental Documentation
    - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation (EFN: *CEQA.pdf*)
    - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation (EFN: *NEPA.pdf*)
  - b. Maps and Photos
    - Project Location Map (EFN: *LocMap.pdf*)
    - Parcel Map showing County Assessor's Parcel Number(s) (EFN: *ParcelMap.pdf*)

- Topographic Map (EFN: *Topo.pdf*)
- Photos of the Project Site (10 maximum) (EFN: *Photo.jpg, .gif*)
- c. Additional submission requirements for Fee Title Acquisition applications only
  - Acquisition Schedule (EFN: *acqSched.doc, .docx or .pdf*)
  - Willing Seller Letter (EFN: *WillSell.pdf*)
  - Real Estate Appraisal (EFN: *Appraisal.pdf*)
- d. Additional submission requirements for Site Improvement / Restoration Project applications only
  - Land Tenure Documents (EFN: *Tenure.pdf*)
  - Site Plan (EFN: *SitePlan.pdf*)
  - Leases or Agreements (EFN: *LeaseAgmnt.pdf*)

I certify that the information contained in the Application, including required attachments, is accurate, and that I have been authorized to apply for this grant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed (Authorized Representative)

8/31/2015

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Thomas W. Esgate Managing Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title (*print or type*)

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<b>SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY</b>	
<b>PROPOSITION 1 – Watershed Improvement Program Project Information Form</b>	
<b>SNC REFERENCE #</b>	
<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	
<b>APPLICANT NAME</b> ( <i>Legal name, address, and zip code</i> )	
<b>AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b> ( <i>County with approx. lat/long, center of project area</i> )	
<b>SENATE DISTRICT NUMBER</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NUMBER</b>
<b>PERSON WITH MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANT CONTRACT</b>	
<i>Name and title</i>	<i>Phone</i>
	<i>Email Address</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	
<b>TRIBAL CONSULTATION CONTACT(S) INFORMATION</b>	
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Phone Number:</i>
<i>Email address:</i>	
<b>COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR PLANNING DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	
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<i>Email address:</i>	
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<i>Name:</i>	<i>Phone Number:</i>
<i>Email address:</i>	

**Please identify the appropriate project category below and provide the associated details** *(Choose One)*

Category One Site Improvement

Category Two Pre-Project Activities

Category One Acquisition

**Site Improvement/ Acquisition Project Area**

Project Area:

Total Acres:

SNC Portion (if different):

**Acquisition Projects Only For Acquisitions Only**

Appraisal Included

**Select one primary Pre-Project deliverable**

Permit

CEQA/NEPA Compliance

Appraisal

Condition Assessment

Biological Survey

Environmental Site Assessment

Plan

#### **4. CCC/Local Conservation Corp Document**

NA Pre-Project Activity/Not subject to CCC consultation since there will be not treatment activities per SNC Staff.

**Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Resolution No. 2015-1**

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION APPROVING  
THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY GRANT  
PROGRAM UNDER THE LAIRD-LESLIE Sierra  
Nevada Conservancy ACT of \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No: 2015-1

Date: July 30, 2015

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. at a regular meeting held July 30, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 3

Signed and approved by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Directors

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WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local assistance grants program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the SNC; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the SNC to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. has identified the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration (USFS) Project as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. that this Board:

- Approves the submittal of an application for the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration (USFS) Project; and
- Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification requirements in the application; and
- Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the resource(s) consistent with the long-term benefits described in support of the application; or will secure the resources to do so; and
- Certifies that Applicant will comply with all legal requirements as determined during the application process; and
- Appoints Thomas W. Esgate, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to: applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc., on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015.

## **5. Organizational Information**

We have verified with SNC staff that all our required organizational information is on file

## **832 Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS)**

### **6. Narrative Description**

#### **a. Detailed Project Description**

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) is requesting Category 2 grant funding to complete surveys, project design, and assessments necessary to support a decision by the USDA Forest Service to implement the Forest Service portion of our Diamond Mountain Initiative Watershed Restoration Project.

In 2013 and 2014 the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group (WG) identified Diamond Mountain as one its highest priorities for watershed restoration/hazardous fuel treatments. The area is a mix of public and private land with the US Forest Service occupying the upper/southern reaches of the mountain and private lands located from mid-slope to the lower reaches of the mountain to the north. LCFSC has treated over 1,500 acres of the private land within the community and is now focusing its efforts on the private land abutting the USFS. The WG reached a unanimous consensus that it is critical that both the public and private land be treated concurrently in order to achieve the optimum in watershed restoration benefits and community protection from wildfire. The WG has formed the Diamond Mountain Initiative in order to facilitate and move forward with watershed restoration efforts.

Many of the forested areas within and adjacent to the Diamond Mountain project are in an overstocked condition with high basal area and tree numbers that exceed the long-term carrying capacity of the site. This condition is revealed during drier years with elevated levels of tree mortality caused by bark beetles; especially fir engraver beetle-caused white fir mortality. These periodic mortality events combined with high stand density have led to heavy fuel loading in some areas and a corresponding increase in fire hazard; these areas are targeted for the proposed thinning treatments. Additional areas identified for treatment are riparian corridors and wetlands that have been degraded by conifer encroachment.

Field surveys and data gathering specific to the Diamond Mountain project area have been ongoing, as time has allowed, since 2012, and therefore, much of the necessary pre-project work has been completed. However, Forest Service staff have identified the need for assistance in completing aquatic and soil surveys, performing climate change and economic analyses, and assembling information into a draft environmental document upon completion of staff specialist reports. The provided work plan addresses these needs within a time frame that would allow for a decision regarding project implementation by June 2017. Our hope is to overachieve and have a decision made in advance of the last SNC Prop 1 application deadline so that we can apply for implementation funds. All will do their best to make that happen.

## Goals and Results

The goal of the project is to assist the Lassen National Forest (LNF) with completing surveys and compiling information needed to reach a decision (NEPA) for implementing treatments on federal land. The project work will also be useful for obtaining CEQA clearance that would allow our partnership to acquire state funds to assist the US Forest Service with the project's implementation.

Future treatments would result in myriad inter-related benefits to the affected watershed.

*Treating overstocked stands to reduce hazardous fuels will:*

- reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the associated adverse effects on air and water quality
- reduce the probability of excessive greenhouse gas emissions associated with catastrophic wildfire
- improve public health and safety
- protect the working forest landscape from loss to wildfire

*Thinning overstocked stands to reduce density will:*

- improve individual tree vigor by reducing competition
- reduce density-dependent mortality and associated carbon loss
- reduce interception of precipitation by canopies and water use by overly dense trees thereby increasing water accumulation and retention. Improved moisture conditions will result in forests that are more:
  - resilient to stress
  - drought resistant, and
  - more adaptable to climate change.
- improve forest health by removing insect and disease affected trees
- improve the long-term productivity of the working forest landscape
- restore native forest communities and improve habitat for species relying on restored habitat types

## Scope of Work

Project is to assist the LNF with completing surveys and compiling information needed to reach a decision (NEPA) for implementing treatments on federal land. The project work will also be useful for obtaining CEQA clearance that would allow our partnership to acquire state funds to assist with this US Forest Service project's implementation.

## Location

The proposed Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS) project area is located 7 miles south of Susanville, CA.

Purpose/Project benefits in relation to state plans and guidelines

When implemented, the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project will achieve multiple tangible benefits that further the purposes of Proposition 1, including implementing fuel treatments that will promote watershed health by increasing soil moisture availability, improving resiliency to climate change, and protecting life, property, and water quality from the effects of catastrophic wildfire. The goals and outcomes of the proposed project are also aligned with the California Water Action Plan’s stated need to restore forest health through ecologically sound forest management (thereby improving water quality and quantity) and California’s goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed project also supports the Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative (SNFCI), addresses objectives of SNC’s Healthy Forests Focus Area, and will directly result in all eight expected outcomes of the SNC Watershed Improvement Program (as described in Goals and Results).

**b. Work Plan and Schedule**

Project is to assist the Lassen National Forest(LNF) with completing surveys and compiling information needed to reach a decision (NEPA) for implementing treatments on federal land. The project work will also be useful for obtaining CEQA clearance that would allow our partnership to acquire state funds to assist with this US Forest Service project's implementation.

LCFSC will contract with a qualified individual to serve as the Inter- disciplinary Team Leader (IDT) for the project. The IDT role will be to draft an Environmental Assessment (EA) document. Many of the surveys needed to complete a draft EA are in a partial state of completion. The IDT will work with the LNF staff to identify which surveys can be completed within the project time line and what surveys may need to be contracted out in order to complete our project within the planned time frame. The IDT will also be working with LNF staff as the draft EA document is developed and completed.

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
INCLUDE SPECIFIC DELIVERABLES IDENTIFIED IN SCOPE AND ALL PROGRESS REPORTS, ETC.	ASSUME START DATE 60 DAYS AFTER SNC BOARD AUTHORIZATION (Assumes March 2016 Award)
Complete Surveys	May – September 2016
Complete Project Description	September – November 2016
Climate Change and Economic Analysis	October – November 2016
First 6 Month Reporting	11/15/16
Complete DRAFT of environmental document necessary to support decision	December 2016– June 2017
Submit Final Report	6/15/17

## **c. Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements**

### **i. Restrictions/Agreements**

There are no restrictions that would impede the successful implementation of our project.

There are no additional agreements necessary to implement and/or monitor our project.

### **ii. Regulatory Requirements**

N/A Category 2 / Pre-Project Activity.

## **d. Organizational Capacity**

LCFSC has no paid staff per se; all our work is accomplished by independent contractors and volunteers. We have a contracted Managing Director/Project Manager, Tom Esgate (who is also a NRCS Certified Conservation Planner); contracted Registered Professional Forester, Don Hansen; contracted PhD Ecologist, Eileen Carey, who conducts monitoring and will be the IDT Leader for this project, and a Secretary/Treasurer and Bookkeeper, Cathy Dirden. We also contract for Biological and Botanical services (including monitoring) and Cultural Resource/Archaeological services. All our contracted staff works closely together to successfully implement our projects.

Together we have produced numerous planning and NEPA/CEQA Clearance documents that have covered both private and federal lands.

We have treated and restored over 24,000 acres in Lassen, Modoc and Shasta counties over the last 10 years. In the last 3 years we have completed the following landscape scale community projects: Susanville (1,500 acres to date), South Knob/Ash Valley Fuel Treatments (4,000 acres and ongoing), Stones Landing (500 acres), Janesville (800 acres and ongoing), Day Lassen Bench (1,500). LCFSC has also completed 7 previous SNC grants: The 2007 Susanville, Day Lassen Bench, Ash Valley and Ash Valley/BLM Watershed Restoration Projects, Ash Valley Native Grassland Restoration Project, Clear Creek Watershed Restoration Project and a Water Monitoring project. Our SNC Little Valley Watershed Restoration Project will be completed in November of 2015. We have completed all our projects on time, within budget and treated significantly more acres at lower costs than initial estimates.

In summary, LCFSC has the expertise and capacity to complete any and all projects that SNC may award us in the current grant round.

## **e. Cooperation & Community Support**

The Diamond Mountain communities in Susanville are on the fringe of the community within and abutting heavy hazardous fuel loads. There have been fires along and south of the Diamond Mountain ridgeline every year. The largest recent fire was the 68,000 acre Moonlight Fire in 2007, which rained down embers on the community for days. Luckily any embers that resulted in ignitions within the community were controlled. The 5-6 miles of heavy fuels that remain between the former Moonlight Fire and the community have not burned in over 80 years. The community has become energized to the point that a petition was circulated by a grass roots group to request that LNF ramp up their efforts to treat the hazardous fuel loads that imperil the watershed. Over one thousand signatures were obtained and it was delivered to the USFS Regional Office, the county Board of Supervisors and the federal congressional delegation. In July of 2015 the Lassen County Board of Supervisors sent their own letter to the Regional Forester requesting the project be made a Priority 1 project immediately.

Over the last decade LCFSC has treated over 1,500 acres within the communities at the base of the Diamond Mountain range. There is still more to do on private land, but in order for our treatments to be truly effective we need the US Forest Service to begin treating lands under their management as well.

In 2013 and 2014 the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group (WG) identified Diamond Mountain as one its highest priorities for hazardous fuels treatments. In 2014 the WG decided that the LCFSC should take the lead in developing a public/private partnership to address the issue. On that basis LCFSC formed the Diamond Mountain Initiative (DMI) in order to begin moving forward with both public and private land projects that will fortify our previous treatments in the community and restore and protect the watershed. Members of the group include the Lassen & Plumas National Forests, BLM, Calfire, Lassen County, W.M. Beaty, SPI, local fire departments, HL Power, several other Registered Professional Foresters and interested citizens as well. We received our first implementation grant under our initiative for private land treatments in July of 2015. Another request for private land treatments was made to the Western States Foresters in the same month. In the current round of SNC funding we are requesting funds for this Category 2 project and a Category 1 project for more treatments on private land. The DMI is also active in vetting fuel treatment prescriptions and coordinating access for properties to be treated, both on private lands and for the adjoining National Forest lands that will be treated in the future.

### **i. Letters of Support**

County of Lassen  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**



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August 26, 2015

Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
Jim Branham – Executive Officer  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

RE: Support Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors fully supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Watershed Improvement Program. The LCFSC is requesting grant funding to help the USFS to complete the surveys, project design, and assessments, necessary to support a decision to implement the USFS portion of the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (Project). Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group gave this Project its highest priority and designating LCFSC as lead in developing a public/private partnership with the USFS to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

The Project area extends across approximately 14,000 acres. The Project contains a combination of private, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management managed land south and west of the City of Susanville, Lassen County, California. The USFS' responsibility is 8,194 acres and is situated between the community and private land fire safe work completed by LCFSC and Honey Lake Valley RCD, and a portion of the burned landscape of the Moonlight Fire/Plumas National Forest. The area lies entirely within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville.

The purpose and benefits of the Project are to implement forest restoration treatments to reduce hazardous fuel loads. Forested areas within and adjacent to the Project are overstocked and have seen elevated levels of tree mortality caused by bug infestation. High stand density has led to heavy fuel loading and a corresponding increase in fire hazard. These areas are targeted for the proposed thinning treatments along with some hardwood, riparian and wetland areas degraded by conifer encroachment.

In addition to reducing hazardous fuel loads the project will improve public safety; restore native forest; improve forest health by removing insect and disease affected trees; reduce stand density making forests more resistant to drought; improve forest adaptability to climate change; reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the associated adverse effects on air and water quality; reduce the probability of excessive greenhouse gas emissions associated with catastrophic wildfire; stabilize carbon storage by improving forest health; improve and enhance watershed services and functions; maintain, improve, and protect habitat on the landscape; improve local socioeconomic conditions by employing local contractors and sustaining local biomass generation facilities; and protect working forest and agricultural landscapes.

Please accept this letter of support as one of highest regard for the LCFSC/SNC Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,



Robert Pyle, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



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July 28, 2015

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Mr. Randy Moore  
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SUBJECT: Local Project Level Priorities for FY 2015 and FY 2016

Dear Mr. Moore:

The purpose of this letter is to convey the local project level priorities of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors for public lands managed by the United State Forest Service, Lassen National Forest for the federal government fiscal years of 2015 and 2016.

We respectfully request the full support of the Pacific Southwest Region and the Lassen National Forest to focus U.S. Forest Service resources toward accomplishing the County's three-highest separate and equal priority local projects in the Lassen National Forest as follows:

**Lassen County Local Project Level Priorities**

- Fuels Reduction Treatments - Diamond Mountain Initiative as Tier 1 Project

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) group and local CalFire have assigned a high priority ranking to perform fuel reduction treatments to the greater Diamond Mountain area. There is a September 1, 2015, Sierra Nevada Conservancy application deadline for a grant to assist the USFS with moving the USFS NEPA process forward. It is our understanding from the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, if the LNF does not immediately place this project into Tier 1 status in Fiscal Year 2015, the community may lose an opportunity to obtain \$500,000 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for fire reduction treatments in 2016-2017.

- Maximizing National Forest Annual Timber Sale Program

Please allocate U.S. Forest Service resources and communicate clear expectations to the region for increasing the volume of forest products sold for timber and biomass energy from the LNF Annual Timber Sale Program. Furnishing a continuous supply of USFS timber sale and special forest products, including biomass from the LNF is of highest importance to the local community and economy. The Board of Supervisors urges the Regional Forester to prioritize

resources and to set a volume-target to have a meaningful annual increase in the annual volume of forest products sold from Federal lands in and adjacent to Lassen County. From 1993 to 2014, the volume of wood products sold off the LNF has not sustained the local economy, averaging 61MMBF or roughly one-third of the County of Lassen's targeted amount of 171MMBF. Approximately 30MMBF was harvesting in 2014. During this decline in timber volume sold, the last lumber mill in Lassen County closed in 2007 and \$7.4 million in payroll was lost. Three of four biomass/forest fuels to energy facilities have closed. Thousands of acres of public timberland have burned. It is essential to the economic wellbeing of the community and reduced wildfire threat to the area that the LNF not continue to operate its timber sale program and NEPA decision-making processes, as it has for over the past twenty years. We ask that the USFS intensify and give the socio-economic analysis serious consideration during the NEPA process to support the Annual Timber Sale Program. In addition to supporting jobs and energy production, timber sale receipts provide revenue for local school districts and for repairing local roads. In 2000, Congress enacted the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Deamination Act (SRS) to replace revenue from dwindling timber receipts. With expiration of the SRS and future reauthorization and payments in doubt, the LNF can offset this loss by increasing timber harvesting from the National Forest to generate timber sale receipts to replace SRS funding to schools and roads.

- Enhance Travel Management and Recreation

The Board of Supervisors has made multiple direct requests, since at least 2009, to the USFS Pacific Southwest Region and Lassen National Forest to ask the U.S. Forest Service to continue to allow motorized mixed use on Lassen National Forest roads. The closure and/or limited access to public lands are contrary to County policy statements in the Lassen County General Plan and the Lassen County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Board of Supervisors has also expressed our support of the U.S. Forest Service maximizing the allowance for over-snow-vehicles usage on public lands, the creation of a non-motorized single-track trail project (Fredonyer Trail), and implementation of the Share the Dream Trail. Our requests have underscored the importance of enhancing such recreation opportunities and economic development in this area. Economic development by the way of tourism dollars as a result of allowing greater access to public lands by residents, visitors, and outdoor user groups such as sportsmen, campers, backpackers, hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, snowmobilers, and off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts, including 4-wheel drive vehicles. The Board of Supervisors is seeking your support to allocate federal resources to complete our Travel Management and Recreation requests before the beginning of the Federal fiscal year 2017.

In closing, we also want to reinforce our and your support for immediate and expeditious post fire salvage and restoration actions by the U.S. Forest Service. The control of infestations of pests and invasive species in fire-ravaged areas, by expediting the harvest of fire salvage timber and restoration of watersheds and grazing lands is very important to forest health and our local economy. The Board of Supervisors is aware of and appreciates the FY 2015 U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region directive to LNF staff to accelerate the pace of restoration of federal lands, attached. However, we have a concern that such a directive is supplanting the U.S. Forest Service's responsibilities and assignments to manage the forest health in non-burned public lands for timber harvesting, fuels reductions, and public recreation. We appreciate the fact that the LNF is performing fire salvage and restoration work, however, we are opposed to the USFS redirecting LNF staff away from their regular project assignments

of Timber Harvesting, Fuels Reduction, Travel Management and Recreation to perform salvage and restoration. Please consider maximizing the use of private sector resources or resources from other public agencies to increase capacity for accomplishing fire salvage and restoration efforts.

Thank you for your full consideration of our request. We would appreciate receiving your response as soon as possible, especially a response regarding the Diamond Mountain Initiative. We hope that this letter has clearly articulated the County's highest priorities and expectations for the management of U.S. Forest Service lands in Lassen County. We look forward to receiving your response and knowing if the U.S. Forest Service's highest priorities will be the local project level priorities, as requested in this letter, of the Pacific Southwest Regional Office and the Lassen National Forest.

Sincerely,



Robert Pyle  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
The Honorable Doug LaMalfa (CA, 1<sup>st</sup>)  
The Honorable Tom McClintock (CA, 4<sup>th</sup>)  
The Honorable Tom Tidwell, Chief U.S. Forest Service  
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Date: August 5, 2014

Route To:

Subject: FY 2015 Priorities, Program Direction, Operating Budget, and Performance Expectations

To: Forest Supervisors and Directors

### REPLY DUE DECEMBER 1, 2014

This letter transmits the region's priorities and program direction as well as your operating budget and performance expectations for FY 2015. Providing this information in advance of the fiscal year allows for strategic and timely implementation of our 2015 program of work starting on October 1, 2014.

As a region, we have emphasized two priorities: *Ecological Restoration* and *Healthy Workforce and Work Environment*. As outlined in my letter of March 28, 2014, we will continue to focus our resources on the below items to accelerate the pace of restoration on lands we manage.

1. Fire salvage and restoration efforts;
2. Increasing restoration efforts with Fire Cost Recovery Settlement funds;
3. Forest Plan Revision;
4. Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration projects; and
5. Other priority restoration work that can be accomplished safely and with available financial resources to include large landscape scale efforts and the two FS/NRCS Chiefs' Joint Landscape Restoration Partnership projects.

Similar to last year, I'm asking you and your leadership team to review and provide an assessment of your forest's performance and budget package. All documents are located at <http://fsweb.r5.fs.fed.us/unit/pdba/budget/>. The intent of the reply is to communicate issues which affect performance expectations only. Specifically, your response should address where you have concerns in meeting such performance expectations and /or where you have additional capacity. I ask that you respond by December 1, 2014, and limit the response to your most important items.

As you finalize your 2015 program of work and make this assessment of the expectations and resources assigned, please ensure all funds planned for contracts, grants, and agreements are on track to be obligated no later than June 1, 2015. As discussed at our recent Regional Leadership Team meeting, we are expediting timelines for these packages to ensure we are successful with this goal. These new timelines start as early as January 2015 and are defined in the Program Direction document.



The safety of our employees comes first. The design and implementation of your program must be within the resources provided. I expect you to communicate to program areas that they work within these parameters. Your efforts to be strategic, to focus on our priorities and the well-being of our employees, and to develop an integrated forest program of work will allow us to realize efficiencies and ensure we meet performance expectations.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our agency's mission. This region is leading the Forest Service in many areas and I am proud of our many accomplishments over this last fiscal year.

Please direct any questions to Sheri Elliott, Director, Program Development, Budget and Accountability or Gustavo Macias, Senior Budget Analyst.

*/s/ Randy Moore*  
RANDY MOORE  
Regional Forester

cc: pdl r5 budget contacts

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August 18, 2015

Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
Jim Branham – Executive Officer  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Jim:

Please accept my strong support for the Lassen County Fire Safe Council Inc.'s Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project grant application. The Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group gave the Diamond Mountain project the highest priority and agreed that the Fire Safe Council should take the lead in developing a partnership with public and private agencies to address watershed and wildfire issues along Diamond Mountain. Grant funding will help the Fire Safe Council assist the U.S. Forest Service in completing its surveys, project design and assessment.

The project will implement forest restoration treatments to reduce hazardous fuel loads, improve public safety, restore native forest, and improve forest health. Reducing stand density and removing dead and dying trees will make forests more resistant to drought and improve adaptability to climate change. This will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and stabilize carbon storage as the forest health improves. In addition, the project will improve the watershed and protect the habitat. The project will employ local contractors and sustain local biomass generation facilities.

The project area extends across approximately 14,000 acres, which is a combination of private, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management land south and west of Susanville. The proposed Forest Service portion is 8,194 acres between the community and private land work already completed by the Fire Safe Council and the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, and the burned landscape of the Moonlight Fire/Plumas National Forest. The area lies entirely within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville.

The Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project will enhance community safety and the resiliency of the forest. It closely aligns with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's top priority, the Watershed Improvement Program, and the goal of "all lands" restoration crossing jurisdictional lines. It has my full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Dahle".

**BRIAN DAHLE**  
Assemblyman, 1<sup>st</sup> District



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**File Code:** 3500  
**Date:** August 27, 2015

Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
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Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Lassen National Forest supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (Project) application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Watershed Improvement Program.

As a member of the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group we gave the Diamond Mountain project the highest priority and agreed that LCFSC should take the lead in developing a partnership with public and private agencies to address watershed and wildfire issues along Diamond Mountain.

By receiving grant funding, LCFSC will be able to assist the US Forest Service in completion of their surveys, project design and assessment in order to assist the USFS in making a decision to implement their portion of the Project.

The purpose and benefits of the Project are to implement forest restoration treatments to reduce hazardous fuel loads; improve public safety; restore native forest and improve forest health. Reducing stand density and removing dead and dying trees will make forests more resistant to drought and improve adaptability to climate change. This will not only reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the associated adverse effects on air and water quality, but will also reduce the probability of excessive greenhouse gas emissions associated with catastrophic wildfire and stabilize carbon storage as the forest health improves. In addition, the Project will improve the watershed and protect the habitat. The Project will employ local contractors and sustain local biomass generation facilities.

The Project area extends across approximately 14,000 acres, which is a combination of private, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land south and west of Susanville, CA. The proposed USFS portion is 8,194 acres between the community and private land work already completed by LCFSC and Honey Lake Valley RCD, and the burned landscape of the Moonlight Fire/Plumas National Forest. The area lies entirely within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville.



The US Forest Service's Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 directs us to seek and support projects allow us to better sustain our forests and deliver benefits to the public. We are directed to integrate our work to achieve restoration objectives that maintain resilient land and water conditions to include mitigating wildfire risks through collaboration and partnerships with others. This project does all of that, so we ask that the SNC accept this letter of support for the LCFSC/SNC Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Boisseau", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

MATTHEW BOISSEAU  
District Ranger



# United States Department of the Interior



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Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Ste. 205  
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. regarding their Diamond Mountain Project applications for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Watershed Improvement Program.

On February 3, 2015 the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group met and voted the Diamond Mountain project as our highest priority project in Lassen County. This project is one in a series of hazardous fuels reduction projects in the Susanville area. The project is located along an escarpment that runs 20-30 miles from Susanville SE to Janesville, Milford and Doyle and is notoriously known for its extreme downhill summertime winds. This area is seen by all Federal, State, and Local Fire Managers in the area as a disaster waiting to happen. It is a true Wildland Urban Intermix with many homes built into a heavily forested area and at risk from fires originating on federally managed lands. Much work has already been done on private property, but there remains a vast tract of federal ground above these communities that is very overgrown and has not been addressed until now. This project will move us towards completing an extensive fuels reduction network identified in the Lassen County CWPP. Because of the momentum behind this project, federal partners are now preparing to do substantial work in this area with private timber companies and other land owners in the mix. We need to keep this moving. This is truly a collaborative landscape scale effort. Therefore, as the Fire Prevention/Mitigation Officer for the BLM Eagle Lake Field Office I strongly endorse the Lassen County Fire Safe Councils' applications for planning and implementation of the Diamond Mountain Project for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Watershed Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

Karl W. Todd  
Fire Prevention/Mitigation Spec.



## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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8-18-15

## Letter of Support for the Diamond Mountain Project

Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
 Jim Branham – Executive Officer  
 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
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## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Branham:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is in support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council (Council) Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project application for the Watershed Improvement Program. At the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group CAL FIRE voted giving Diamond Mountain its highest priority and designated the Council to bring together a partnership of public and private entities to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues along the Diamond Mountain range. The Council is requesting grant funds to assist the US Forest Service in completing surveys, project design, and assessments necessary to support USFS's decision to implement their portion of the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (Project).

The proposed USFS portion is 8,194 acres and is situated between the community and private land work already completed by LCFSC and Honey Lake Valley RCD, and the burned landscape of the Moonlight Fire/Plumas National Forest. The area lies entirely within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville. Many of the forested areas are overstocked and have seen elevated levels of tree mortality caused by bug infestation. The high stand density has led to heavy fuel loading and a corresponding increase in fire hazard. These areas are targeted for the proposed thinning treatments along with some hardwood, riparian and wetland areas degraded by conifer encroachment.

The purpose and benefits of the Project are to implement forest restoration treatments to reduce hazardous fuel loads; improve public safety; restore native forest; improve forest health by removing insect and disease affected trees; reduce stand density making forests more resistant to drought; improve forest adaptability to climate change; reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the associated adverse effects on air and water quality; reduce the probability of excessive greenhouse gas emissions associated with catastrophic wildfire; stabilize carbon storage by improving forest health; improve and enhance watershed services and functions; maintain, improve, and protect habitat on the landscape; improve local socioeconomic conditions by employing local contractors and sustaining local biomass generation facilities; and protect working forest and agricultural landscapes.

Please accept letter as CAL FIRE's full support for the Lassen County Fire Safe Council SNC Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

David Junette Acting Unit Chief  
 Lassen Modoc Plumas Unit

HL POWER COMPANY, LP, an affiliate of



732-025 Wendel Road, Wendel, CA 96136 Phone: (530) 254-6161

August 18, 2015

Jim Branham, Executive Officer  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Ste. 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

HL Power Company (Honey Lake Power) supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Watershed Improvement Program. As a member of the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group we voted the Diamond Mountain project as our highest priority and asked LCFSC to take the lead in developing a public/private partnership.

LCFSC requested grant funding to complete the surveys, project design, and assessments, necessary to support a decision by the USDA Forest Service to implement USFS portion of their Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (Project).

The Project area extends across approximately 14,000 acres, a combination of private, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land south and west of Susanville, CA. The proposed USFS portion is 8,194 acres in the Project is located 7 miles south of Susanville, situated between the community and private land work already completed by LCFSC and Honey Lake Valley RCD, and the burned landscape of the Moonlight Fire/Plumas National Forest. The area lies entirely within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville.

HL Power Company is a 35MW Biomass Electrical Generation Plant located in Wendel, CA that provides 25 direct jobs and supports more than 50 secondary jobs in the local forest products industry. The purpose and benefits of the Project are to implement forest restoration treatments to reduce hazardous fuel loads; improve public safety; restore native forest; improve forest health by removing insect and disease affected trees; reduce stand density making forests more resistant to drought; improve forest adaptability to climate change; reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the associated adverse effects on air and water quality; reduce the probability of excessive greenhouse gas emissions associated with catastrophic wildfire; stabilize carbon storage by improving forest health; improve and enhance watershed services and functions; maintain, improve, and protect habitat on the landscape; improve local socioeconomic conditions by employing local contractors and sustaining local biomass generation facilities like ours; and protect working forest and agricultural landscapes.

This project is extremely important to the community as well as HL Power Company. Please accept this letter of support the LCFSC/SNC Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

  
Mark A. Shaffer

Fuel Supply Manager

## **f. Tribal Consultation Narrative**

As a member of the Lassen County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Working Group, the Susanville Indian Rancheria signed the 2014 CWPP Memorandum of Understanding incorporating the Tribe into the CWPP project development and ranking process. At the last CWPP yearly meeting, the Group voted to give Diamond Mountain projects their highest priority and designating Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain. LCFSC has taken the lead, assembling all CWPP participants and agency representatives in a cooperative effort to further develop and define Diamond Mountain projects. In addition, over 1,000 individuals signed a petition requesting that the US Forest Service and other agencies ramp up efforts to implement forest and watershed restoration treatments on Diamond Mountain.

LCFSC has made several attempts over the past few months to further engage Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) in the Diamond Mountain Initiative Group. SIR has been invited to attend the Lassen County Fire Safe Council monthly meetings as well as the Diamond Mountain Initiative Working Group monthly meetings on multiple occasions. A summary of the interaction with SIR is attached hereto.

LCFSC feels it very important that SIR continues to be an active member of the CWPP Working Group, and in the LCFSC General meetings, and the Diamond Mountain Initiative meetings.

### **Tribal Communications**

- 5/14/15 Left voice mail message for Laura Medvin regarding the appropriate contact for SIR related to Diamond Mountain and environmental activities.
- 5/18/15 Response email from Laura Medvin with Meredith Gosejohan's contact information, the SIR Environmental Director.
- 5/18/15 Left voice mail message for Meredith Gosejohan regarding the FSC's project in the Diamond Mountain area.
- 5/18/15 Email to Meredith Gosejohan, Susanville Indian Rancheria, invitation to join the FSC General meeting and the Diamond Mountain Working Group with and explanation about the project.
- 5/27/15 Email Meeting notification to Meredith re both the FSC General meeting and Diamond Mountain Working Group meeting.
- 5/31/15 Email with DMI Working Group meeting agenda.
- 6/3/15 Forwarded email from Tony Shaw regarding Plumas NF Lookout staffing status.

- 6/30/15 Email Meeting notification to Meredith Gosejohan re both the FSC General meeting and Diamond Mountain Working Group meeting.
- 7/27/15 Email Meeting notification to Meredith Gosejohan re both the FSC General meeting and Diamond Mountain Working Group meeting.
- 7/28/15 Email from Meredith Gosejohan stating they would really like to have a representative present at the meetings, and understands that the meetings take place at 5:30 p.m. which makes it difficult for them to attend at this time. Request to send her the information and minutes from the meetings so they can keep abreast of what is happening.
- 7/28/15 Email response to Meredith Gosejohan with attachments of the DMI meeting minutes and statement that we hope they can make the meeting sometime.
- 7/29/15 Forward email Meredith Gosejohan, from Lynn Campbell/SNC representative to DMI group regarding grant deadlines and amounts.
- 7/29/15 Forward email Meredith Gosejohan, from Tom Esgate regarding all representatives will be on board and have the pre-application by the following week.
- 8/10/15 Email Meeting notification to Meredith Gosejohan re both the FSC General meeting and Diamond Mountain Working Group meeting.
- 8/10/15 Email to Meredith Gosejohan regarding the addition of the Diamond Mountain Initiative and all related information to the LCFSC website.
- 8/10/15 Email to Meredith Gosejohan, "Save the Date" notification to all in the DMI Working Group re both the FSC General meeting and Diamond Mountain Working Group meetings for September.
- 8/13/15 Email to Meredith Gosejohan checking to be sure she is receiving our meeting notifications, especially the Save the Date. Also to be sure she is aware all the project information is now posted to the LCFSC website.
- 8/17/15 Email to Meredith Gosejohan requesting letters of support for the DMI/SNC grant projects, both the USFS and Treatment.
- 8/18/15 Email response from Meredith stating "I appreciate you reaching out to us, but the SIR is not currently familiar enough with these projects to submit a letter of support for the two grant applications for the Diamond Mountain Project. Letters of support go before the Tribal Business Council (TBC) for approval and TBC meetings take place on the first and third Tuesdays of the month with the next meeting scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope we can become more involved with the Lassen County Fire Safe Council in the future."

## **g. Long Term Management Plan**

The Lassen National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) and the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan, as amended, will guide the long-term management of the project area. SNC and the Lassen National Forest have mutual goals for long-term management of the affected forests and the LRMP provides the management direction to reach those goals. The Lassen National Forest LRMP can be found at the following link:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fsm9\\_034373.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsm9_034373.pdf).

## **h. Performance Measures**

We will report quantities and/or values of the following performance measures:

SNC Reporting/All Projects:

Number and Type of Jobs Created

Future project will preserve and create forest products sector jobs

Number and Value of New, Improved, or Preserved Economic Activities

Future project will help preserve employment in the forest products sector and renewable energy production activities, both of which are currently under stress.

Number of People Reached

The LCFSC will provide updates on our website, <http://lassenfiresafecouncil.org> regarding project implementation and successes. Our project is also regularly reported on in local papers and radio broadcasts.

Resources Leveraged for the Sierra Nevada

The LCFSC has a successful track record leveraging funds and we will leverage additional resources beyond those included in our budget.

Selected SNC Performance Measures:

Percent of Pre-project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation

Our project planning efforts will result in the future project implementation

Number of Collaboratively Developed Plans and Assessments

Project will be implemented in conjunction with our collaborative Diamond Mountain Initiative.

## **7. Budget Documents**

### Budget Narrative:

This SNC request covers a portion of our project budget, \$75,000. The US Forest Service will be providing at least an additional \$50,000 in the form of in-kind or contracted resource specialist contributions. A portion of our SNC budget is dedicated for some of, or part of, surveys that cannot be completed by LNF staff due to workloads that can't be fully anticipated into the future; one never knows when the next LNF mega wildfire will occur. We have discussed the contracting out of some survey work as follows: Economics, Soils, Aquatics, and Geology. The precise surveys that will need to be contracted out to meet our completion time frame will be determined shortly after our grant agreement is signed.

Project Director will be responsible for the overall project management including the preparation of bid documents and contracts for project contractors, contractor management, review of invoices, presentation of invoices to the LCFSC Board of Directors for payment approval, progress reporting, invoicing SNC for reimbursements and advances, performance reporting and final reporting/performance reporting and project closeout. Project Director also serves as the lead for LCFSC's Diamond Mountain Initiative and he will interact with its participants to continue to provide additional input and support for the project through the DMI monthly meetings.

LCFSC will contract with a qualified individual to serve as the Inter- disciplinary Team Leader (IDT) for the project. The IDT role will be to draft an Environmental Assessment (EA) document. Many of the surveys needed to complete a draft EA are in a partial state of completion. The IDT will work with the LNF staff to identify which surveys can be completed within the project time line and what surveys may need to be contracted out in order to complete our project within the planned time frame. The IDT will also be working with LNF staff as the draft EA document is developed and completed.

LCFSC Secretary/Treasurer will manage project accounts, receive funds on behalf of LCFSC and issue checks upon PRCD Board approval of invoices.

The project administrative request will cover cost allocated portions of expenses such as insurance, bookkeeping, audits, etc. per the LCFSC Cost Allocation Plan.

### **a. Detailed Budget Form**

**SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**  
**SNC Watershed Improvement Program - DETAILED BUDGET FORM**

**Project Name:** Diamond Mountin Watershed Restoration Project (USFS)

**Applicant:** Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.

<b>SECTION ONE DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Year Five</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Project Management Costs</i>	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00				\$14,000.00
<i>IDT Leader</i>	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00				\$32,000.00
<i>Surveys</i>	\$11,750.00					\$11,750.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
<b>DIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>	\$34,750.00	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57,750.00

<b>SECTION TWO PARTIAL INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Year Five</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Reportng/Perfomace Measures</i>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00				\$4,000.00
<i>Invoice Billings</i>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00				\$2,000.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
<b>INDIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
<b>PROJECT TOTAL:</b>	\$37,750.00	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,750.00

<b>SECTION THREE</b>						<b>Total</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>(Costs may not exceed 15% of the above listed Project costs) :</b>					
<i>Administrative Costs</i>	\$5,625.00	\$5,625.00				\$11,250.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL:</b>	\$5,625.00	\$5,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,250.00
<b>SNC TOTAL GRANT REQUEST:</b>	\$43,375.00	\$31,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00

<b>SECTION FOUR</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Year Five</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>OTHER PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>						
<i>List other funding or in-kind contibutors to project (i.e. Sierra Business Council, Department of Water Resources, etc.)</i>						
<i>US Forest Service (Surveys)</i>	\$50,000.00					\$50,000.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
<b>Total Other Contributions:</b>	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00

**NOTE:** The categories listed on this form are examples and may or may not be an expense related to the project. Rows may be added or deleted on the form as needed. Applicants should contact the SNC if questions arise.

**8. Supplementary Documents**

**a. Environmental Documentation**

**i. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation**

N/A Pre project activity; there will be no earth disturbance associated with collections, testing or monitoring.

**ii. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation**

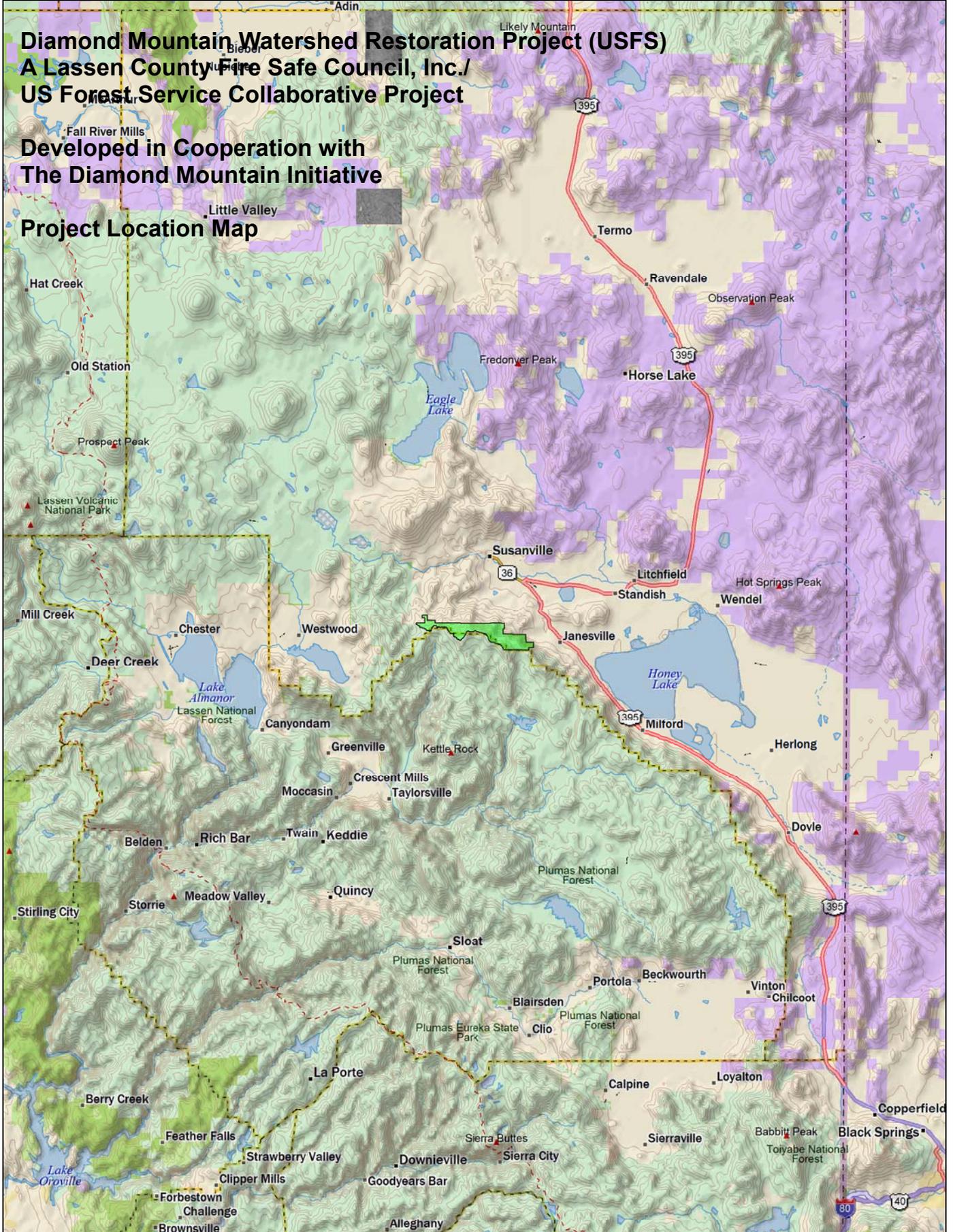
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**b. Maps and Photos**

# Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS) A Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc./ US Forest Service Collaborative Project

## Developed in Cooperation with The Diamond Mountain Initiative

### Project Location Map



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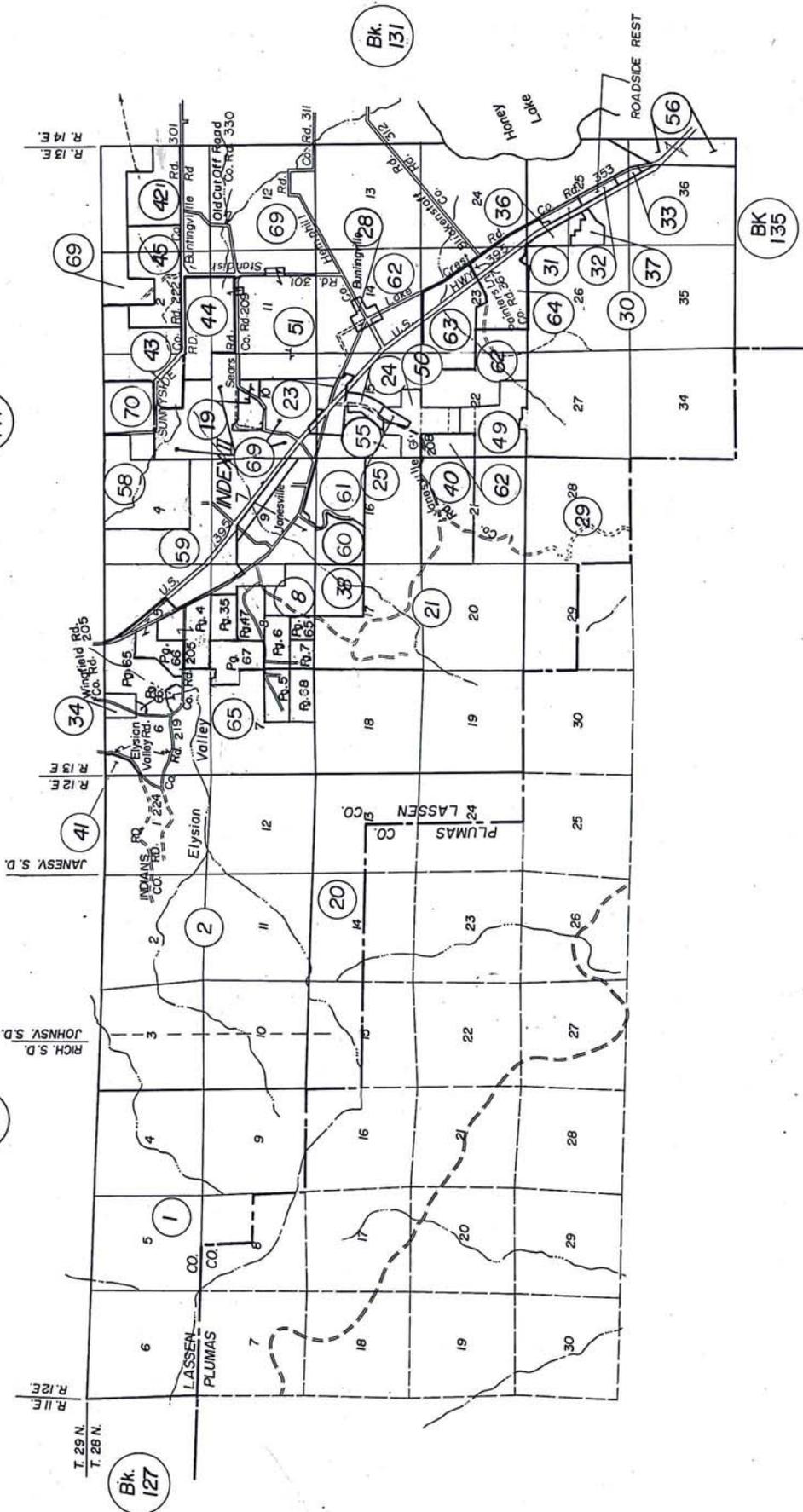
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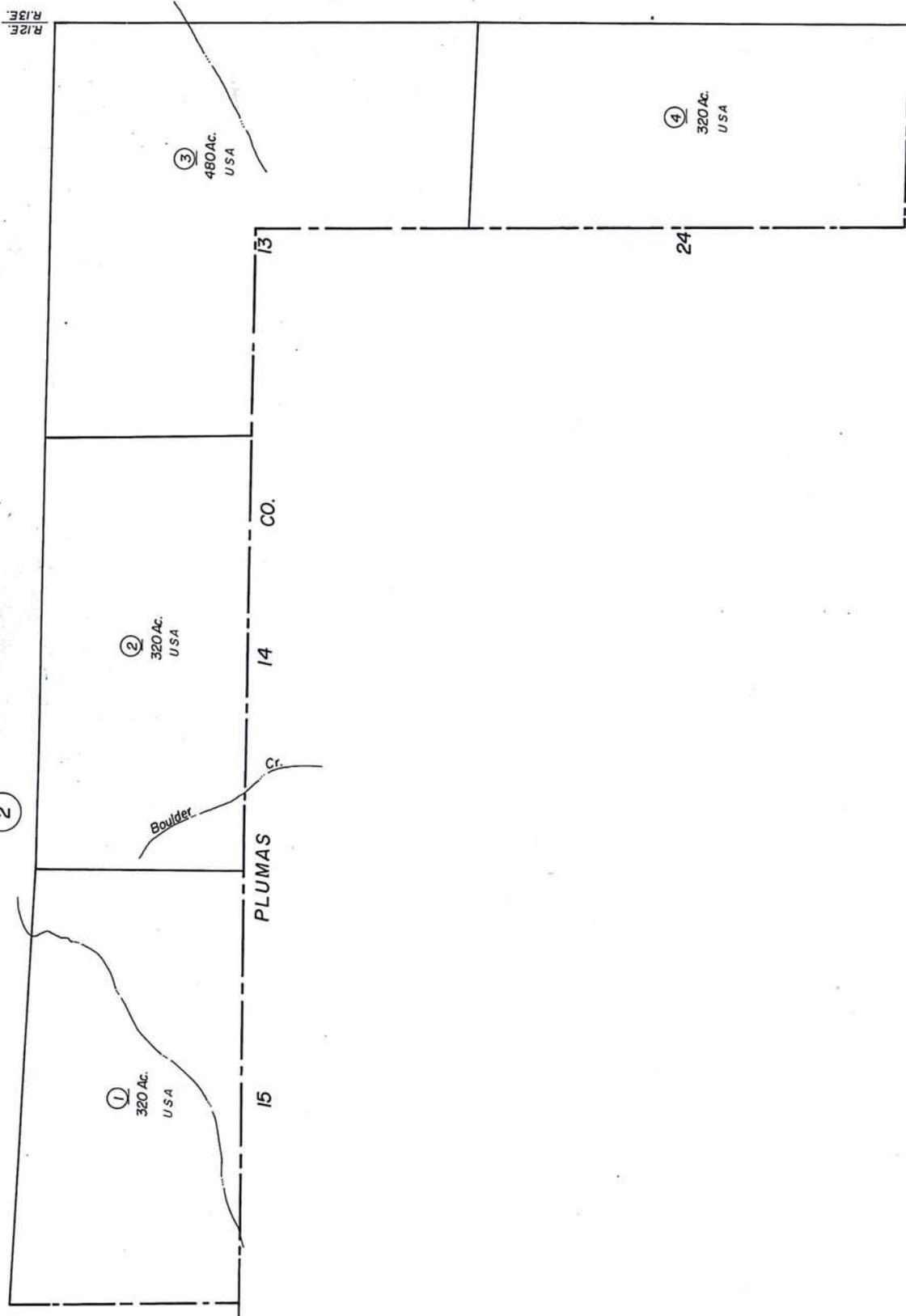
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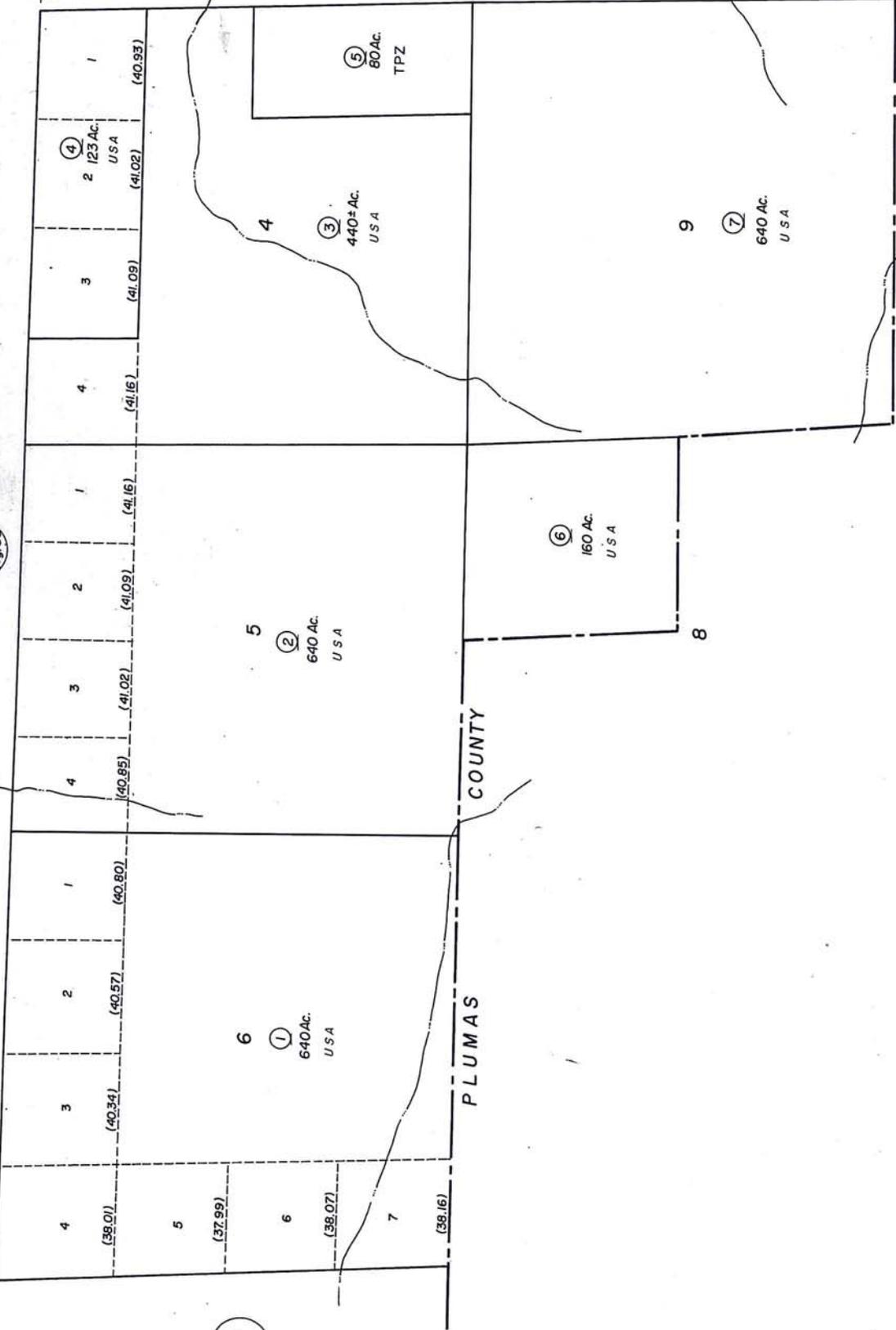


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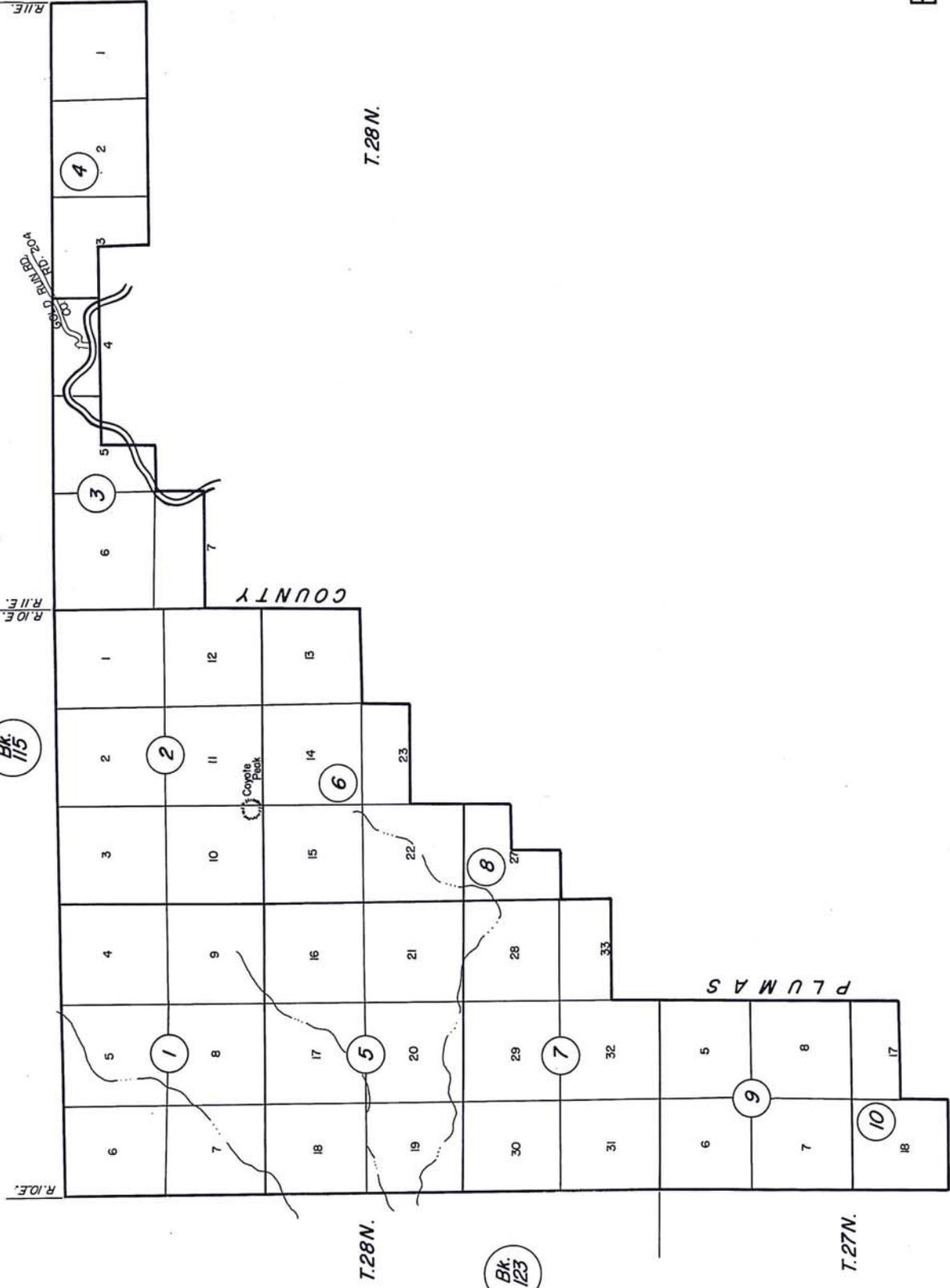
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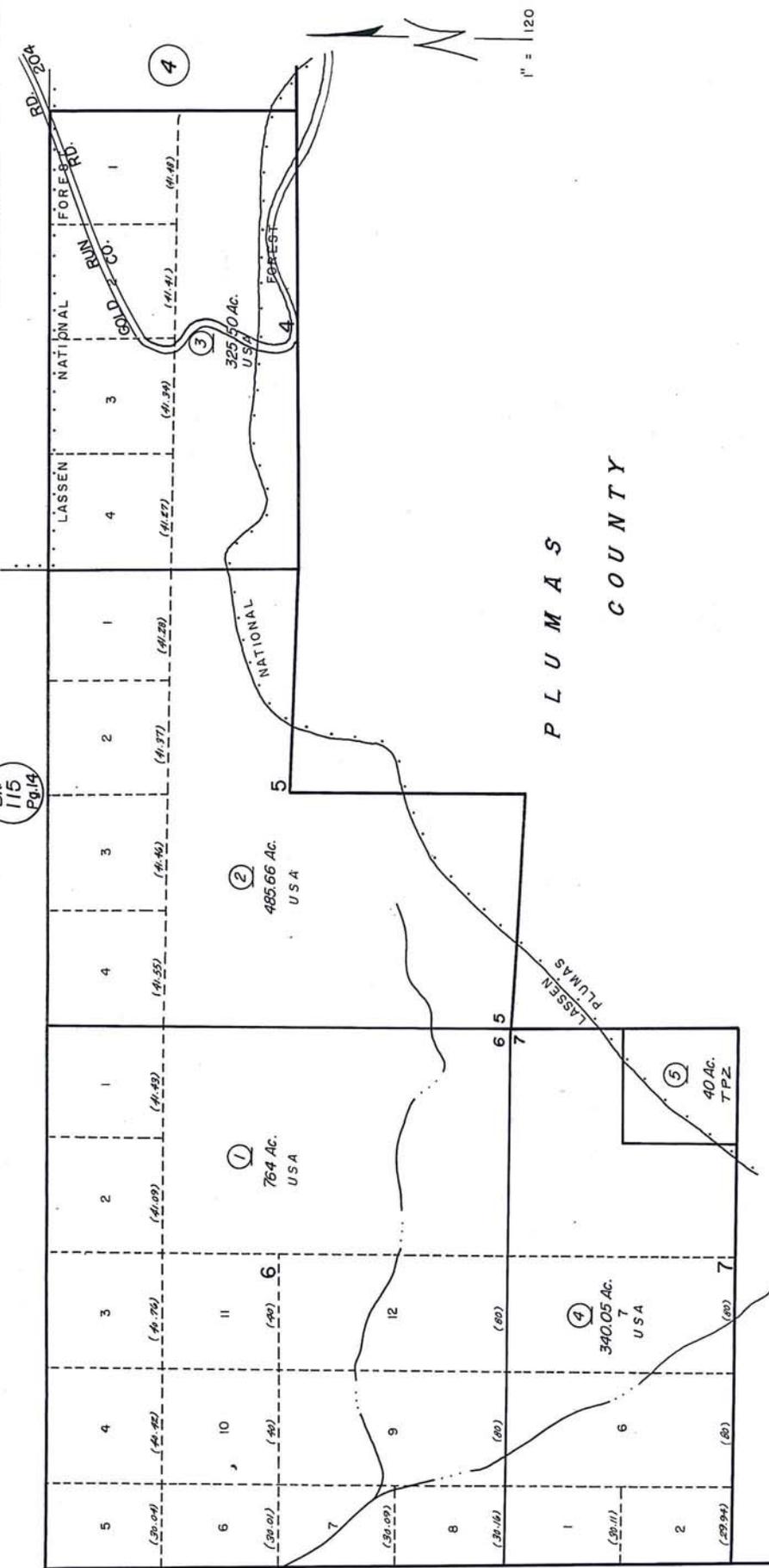
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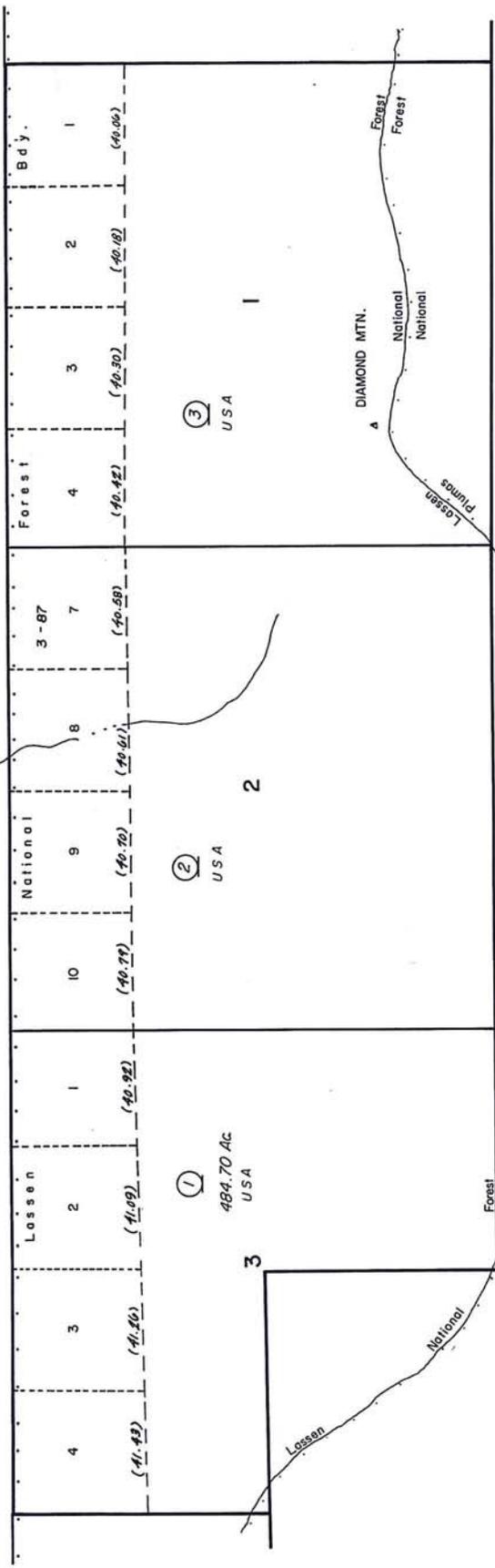
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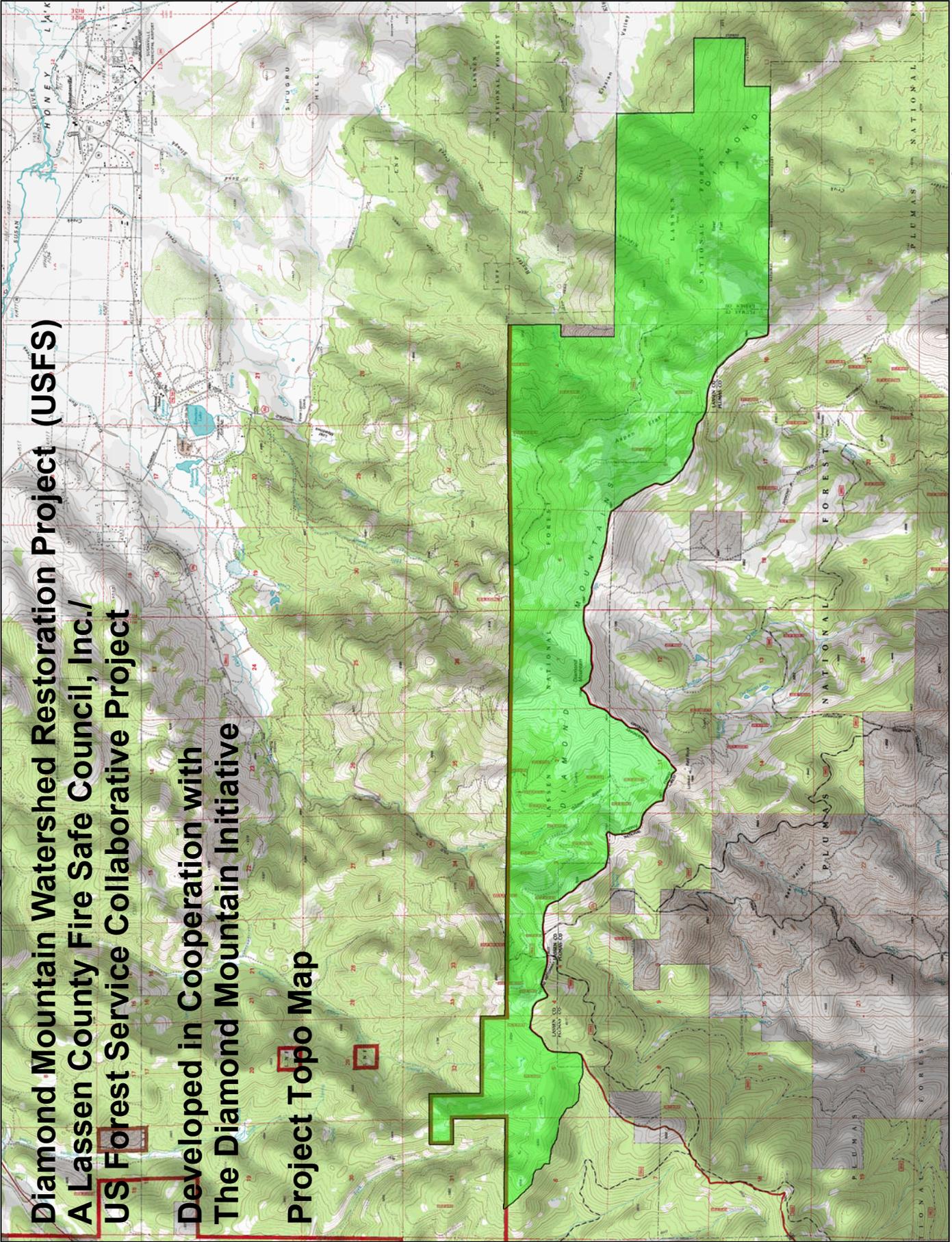
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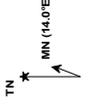
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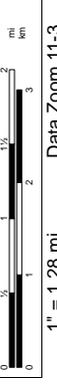
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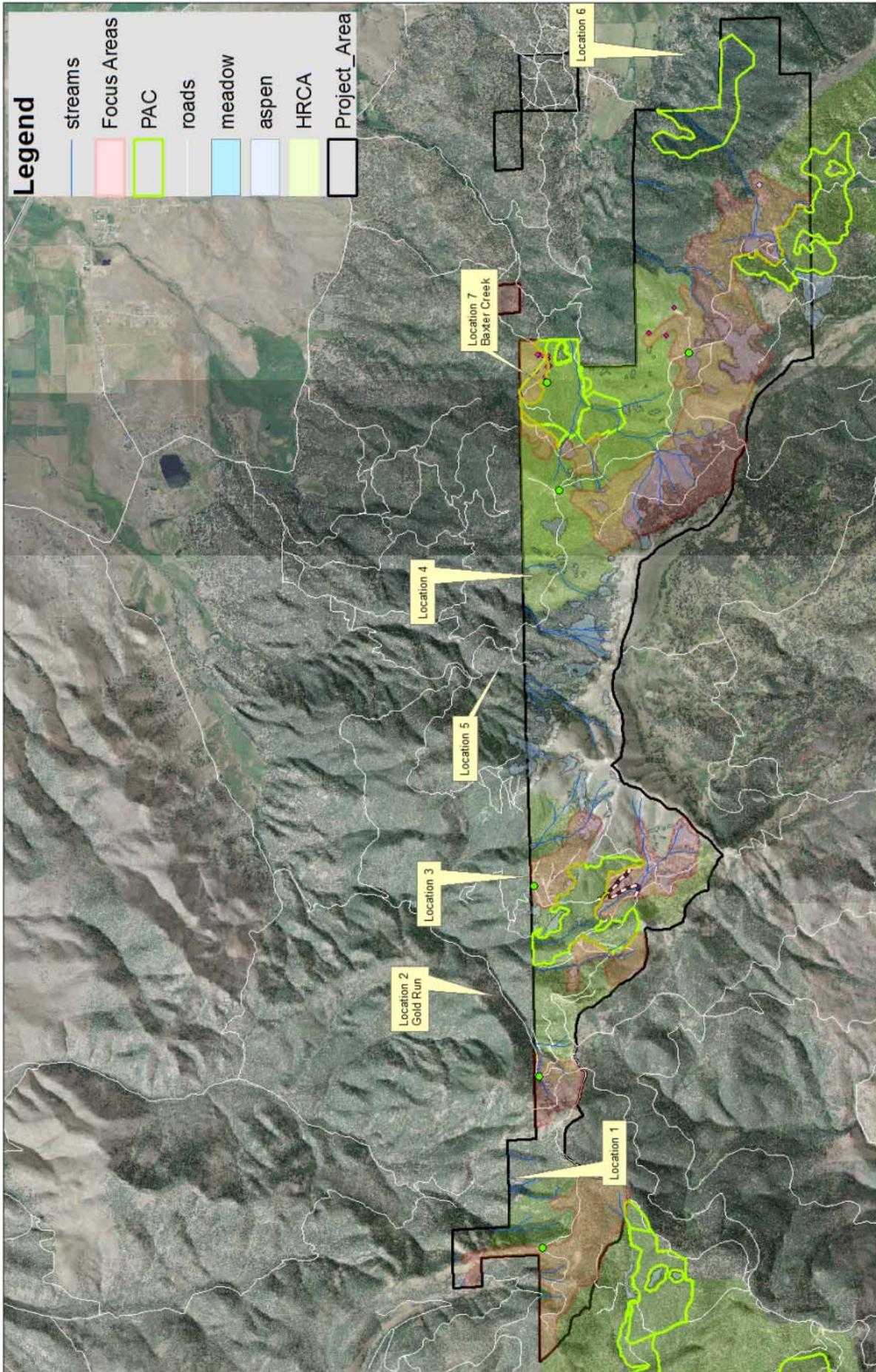
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**Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS) Aerial Map**

832 8.b.iv. Photos of the Project Site  
Conifer encroachment in riparian area



## Landscape Overview



Insect-damaged stand with high fuel load



Conifer encroachment in wetland



Diamond Mountain Initiative Working Group Field Trip

