

## Appendix B - Full Application Checklist

SNC Reference#: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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>	
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Phone Number:</i>
<i>Email address:</i>	
<b>NEAREST PUBLIC WATER AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	
<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**

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



**Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solutions**  
Blue Mountain Community Service Center  
P.O. Box 6111, 291 A Main Street, West Point, CA 95255  
209-293-2333

August 27, 2015

To: Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
From: Steve Wilensky CHIPS Board Chair  
Re: Category 2 Grant Application

This is to confirm that the CHIPS Board of Directors has authorized me to approve the submittal of the attached grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. We are pleased to participate in this effort which will benefit both Amador and Calaveras counties as well as advance our initiative to create and fund a Community Forest on 15,000 acres of BLM land in the Blue Mountain area. I hope you will give the application your highest consideration.

## DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BLM owns over 15,000 acres in the mid-elevations of Amador and Calaveras Counties surrounding our Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) communities. Most of this land has been neglected for decades and is densely stocked with surface and ladder fuels and an overstory of Ponderosa Pine that is under attack by the Western Pine Beetle. This forest condition is a recipe for catastrophic wildfire. In fairness to BLM, it has been underfunded and understaffed for years and lacks the capacity to manage its forests properly.

To increase its capacity, BLM's Mother Lode Office is combining its holdings in both counties into the Mokelumne Community Forest (MCF) that it will manage in collaboration with local stakeholders. The MCF will be modeled after the Weaverville Community Forest where the pooled resources of local stakeholders have enabled BLM to perform land management (<http://tcrd.net/wcf/index.htm>). While the MCF will be officially formed in 2016, the CalAm Team, resource specialists from Calaveras and Amador, is proactively seeking initial restoration funds for use by the MCF. Hence, this 2015 grant application seeking funds for NEPA/CEQA that will be followed in 2016 with an implementation application by the MCF.

The goal of the current project is to apply USFS management strategy GTR-220 to BLM land in Calaveras and Amador Counties to create fire and disease resilient forests that maximize water quality, yield and storage, increase carbon sequestration, and provide recreational opportunities. The projects focus on the WUI to protect communities according to Community Wildfire Protection Plans available online from the Calaveras Foothills and Amador Fire Safe Councils.

In Amador County, the MitchellCrest project includes 65 acres of mixed conifer forest at the 2400' elevation, located northeast of Pine Grove. Project implementation will extend existing fuels reduction projects which include a private parcel (Jones, 118 acres) and the Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park (128 acres).

In Calaveras County, the Bummerville project includes 178 acres east of West Point at 3,000'. This area is divided into three units: Winton on the north, Bald Mountain in the middle and Campo Flores on the south. The Winton unit has two parcels which will be treated according to GTR-220. Treatments in the other two units will be limited to six feral Pine Plantations. Implementation of this project will extend the existing Winton-Schaad Vegetative Management Plan to the south. This plan is a collaborative effort between CAL FIRE, BLM, USFS and SPI to build a 6,000 acre shaded fuel break from the NF Mokelumne River to Blue Mountain Road. The BLM and SPI parcels directly north of the Winton unit have already been treated. The 147 acre Chandler parcel east of the Winton Unit has also been treated.

### Distribution of BLM Land by Parcel and Plantation.

Project	Unit	APN	Activity*	Acres
MitchellCrest	Crestview-parcel	30 140 009	EA/CT/FR	18
	Mitchell Mine-parcel	30 140 007	EA/CT/FR	47
Bummerville	Winton-parcel	08 030 010	EA/CT/FR	107
	Winton-parcel	08 030 007	EA/CT/FR	6
	Bald Mountain-plantation	08 033 039	EA/FR	14
	Campo Flores-plantation	10 009 016	EA/FR	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 Units</b>	<b>4 Parcels</b>		<b>243</b>

\* Treatments include Environmental Assessment (EA), Commercial Thinning (CT), and Fuels Reduction (FR).

The overall project is designed to protect:

- Communities of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador; Bummerville, West Point and Lily Gap in Calaveras;
- Mokelumne Watershed including infrastructure to generate electrical power operated by PG&E and the Calaveras Public Utilities District, and provide domestic water by the Calaveras County Water District, Amador Water Agency, and East Bay Municipal Utilities District;
- Water quality of Grass Valley Creek in Amador and Bear Creek in Calaveras.
- High site industrial timberlands to the east in both counties;
- Federal BLM lands around the project areas and USFS forests to the east;
- Land and water supply for Indian Grinding Rock State Historical Park and CAL FIRE's Pine Grove Camp.

Slopes in the project area range from flat to 35%. There are clumps of dog-thicket, poorly-formed pine saplings surrounded by competing whiteleaf manzanita, deer brush, coyote brush, toyon, live and black oaks and bear clover. The result is an abundance of surface and ladder fuels that pose a serious fire threat to the developed parcels around the WUI. In conifer areas the silvicultural prescription of Commercial Thinning with an understory fuels reduction component is prescribed to return the stands to a healthy stocking level. Commercial Thinning will generate revenue from cutlogs and biomass for power generation to offset the cost of fuels reduction treatment. Areas with dense brush will be masticated and replanted with quality stock. When complete, the released trees that remain and the new seedlings will grow into merchantable timber that will offset future maintenance operations.

## **WORKPLAN AND SCHEDULE**

This proposal is a Category 2 project for environmental assessment planning purposes. While much of the preliminary planning has and will be provided by the CalAm volunteer team the environmental review requires analysis and completion. Since the property is federal BLM land, NEPA and CEQA analyses are required. BLM staffing is slim and internal environmental assessment for some aspects of the analyses must be contracted to external consultants.

Responsibilities:

- CHIPS is the fiscal agent for this planning grant. CHIPS will develop and administer the contracts and provide interim and final reports.
- Private contractors (consultants) will provide the botanical, wildlife and cultural resource surveys and reports.
- Foresters and fuels specialists from BLM and the CalAm Team will determine restoration needs and prescriptions.
- BLM, the landowner, will be the Contracting Officers Representative that leads NEPA development and document preparation.
- Amador Resource Conservation District will lead the NEPA to CEQA crosswalk as authorized under ARCD minutes of August 28, 2015 included as a Supplementary Document entitled "RCD NEPA to CEQA Cross Walk".

<b>Workplan and Schedule</b>		
<b>Project Deliverables</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Specific Responsibilities</b>
SNC Authorization Dates	12/15/15	SNC announces Prop 1 application awards
Start Date	02/15/16	SNC & CHIPS execute grant contract
Contract Preparations	02/15/16	CHIPS contracts for botany, wildlife & cultural resource studies
Request for Proposals	02/15/16	CHIPS lets RFP in Amador Ledger & Calaveras Enterprise
Contractor Selections	03/15/16	CHIPS awards contracts for botany, wildlife & cultural resource studies
Needs Determination	03/15/16	BLM & CalAm foresters determine forest restoration needs
Prescription Alternatives	04/15/16	BLM & CalAm foresters develop prescriptions
Resource Reports Due	06/15/16	CHIPS accepts reports and processes payment
Environmental Impact Analysis	07/01/16	BLM Interdisciplinary Team determines prescription impacts
Preferred Alternative Statement	07/15/16	BLM Interdisciplinary Team compares alternatives and recommends the preferred alternative
BLM Record of Decision	08/01/16	Mother Lode Field Manager makes Record of Decision: EA or EIS
Crosswalk NEPA to CEQA	09/01/16	Amador RCD crosswalks NEPA to CEQA
Submit Application for SNC Category 1 Implementation Grant	09/01/16	CHIPS or ARCD submits application to fund the treatment of BLM lands

**RESTRICTIONS, TECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS**

This proposal is a Category 2 project for planning purposes on federal BLM land. The environmental review requires analysis, completion and approval. Beyond the contracts between CHIPS and the NEPA/CEQA contractors, no restrictions or agreements are necessary for the project to be awarded and successfully completed. In addition, there are no permits required to complete this project.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

CHIPS is the fiscal agent on the current project. It has successfully bid on, managed and completed numerous fuels reduction contracts on USFS, BLM and private lands. It has the

financial and oversight expertise to ably execute the proposed Category 1 project from inception to successful completion.

The Bureau of Land Management/Mother Lode Field Office has internal expertise in the resource fields. They are adept at NEPA planning. Given the data from the environmental contractors BLM will write the NEPA analysis.

The Amador Resource Conservation District has spearheaded and managed multiple grants and volunteer projects in Amador County and have expertise in forest restoration and water resource projects. In the current project, the Amador RCD will work jointly with BLM to crosswalk NEPA to CEQA as stipulated in 14 CCR 15220-15227.

### **COOPERATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

There is an active forest restoration program in the Mokelumne Watershed that is orchestrated by the Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG). The success of the ACCG stems from its broad based participation from individual citizens, the Mi-Wuk Community, resource professionals from the private sector (Sierra Pacific Industries), local governments (Boards of Supervisors, Amador RCD, fire districts), state agencies (CAL FIRE, CDFW), federal agencies (USFS, BLM, NRCS), utility districts (Calaveras County Public Utilities District, Calaveras County Water District, Amador Water District, Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority, East Bay Municipal Water District, Pacific Gas & Electric Company), and environmental nonprofits (Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center and the Foothill Conservancy). Our letter of support from the ACCG for the current restoration projects to kick start the larger BLM Mokelumne Community Forest is a token expression of the community support.

[Letters of Support follow]

## **TRIBAL SUPPORT NARRATIVE**

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In Amador County, the Jackson Rancheria has participated in and funded many local improvement projects, particularly public parks and ball fields. The Mi-Wuk are an integral part of our community at large and will be involved in the Mokelumne Community Forest in the future.

Contact information for the local Mi-Wuk Indians is:

1. Briana Creekmore, 5411 Old Gulch Rd., San Andreas, Ca 95249; (209)256-4150; cvmt@live.com
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## **LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

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This long-term scenario can only be realized if short-term maintenance is performed religiously. Recent experience in the Mokelumne Watershed indicates that 10-year treatment cycles are needed to remove returning brush and saplings by controlled burns, mastication and hand crews, none of which generate revenue. Over the decades, BLM has missed these treatment cycles for lack of manpower and money. The idea of a Mokelumne Community Forest that will focus the diverse resources of local stakeholders on forest maintenance could be the solution. As a preview, consider the ad hoc group of local professionals that created this SNC application for Category 1 funding. Working under BLM's lead with advice from CAL FIRE, the CalAm resource professionals identified forest needs, performed all scoping, created site maps, and wrote this application at their own expense. CHIPS offered to be the fiscal agent and provide administrative support while the Amador RCD volunteered to make the NEPA/CEQA crosswalk. This collaborative spirit will thrive in the future given the administrative structure of the Mokelumne Community Forest! This is the same collaborative spirit that has led to ACCG's success in the implementation of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The Workplan outlines the deliverables in chronological order over the eight month life of this grant. The completion of each of these deliverables will be reported to the SNC after four months on 31-Mar-2016 and at the end of the project on 31-Aug-2016.

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

Project Name: BLM Mokelumne Community Forest (Mitchell/Crest-Bummerville Units)  
 Applicant: Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS)

<b>SECTION ONE</b>		
<b>DIRECT COSTS*</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Total</b>
Project Management Costs		
<i>Cultural Resource Study - Contractor</i>	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
<i>Botany - Contractor</i>	\$7,840.00	\$7,840.00
<i>Wildlife - Contractor</i>	\$12,750.00	\$12,750.00
<i>Amador RCD: NEPA-CEQA Crosswalk</i>	\$3,860.00	\$3,860.00
<b>DIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$40,950.00</b>	<b>\$40,950.00</b>

\*Any cost overruns to achieve project completion in the grant period will be borne by BLM.

<b>SECTION TWO</b>		
<b>PARTIAL INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Printing/Publications</i>	\$550.00	\$550.00
<b>INDIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>
<b>PROJECT TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$41,500.00</b>	<b>\$41,500.00</b>

<b>SECTION THREE</b>		
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Total</b>
<u>CHIPS - overhead rate at 10%</u>	\$4,150.00	\$4,150.00
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,150.00</b>	<b>\$4,150.00</b>
<b>SNC TOTAL GRANT REQUEST:</b>	<b>\$45,650.00</b>	<b>\$45,650.00</b>

<b>SECTION FOUR</b>		
<b>OTHER PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>BLM documents prep/NEPA coalescing</i>	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
<i>CalAm Team-Natural Resources Consultants</i>	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Other Contributions:</b>	<b>\$17,600.00</b>	<b>\$17,600.00</b>

# **AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Minutes for Special Meeting  
Of August 28, 2015**

**Special meeting was called to order by President Cannon at 3:00pm.**

**Present were: Directors Cannon, Port, Long, Marz  
District Manager Amanda Platt**

**CalAm representatives: John Hofmann, Jan Bray, John Heissenbuttel and Pat McGreery**

**Absent was: Director McCracken**

**A motion was made by Director Marz to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Port, motion carried.**

**No oral communications.**

**Item 1: No itemized warrants were presented.**

**Item 2: Discussion and review of draft State Water Resources Control Board Resolution, (see attachment A). A motion was made by Director Port to have President Cannon submit a letter of support directed towards the last 6 items. Seconded by Director Long, motion carried. Director Marz abstained from voting.**

**Item 3: CalAm proposal and over view presented by Jan Bray. A request from CalAm is that the ARCD be the lead agency for the CEQA portion of the environmental assessment under the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Prop 1 grant, should CalAm be successfully funded, (see attachment B).**

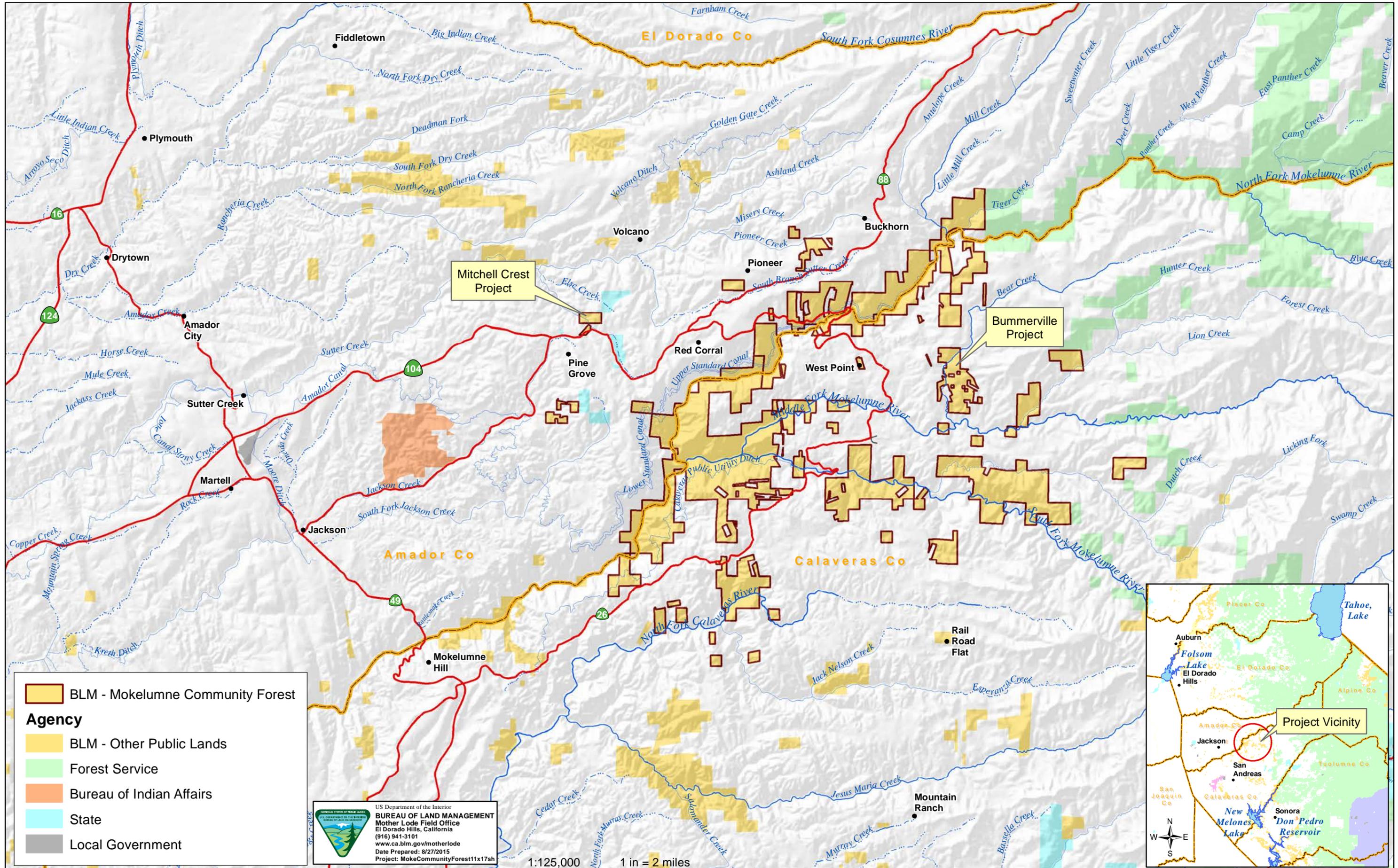
**A motion was made by Director Port that the ARCD agrees to become the lead agency for the NEPA-CEQA cross walk of the BLM-Mokelumne Community Forest Planning grant. Seconded by Director Marz, motion carried.**

**President Cannon gave a brief report and update on the Molly Joyce project.**

**Item 4: Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm**

**/s/BLong**

# Mokelumne Community Forest / BLM Lands Project



**Legend**

- BLM - Mokelumne Community Forest

**Agency**

- BLM - Other Public Lands
- Forest Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- State
- Local Government

US Department of the Interior  
**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
 Mother Lode Field Office  
 El Dorado Hills, California  
 (916) 941-3101  
[www.ca.blm.gov/motherlode](http://www.ca.blm.gov/motherlode)  
 Date Prepared: 8/27/2015  
 Project: MokeCommunityForest11x17sh

1:125,000      1 in = 2 miles



# Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

c/o Blue Mountain GIS PO Box 216 Mokelumne Hill, CA 29245  
209-479-0868

TO: SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY  
11521 Blocker Drive  
Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

August 21, 2015

RE: PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION, Funded by the  
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

Sierra Nevada Conservancy:

The Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG) is a diverse, community-based collaborative that works to create fire-safe communities, healthy forests and watersheds, and sustainable local economies. The ACCG fully supports the CalAm Team's efforts along with CHIPS collaboration for the Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands project.

This planning project will facilitate NEPA/CEQA analysis on BLM lands in Amador and Calaveras Counties that provide critical Wildland-Urban Interface protection to the communities of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador County as well as West Point and Bummerville in Calaveras County. The majority of the environmental analysis can be accomplished internally by BLM staff which will keep the cost of the environmental review very reasonable.

The project concepts are drawn from existing Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) which have prioritized projects within the two counties. In addition, the MACA Study (Mokelumne Watershed Avoided Cost Analysis) - which concluded that it does indeed make economic sense to increase investment in proactive forest management to reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires - has been utilized for preparation of this grant application.

Following the NEPA/CEQA analysis, the Team hopes to immediately pursue funding for the implementation of these projects which would significantly reduce the fuel hazard in these vital WUI zones and bring the lands into a managed condition.

We urge your support in funding this proposal.

Sincerely,

/s/Kimberly Grissom  
Blue Mountain GIS  
Administrator, Amador Calaveras Consensus Group

Approved: August 19, 2015



**Amador Resource Conservation District  
12200 B Airport Road, Jackson CA 95642**

DATE: August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

TO: SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY  
11521 Blocker Drive  
Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

RE: PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION, Funded by the  
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

Sierra Nevada Conservancy:

The Amador Resource Conservation District (ARCD) supports the CalAm Team's Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands project. The ARCD recognizes the need for fuels reduction in the project area and supports the CalAm Team in applying for funding to complete planning and regulation requirements.

The CalAm Team consists of local professionals that have expertise and knowledge of the area and community; this team engenders a great amount of confidence in this project. This planning project will facilitate NEPA/CEQA analysis on BLM lands in Amador and Calaveras Counties that provide critical Wildland-Urban Interface protection to the communities of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador County as well as West Point and Bummerville in Calaveras County.

ARCD supports the CalAm Team's application for a Category 2 planning grant to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy which will fund the effort to complete the planning and NEPA/CEQA analysis for the Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands project. This funding will help complete a necessary step towards a project that will significantly reduce the fuel hazard in these vital WUI zones and bring the lands into a managed condition.

The Amador Resource Conservation District urges your support in funding this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cannon", written over a white background.

Steve Cannon  
Board President  
Amador Resource Conservation District



**United States Department of the Interior**  
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August 26, 2015  
CA-180

**SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

**Re: PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION, Funded by the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

I am writing to express my support for the CalAm Team's above-referenced grant application for the Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands project.

This planning effort will facilitate NEPA and CEQA analysis of the Mitchell Crest and Bummerville forest-health and fuels reduction projects on BLM-administered public lands within the Mokelumne River watershed in Amador and Calaveras Counties. These projects, located entirely within the wildland-urban interface, will enhance watershed quality and provide critical protection to the communities of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador County as well as West Point and Bummerville in Calaveras County. Much of the environmental analysis can be accomplished internally by BLM staff, which will significantly reduce the cost.

The proposal is fully consistent with the goals and intent of BLM's Sierra Resource Management Plan, and would implement forest health and watershed improvement projects within BLM's proposed 15,000 acre Mokelumne Community Forest. Project concepts are drawn from existing Community Wildfire Protection Plans, which prioritized projects within the two counties. In addition, the recently-completed Mokelumne Watershed Avoided Cost Analysis was utilized in the design of the projects and in the preparation of this grant application. The MACA study concluded that it makes economic sense to increase investment in proactive forest management to reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires, especially in the central and lower portions of the watershed where the proposed projects are located.

Accordingly, I strongly support the CalAm Team's proposal.

Sincerely,

William S. Haigh  
Mother Lode Field Manager

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

**Amador-El Dorado Unit**  
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DATE: August 25, 2015

TO: SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY  
11521 Blocker Drive  
Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

RE: PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION, Funded by the  
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

Dear Sirs,

As the CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit Assistant Chief responsible for Amador County, I fully support the CalAm Team's efforts, along with CHIPS collaboration, for the Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands project.

This planning project will facilitate NEPA/CEQA analysis on BLM lands in Amador and Calaveras Counties that provide critical Wildland-Urban Interface protection to the communities of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador County as well as the adjacent communities of West Point and Bummerville in Calaveras County.

The majority of the environmental analysis can be accomplished internally by BLM staff which will keep the cost of the environmental review very reasonable.

The project concepts are drawn from existing Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) which have prioritized projects within the two counties. I have participated in and support these identified fuels reduction priorities and have an excellent working relationship with all parties involved. CAL FIRE intends to support these projects as appropriate moving forward.

In addition, the MACA Study (Mokelumne Watershed Avoided Cost Analysis) - which concluded that it does indeed make economic sense to increase investment in proactive forest management to reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires - has been utilized for preparation of this grant application.

Following the NEPA/CEQA analysis, the Team hopes to immediately pursue funding for the implementation of these projects which would significantly reduce the fuel hazard in these vital WUI zones and bring the lands into a managed condition.

I urge your support in funding this proposal.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Christopher R. Post, Assistant Chief  
CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit South Division Operations & Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp

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DATE: August 26, 2015

TO: SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY  
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Auburn, CA 95603

RE: PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION, Funded by the  
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Sierra Nevada Conservancy:

The Tuolumne Calaveras Unit of CAL FIRE fully supports the CalAm Team's efforts along with CHIPS collaboration for the Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands project.

This planning project will facilitate NEPA/CEQA analysis on BLM lands in Amador and Calaveras Counties that, once treated, will provide critical Wildland-Urban Interface protection to the communities of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador County as well as West Point and Bummerville in Calaveras County. The majority of the environmental analysis can be accomplished internally by BLM staff which will keep the cost of the environmental review reasonable.

The project concepts are drawn from existing Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) which have prioritized projects within the two counties. In addition, the MACA Study (Mokelumne Watershed Avoided Cost Analysis) - which concluded that it does indeed make economic sense to increase investment in proactive forest management to reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires - has been utilized for preparation of this grant application.

Following the NEPA/CEQA analysis, the Team hopes to immediately pursue funding for the implementation of these projects which would significantly reduce the fuel and decrease the fire hazard in these vital WUI zones and bring the lands into a managed condition.

The Tuolumne Calaveras Unit urges your support in funding this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mike Blankenheim

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Battalion Chief, West Point Battalion  
CAL FIRE Tuolumne Calaveras Unit



## Amador Fire Safe Council

PO Box 1055  
Pine Grove, California 95665  
209-295-6200

August 20, 2015

Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn CA 95603

RE: Letter of Support for Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands Proposal

The Amador Fire Safe Council supports the "Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands Planning Project," a collaborative effort between CHIPS, the BLM Motherlode District, and the CalAm team, with the majority of the environmental analysis being conducted by BLM staff, thereby reducing costs.

The project is drawn from priorities identified in the recent MACA study, as well as the Community Wildfire Protection Plans for both Amador and Calaveras. Two of those CWPPs were funded by the SNC to AFSC several years ago and it is gratifying to see those priorities recognized and incorporated into this proposal.

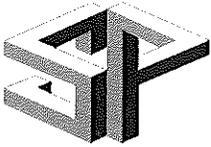
The CalAm team's intention is to pursue additional funding for implementation as soon as the environmental analyses are completed, with an ultimate goal of hazard fuel reductions within the target wildland/urban interfaces of both counties.

We urge your support to fund this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Cathy M. Koos Breazeal  
Executive Director



# Sierra Pacific Industries

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Martell District • P.O. Box 132 • Martell, California 95654-0132 • (209) 223-7170

DATE: August 24, 2015

TO: SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY  
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RE: PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION, Funded by the  
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

Sierra Nevada Conservancy:

Sierra Pacific Industries, Martell District, fully supports the CalAm Team's efforts along with CHIPS collaboration for the Mokelumne Community Forest/BLM Lands project.

This planning project will facilitate NEPA/CEQA analysis on BLM lands in Amador and Calaveras Counties that provide critical Wildland-Urban Interface protection to the communities of Pine Grove and Volcano in Amador County as well as West Point and Bummerville in Calaveras County. The majority of the environmental analysis can be accomplished internally by BLM staff which will keep the cost of the environmental review very reasonable.

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Following the NEPA/CEQA analysis, the Team hopes to immediately pursue funding for the implementation of these projects which would significantly reduce the fuel hazard in these vital WUI zones and bring the lands into a managed condition.

We feel that implementation of these projects would combine well with our own fuel reduction and community protection efforts in adjoining areas and make the combination of everyone's efforts more effective.

We strongly urge your support in funding this proposal.

Sincerely,

Tim M. Tate  
District Manager  
Sonora & Martell Districts  
Sierra Pacific Industries



# West Point Fire

## PROTECTION DISTRICT

PO BOX 315 / 195 SPINK ROAD / WEST POINT CA 95255 / 209-293-7000 / FAX 209-293-1300

To: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy

August 28, 2015

From: Jim Carroll, West Point Fire District Chief

Re: Amador-Calaveras Category 2 grant application

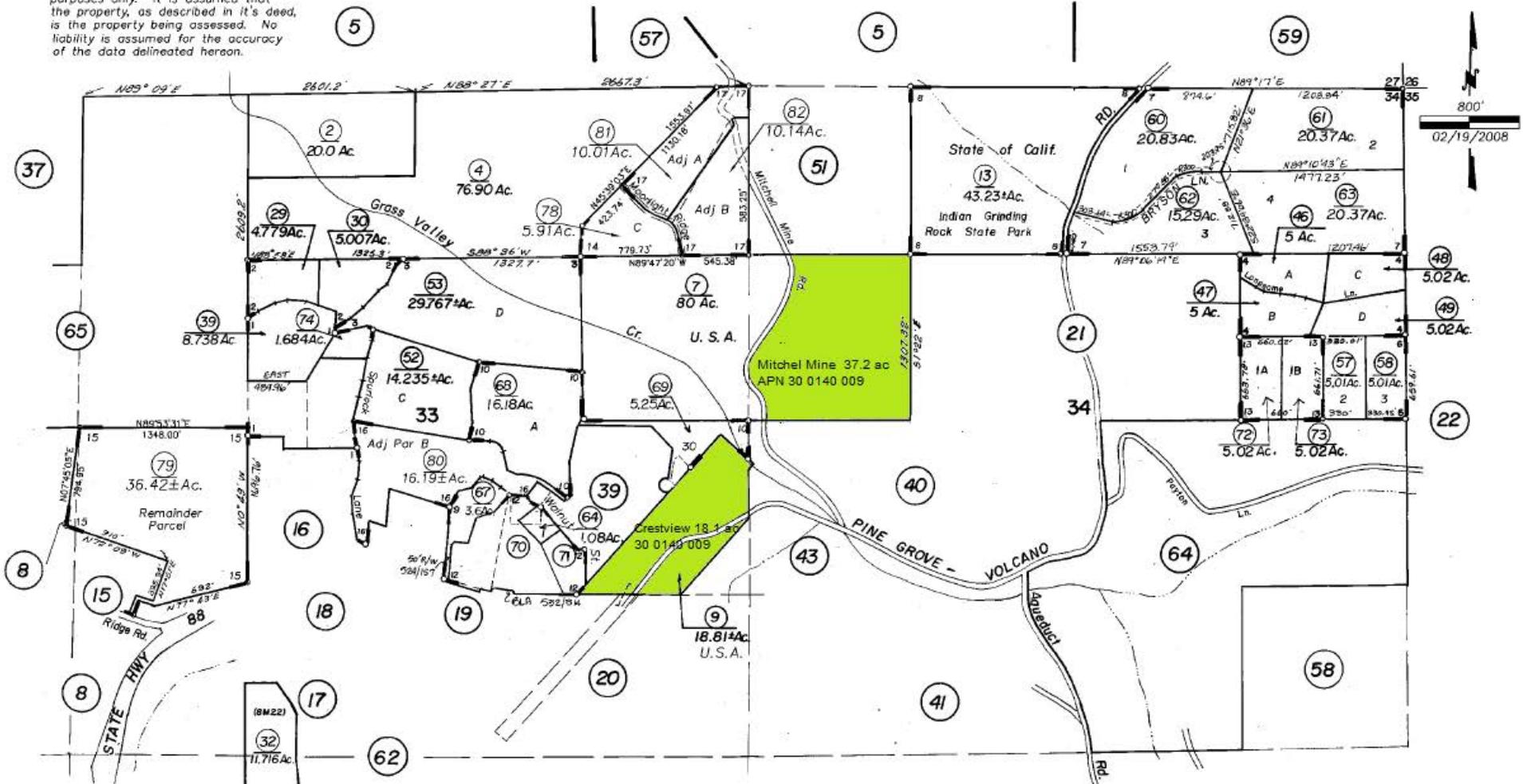
This is to confirm my strong support of the proposal to which this letter is attached. I was a technical advisor to the Mokelumne Avoided Cost Analysis (MACA) and have worked with both Cal Fire (then CDF) and the West Point Fire District for most of my adult life. My expertise is in fire behavior and risk assessment. I know the parcels covered in this proposal well. Not only is this area called out for special attention in the MACA but it is among the highest risk lands in and around my jurisdiction. The BLM parcels targeted have been neglected and virtually unmanaged for decades. The resulting forest is a biological mess, a danger to the Mokelumne watershed, and a clear and present threat to the communities I'm charged with protecting. In addition, the parcels are strategically located for stopping fire in places it is likely to occur.

I hope you will give this proposal your support and approval. Our towns will be grateful for the helping hand. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or seek greater detail.

Sincerely,

Jim Carroll, West Point Fire District Chief

IMPORTANT NOTE: This map was prepared for property tax assessment purposes only. It is assumed that the property, as described in its deed, is the property being assessed. No liability is assumed for the accuracy of the data delineated hereon.



Map changes become effective with the 2008-2009 roll year. Parcel numbers are subject to change prior to adoption of roll on each July 1.

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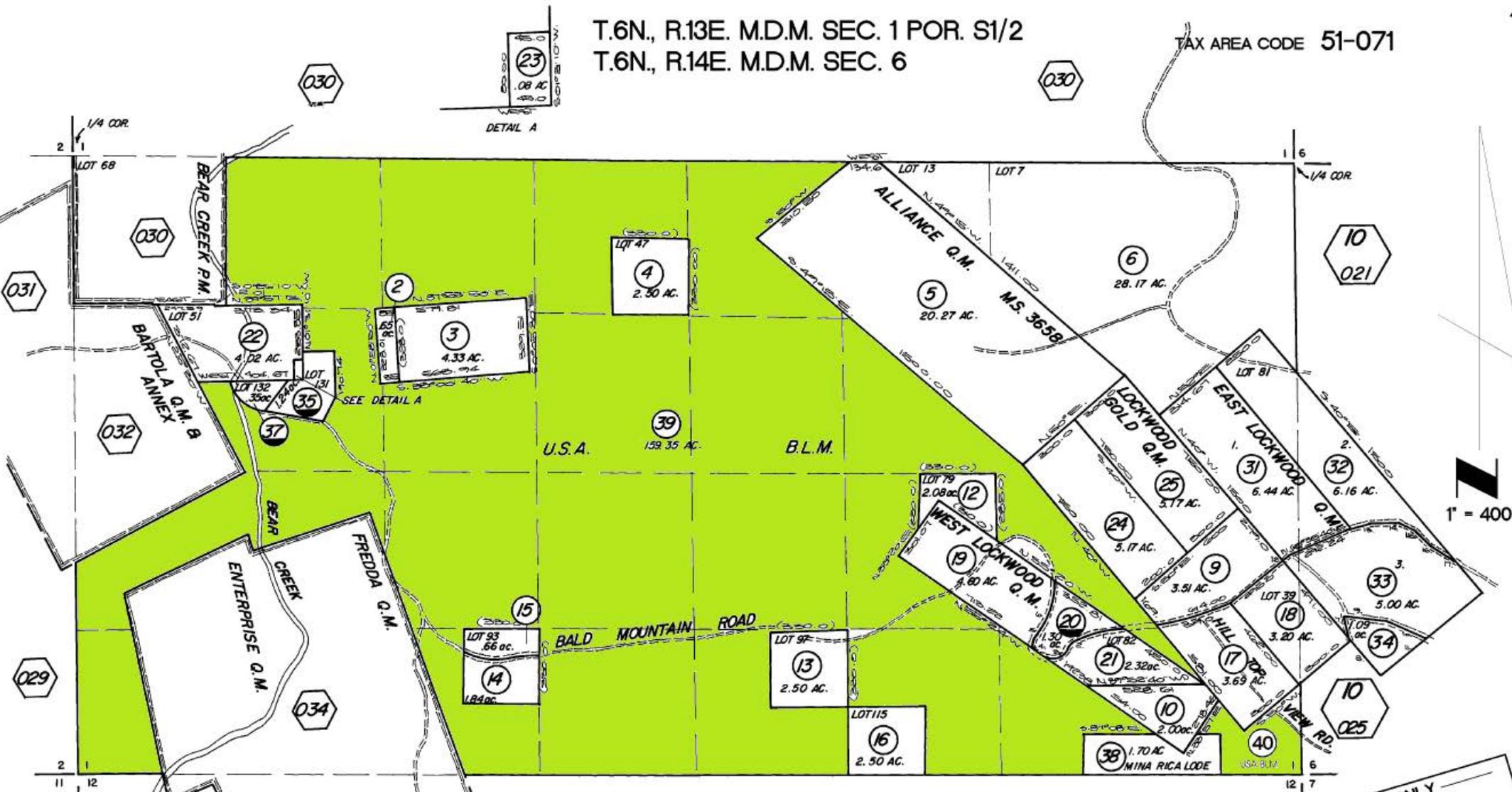
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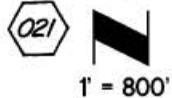
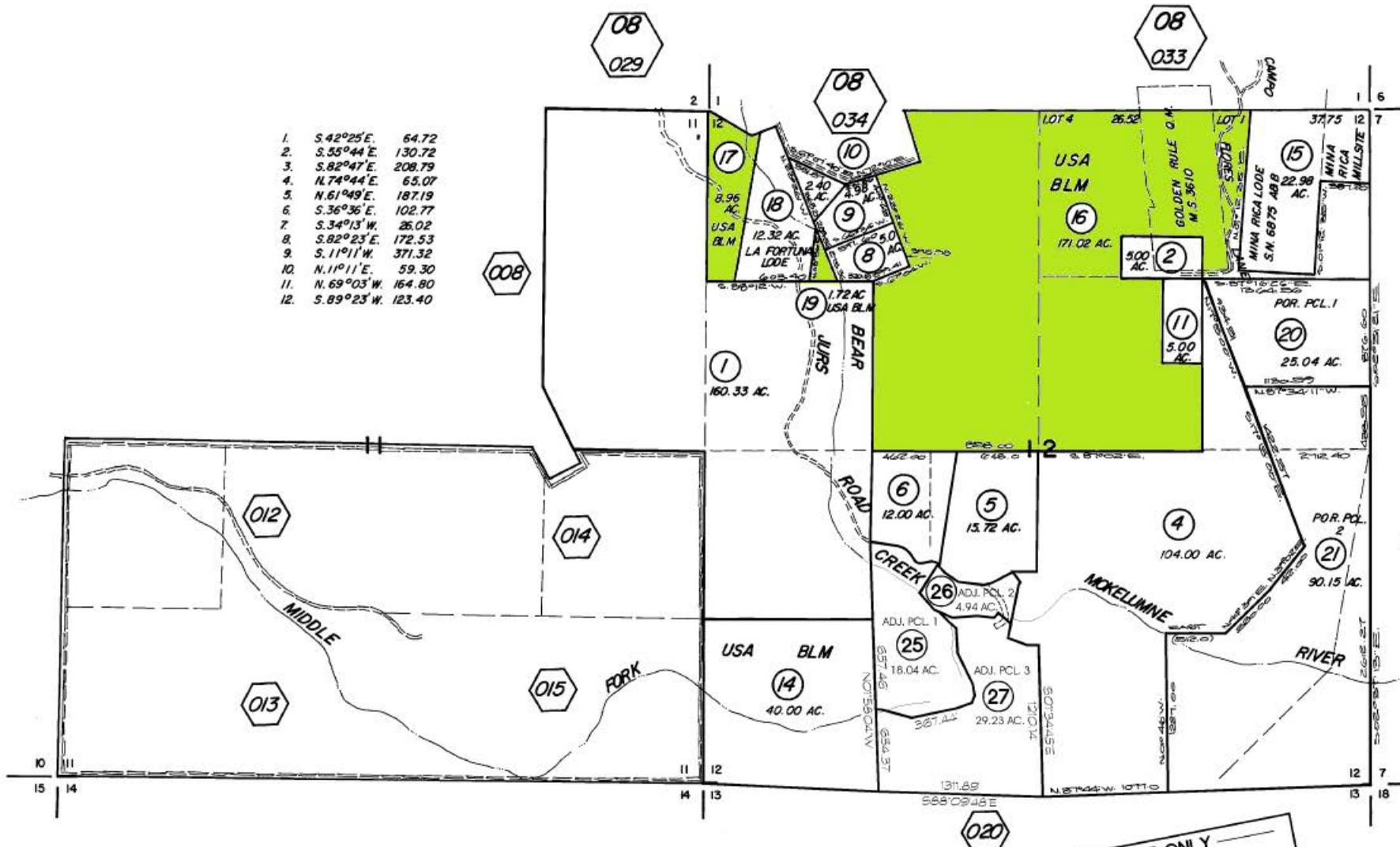
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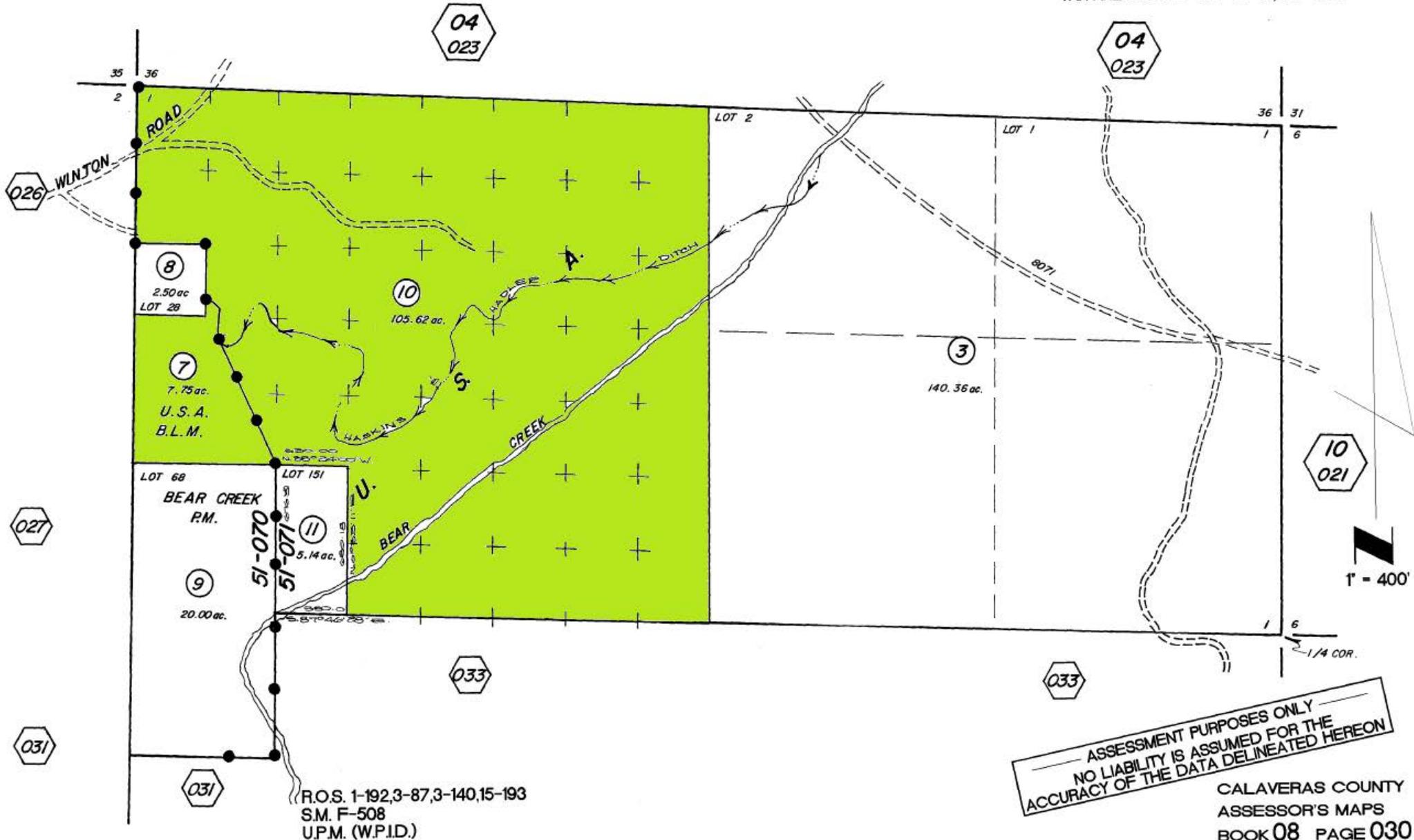


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**THE GOAL:** Five years ago this BLM parcel just north of Bummerville was over-crowded with dog-thicket, poorly-formed pine saplings competing with manzanita, deer brush and more. In 2010, surface and ladder fuels were masticated leaving a fire/beetle resilient forest surviving the State's multi-year drought. With SNC support, we'd repeat this success on the BLM units shown below.



BLM\_Lily\_Masticate\_2010A.jpg

The Mitchell Mine unit in Amador County is a mixed conifer forest that is overstocked and under attack by the Western Pine Beetle. It requires a Commercial Thin/fuels reduction treatment.



The Mitchell Mine unit in Amador County showing dog-thicket, poorly-formed pine saplings and an abundance of surface and ladder fuel.



The Mitchell Mine unit in Amador County adjacent to the water tank supplying Indian Grinding Rock State Park.



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Crestview unit in Amador County. Rx: Commercial thinning with understory fuels reduction.

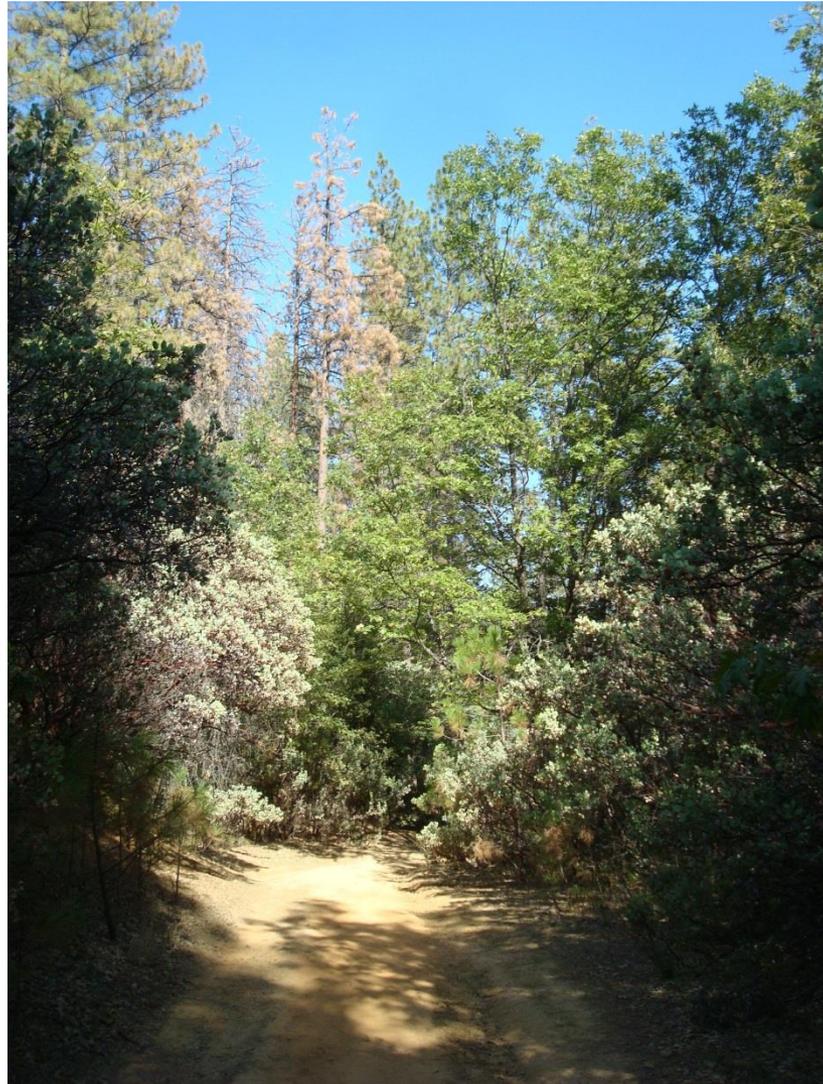


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Winton-parcel unit in Calaveras County showing dog-thicket, poorly-formed pine saplings and an abundance of surface and ladder fuel. Overstocking is depleting the available water and nutrients from desirable vegetation and drastically increasing the fire hazard onsite and in adjoining WUI.



Winton unit in Calaveras County showing dense manzanita, mortality from the Western Pine Beetle and the need for fuels reduction and recovery of merchantable timber prior to decay.



Winton unit in Calaveras County showing dense brush with a heavy vertical fuel ladder. Water consumption is up, carbon sequestration is down. Visibility is less than 100 feet.



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Campo Flores unit in Calaveras County showing an abandoned 50-year old pine plantation in need of stocking reduction to increase forest resiliency, fire protection, nutrient and water utilization while releasing the remaining stems for timber production/overall forest health.



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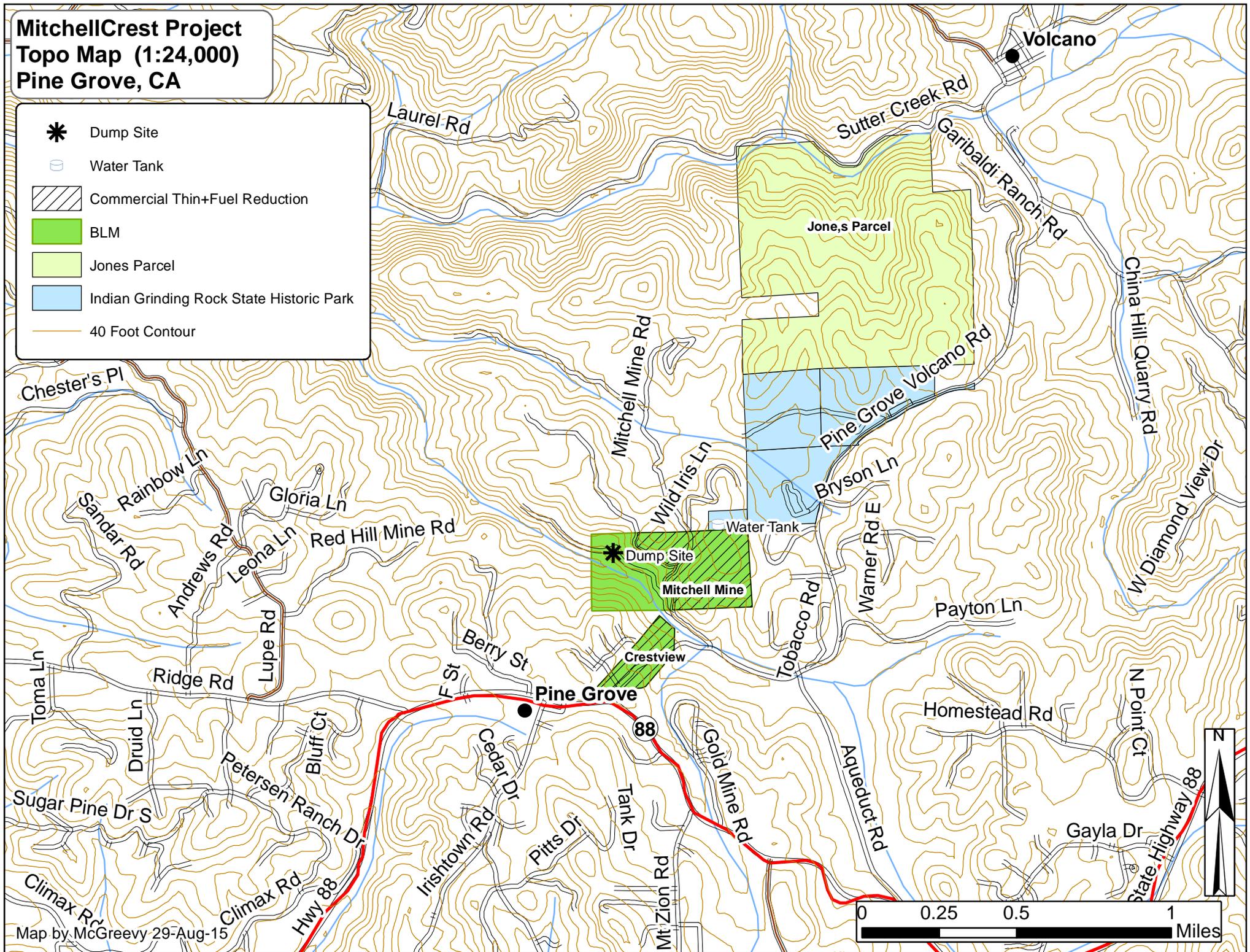
Campo Flores unit in Calaveras County – results of drought year 4 and overstocking shows dense pine competing unsuccessfully for ground water and nutrients, therefore unable to resist attack by the Western Pine Beetle.



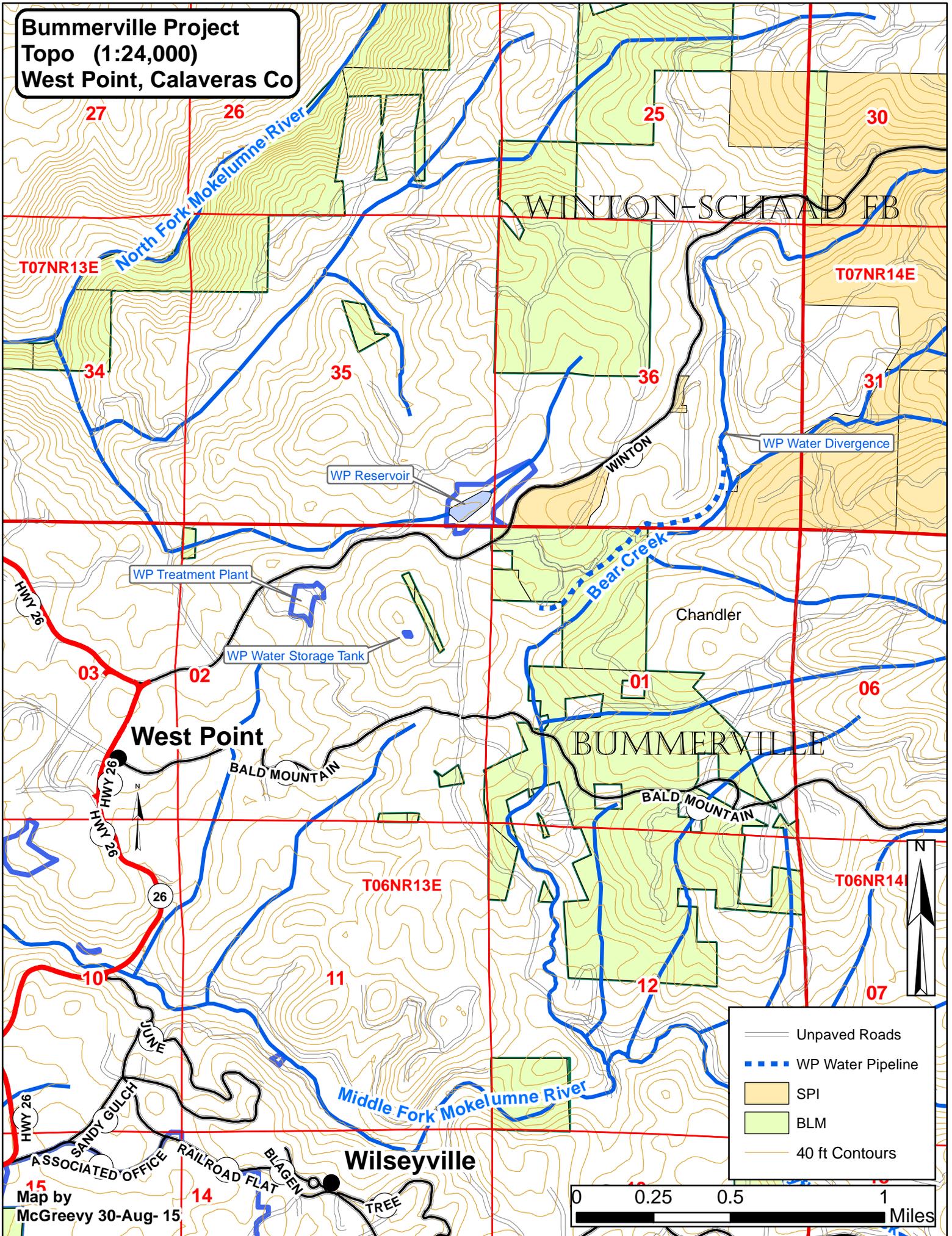
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**MitchellCrest Project  
Topo Map (1:24,000)  
Pine Grove, CA**

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-  Water Tank
-  Commercial Thin+Fuel Reduction
-  BLM
-  Jones Parcel
-  Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park
-  40 Foot Contour



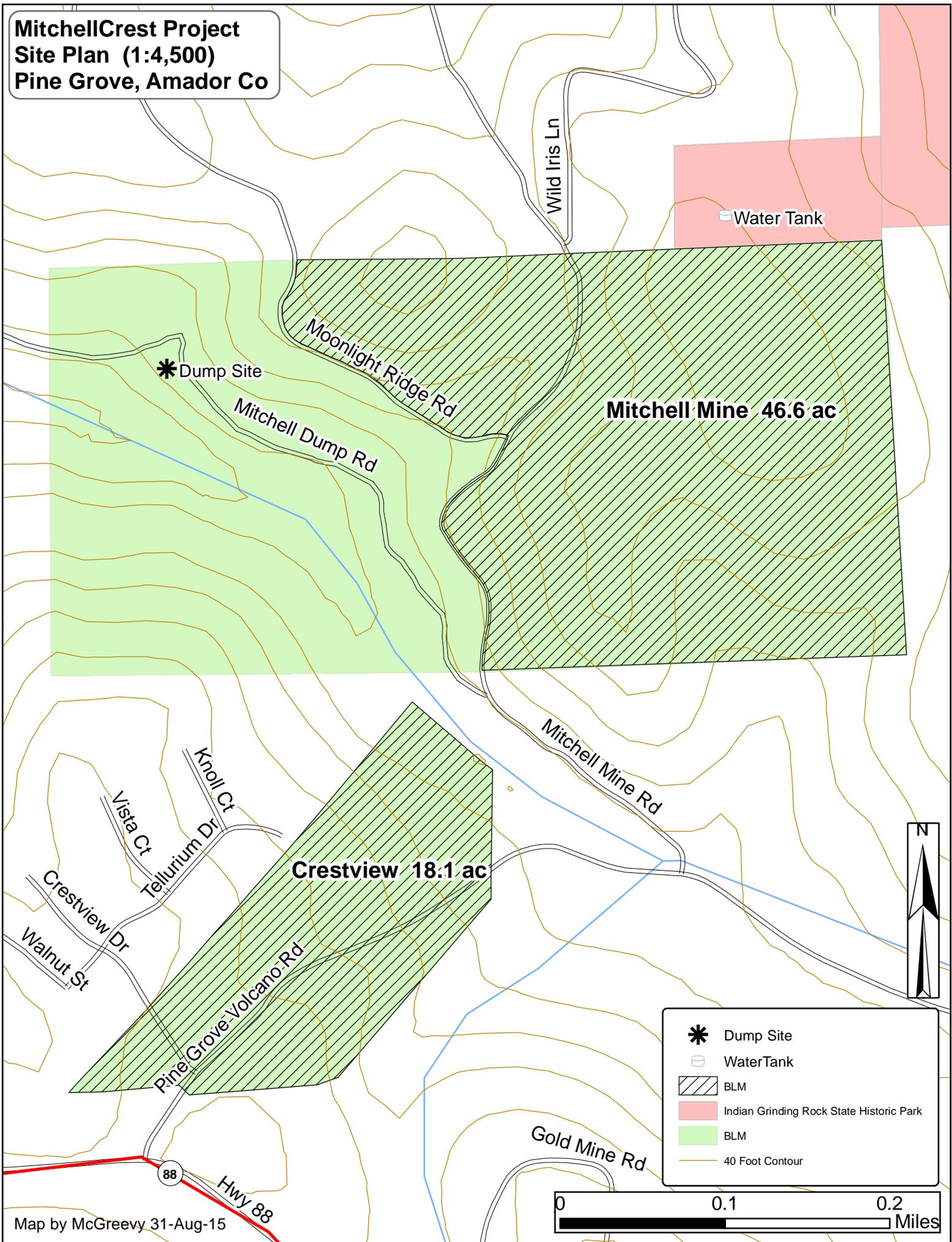
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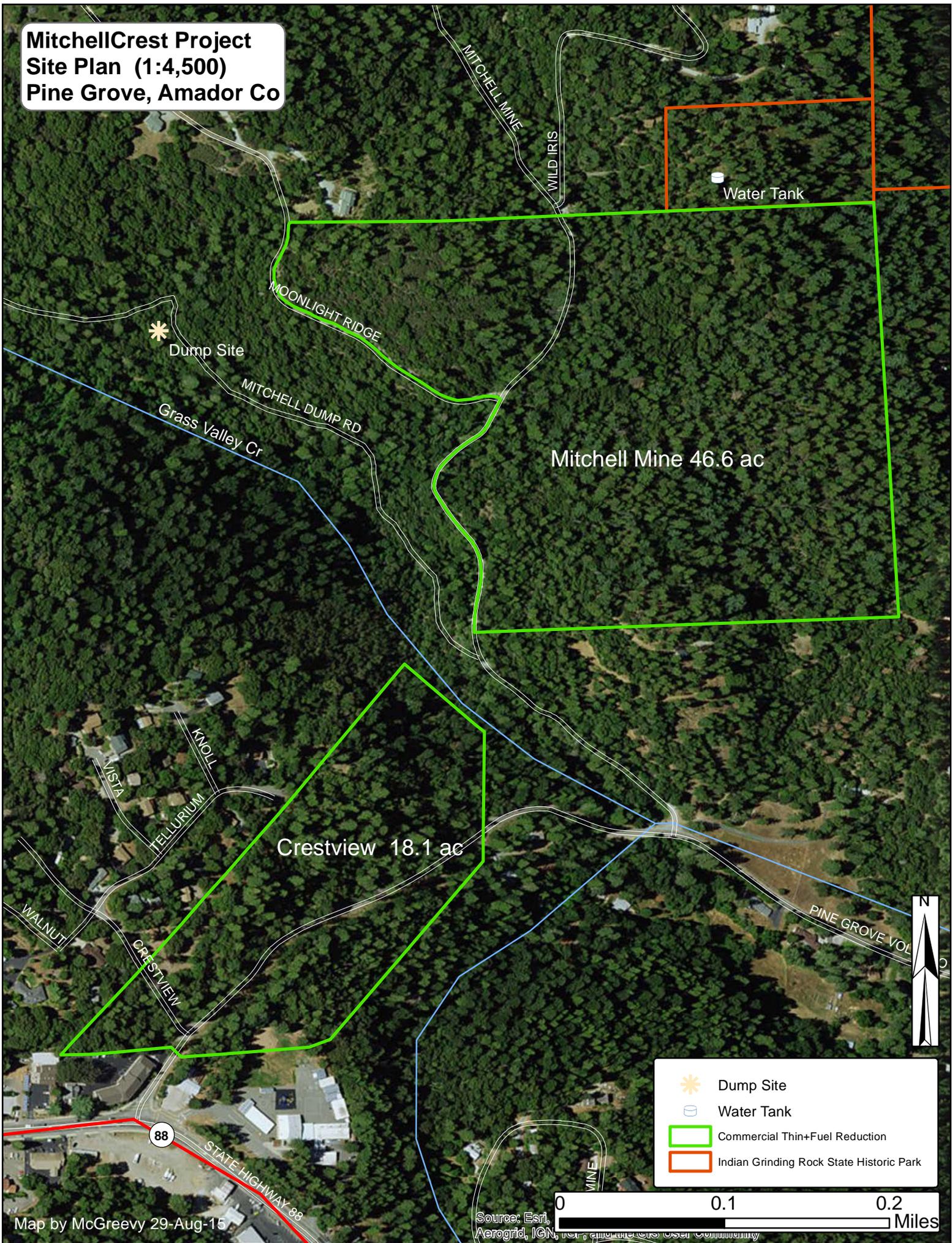
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Pine Grove, Amador Co**



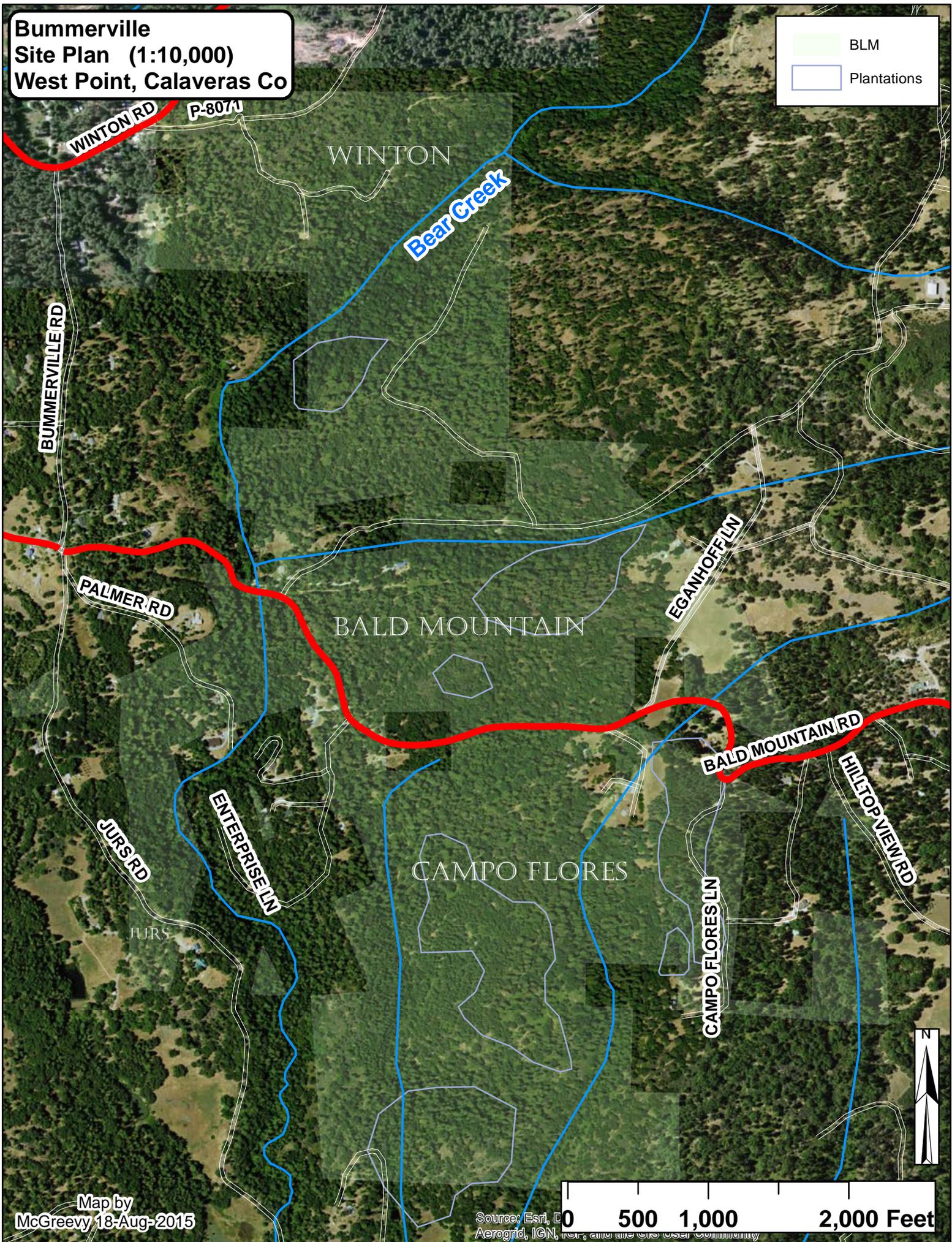
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**Bummerville  
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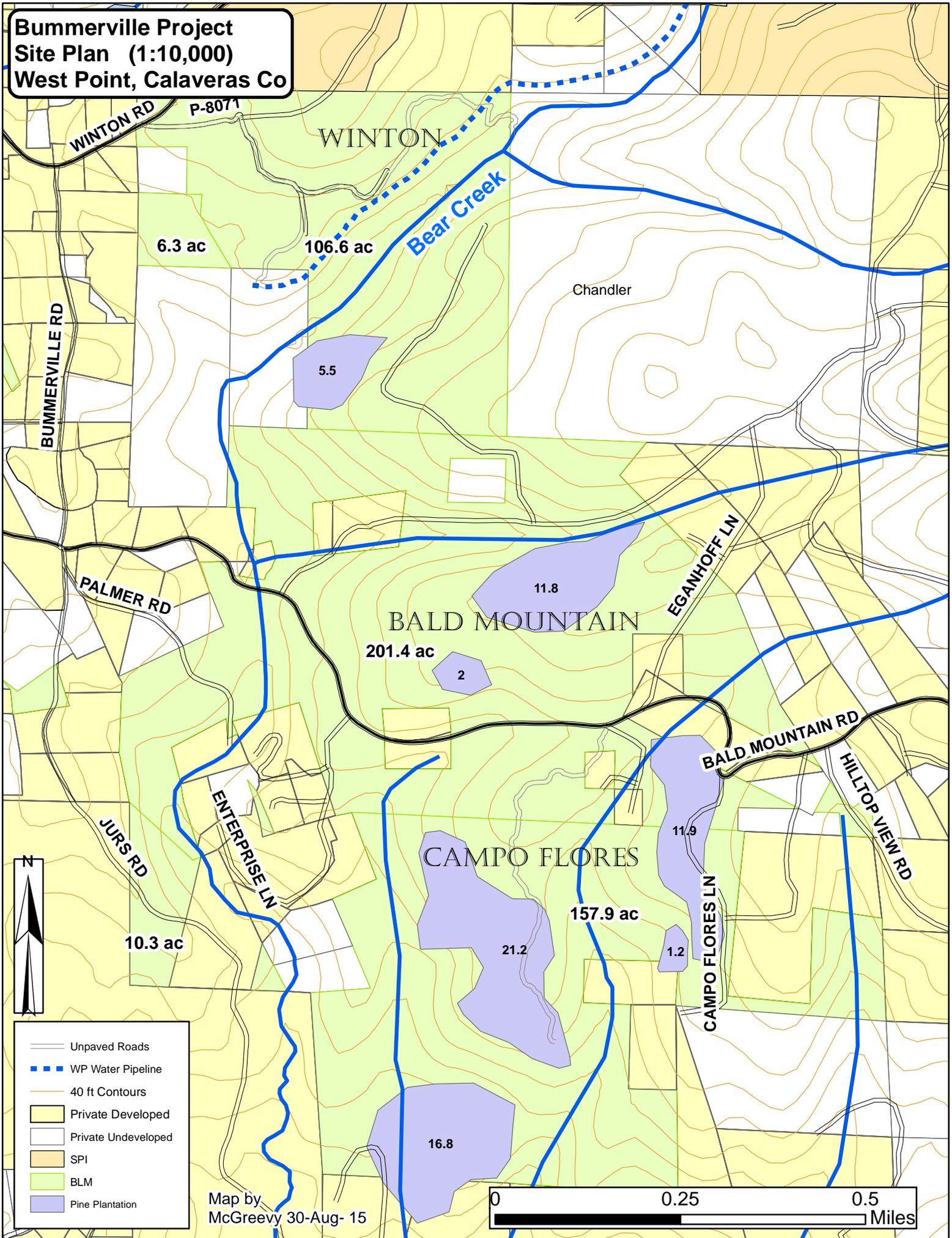


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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, IGN, Aerogrid, IGN, iSat, and the USGS Earth Community



**Bummerville Project  
Site Plan (1:10,000)  
West Point, Calaveras Co**



WINTON RD P-8071

WINTON

Bear Creek

6.3 ac

106.6 ac

5.5

Chandler

BUMMERVILLE RD

PALMER RD

BALD MOUNTAIN

11.8

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BALD MOUNTAIN RD

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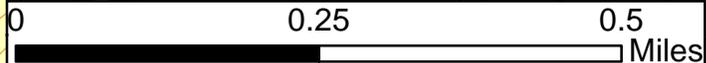
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- Unpaved Roads
- WP Water Pipeline
- 40 ft Contours
- Private Developed
- Private Undeveloped
- SPI
- BLM
- Pine Plantation

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**Land Tenure**

The land is under federal ownership by the USDI Bureau of Land Management. There are no short-term or long-term projected changes of land ownership.