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## 5. Authorization or Resolution to Apply

Per the SNC Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines eligible applicants include public agencies (any city, county, special district, joint powers authority, state agency). The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is a state agency that puts together young people and the environment, to the benefit of both. Corpsmembers are young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25. They sign up for a year of working outdoors to improve California's natural resources. They also assist with emergency response: fighting fires, floods, earthquakes and pest infestations.

The CCC, modeled after the original Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, is the oldest and largest conservation corps now in operation. Created by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 1976, more than 120,000 young people have been a part of the CCC since that time.

## 6. Narrative Descriptions

### A. Project Description

#### **Project Name: Rim Fire - Reed Creek Aspen Restoration Project.**

#### **Current Condition and Project Purpose**

Aspen provides many ecological benefits to resource users including protection of watersheds from erosion, some protection against rapid wildfire advance, increased biological diversity in the species rich grass-forb understory, wood fiber, wildlife habitat, forage for domestic livestock and native ungulates, recreational sites, esthetic considerations (e.g., fall leaf colors), and more water yield than conifers.

Concern for the health of California's quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) habitat has increased in recent years due to heavy wild ungulate and domestic livestock browsing, competition from conifers and other vegetation in the absence of fire, the impacts of drought and the potential negative impacts of climate change. Aspen stand acreage and health throughout the west has declined over the past 125+ years. Two factors are most commonly cited as contributing to this decline are changes in fire regimes since European settlement and heavy ungulate browsing leading to inadequate regeneration.

Over 90 percent of aspen stands in forested areas of California have some level of conifer shading. Removing conifers using hand crews or mechanical equipment to increase sunlight to aspen is an effective technique to restore stands. Aspen stands can increase groundwater, enrich soils and support a higher diversity of plants and wildlife, relative to adjacent forest types. Keeping aspen stands as part of our forests is critical to maintaining a healthy Sierra Nevada forest ecosystem for people, plants, and wildlife. Aspen stands are relatively uncommon in the Rim Fire perimeter.

The Rim Fire started on August 17, 2013 in a remote area of the Stanislaus National Forest near the confluence of the Clavey and Tuolumne Rivers about 20 miles east of Sonora, CA. Exhibiting high to extreme fire behavior with multiple flaming fronts, the fire made runs of 30,000 to 50,000 acres on two consecutive days. It quickly spread up the Tuolumne River watershed and its main tributaries: North Fork Tuolumne, Clavey River, Cherry Creek, Middle Fork Tuolumne and South Fork Tuolumne. Over several weeks it burned 257,314 acres, or 400 square miles, including 154,530 acres of Stanislaus National Forest System (NFS) lands. The Rim Fire is the third largest wildfire in California history and the largest wildfire in the recorded history of the Sierra Nevada. It is also California's largest forest fire, burning across a largely conifer dominated forest landscape. This project is being proposed to restore, enhance, and protect aspen stands, which are a valuable and rare ecosystem long-term in the Rim Fire. Our goal is to leverage these targeted

restoration activities and related efforts to meet the needs of a broader long term restoration and forest resiliency plan for the Rim Fire footprint on the Stanislaus National Forest.

**California Water Action Plan, the SNC Strategic Plan, and the SNC Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) Plan Consistencies**

This project aligns with all three broad objectives of the California Water Action Plan: more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient, sustainably managed water resources system (water supply, water quality, flood protection, and environment) that can better withstand inevitable and unforeseen pressures in the coming decades. This project specifically targets actions four, five, six, and seven in the Action Plan.

4. Protect and restore important ecosystems (aspen stands);
5. Manage and Prepare for dry periods;
6. Expand (natural) water storage capacity and improve groundwater management (in aspen stands); *and*
7. Provide safe water for all communities (several Central Valley, San Francisco Bay area, and local Sierra Nevada Foothill communities rely on the health of the Tuolumne River watershed for drinking water and hydroelectric power).

This project will address the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's focal point of actions identified in SNC's 2013 Strategic Plan listed below either directly or indirectly. The proposed project is also directly focused on the following two Areas of Focus (Healthy Forests and Watershed Protection and Restoration).

**Primary Goals:**

- Protecting, conserving and restoring the Region's physical, cultural, archaeological, historical and living resources;
- Aiding in the preservation of working landscapes (i.e. working forest);
- Reducing the risk of (future) natural disasters, such as wildfire;
- Protecting and improving water and air quality; and,
- Assisting the regional economy through the operation of the SNC's program;

**Secondary Goals:**

- Enhancing public use and enjoyment of lands owned by the public; and,
- Increasing the opportunity for tourism and recreation in the Region.

This project specifically targets actions 2.1, 2.5, 2.7, 3.5, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 6.1, 6.3, and 7.2 in the Action Plan.

This project will help attain the following goals determined in SNC's Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) Plan

- Restoring Sierra forests and watersheds to a healthier state;
- Improving the quantity and quality of water throughout the year;
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and stabilize carbon storage;
- Improving habitat for wildlife, fish, and plant species; and
- Preserving working landscapes (i.e. aspen stands).

**Project Goals and Deliverables**

The project area lies within the Reed Creek watershed (HUC12: 180400090802), within the larger Clavey River watershed in the Rim Fire. Six aspen stands (~22.5 acres) are proposed for conifer removal treatment; two of these stands are located within larger thinning units (226 and 229). This project would only be addressing the aspen

restoration in the larger two thinning units. Aspen treatments would consist of removing most conifers up to 30 inches diameter-at-breast-height (dbh) growing within the aspen stand and for 50-150 feet beyond the extent of the stand to provide more sunlight. The project area would be temporarily fenced to protect newly sprouting aspen from wild ungulate and domestic livestock browsing during the few years of aspen restoration until the aspen reach above browse height (4-5 feet). Conifers would be cut by hand and piled and burned or chipped outside of the aspen stand utilizing the California Conservation Corps (CCC's). Some material may also be left on the ground to the extent where it is not a fuels concern. Temporary fence may need care in years 2-5.

**Project Locations**

This project’s goals and objectives are to provide critical funding for the removal of conifers and install temporary fencing of six aspen stands in the Reed Creek watershed in the Rim Fire.

<b>ID (See Map Below)</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Approx. feet of temporary fencing</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
<b>A1</b>	5*	3,000	38° 1' 43.70" N	119° 58' 6.58" W
<b>A2</b>	5*	3,000	38° 1' 50.70" N	119° 57' 37.59" W
<b>A3</b>	1.7	2,000	38° 2' 39.28" N	119° 56' 45.75" W
<b>A4</b>	1.6	2,000	38° 3' 25.02" N	119° 56' 0.95" W
<b>A5</b>	3.1	2,800	38° 3' 23.88" N	119° 55' 56.20" W
<b>A6</b>	6.1	3,200	38° 3' 30.28" N	119° 55' 53.55" W
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>16,000</b>		

\*Stands are located within larger thinning units.

This project is part of a large scale landscape restoration effort to restore watersheds, forest ecosystems, and wildlife habitat in the Rim Fire area on the Stanislaus National Forest.

**B. Workplan and Schedule Narrative**

<b><u>Task</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>SNC Requested Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Timeline</u></b>
1.1 Project Preparation/Layout	1 <b>USFS</b> forestry technician would layout the units in preparation for implementation of the project.	\$4,900	Spring 2016
1.2 Implementation of Conifer Removal and Installation of Temporary Fencing	1 <b>USFS</b> forestry technician would provide project oversight. <b>CCC Crew</b> will remove conifer encroachments for approximately 22.5 acres of aspen stands and install approximately 16,000 feet of temporary fencing.	\$322,300	Spring/Summer/Fall of 2016
1.3 Monitoring and Fencing Maintenance	<b>USFS</b> will monitoring the success of the project and effectiveness of the temporary fencing. <b>CCC's</b> will maintain the temporary fencing until browse height is 4-5 feet (approx. 3 years post project)	\$115,100	Spring and Fall of 2017, 2018, 2019
1.4 Project Management/Grant Administration	<b>USFS</b> will develop individual agreements with partners and oversee the project management of the various tasks above. <b>CCC's</b> will invoice and report to the SNC on the grants progress and completion.	\$52,600	Ongoing throughout the duration of the grant

1.5 Long-Term Project Implementation	If burn piles are created from this project. Piles will be burned when burn windows are available by the <b>USFS</b> . No funding is being request for this task.	-----	TBD
<b>Total Funding Request:</b>		<b>\$494,900</b>	

**C. Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements Narrative  
Restrictions/Agreements**

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents were completed by the Stanislaus National Forest for all of the activities identified in the Rim Fire - Reed Creek Aspen Restoration Project. NEPA documents will need to be reviewed for environmental compliances with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This CEQA compliance review is currently being conducted at a larger effort for all Rim Restoration activities by Sierra Nevada Conservancy. All NEPA environmental documents can be found at the following website:

- Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact  
[http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/82636\\_F\\_SPLT2\\_289424.pdf](http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/82636_F_SPLT2_289424.pdf)
- Environment Assessment  
[http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/82636\\_F\\_SPLT2\\_289425.pdf](http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/82636_F_SPLT2_289425.pdf)

No restrictions have currently been identified. The USFS has a master agreement in place to utilize the CCCs for this type of project work. A supplemental agreement will need to be established under the master agreement for the CCCs to work on this specific project. This supplemental agreement is a standard process for each site-specific CCC project.

**Regulatory Requirements/Permits**

The activities in this project do not require any additional permits. Planning, building, grading, hazardous materials, septic systems, water quality, floodways and hydrological easements permits are not applicable to this project. Stream bank alternations and work in wetlands, stream channels, or water bodies will not be occur in this project. All work is on USFS lands therefore no encroachment permits are required. All cultural sites will be flagged and avoided. If Incidental take for Endangered Species Act is required this may occur through consultation or tiering to a programmatic biological opinion the STF has in place with USFWS.

**D. Organizational Capacity Narrative**

California Conservation Corps (CCC)

Erin Healy is the Chief of the Program and Operations Division for the California Conservation Corps (CCC). She oversees the field operations, emergency unit, information systems, corpsmember development and corpsmember recruitment units. Erin began her career with the CCC in 1980 as a corpsmember at the Placer Fire Center. She has served as a crew supervisor, project coordinator, Center Director, Regional Deputy, and Chief of the Budgets, Human Resources, and Administrative Divisions during her 30+ year career with the CCC. She has a degree in Management from Saint Mary’s College.

Brian Lussier is the Conservation Supervisor for the Greenwood Center of the California Conservation Corps. Brian started his service in the Corps in 1995 as a corpsmember and served on the Backcountry Trails Crew in Yosemite National Park and participated in the Australian Exchange. He has served as a Conservationist I (Crew Supervisor) including supervising four Backcountry Trail Crews in Yosemite and Kings Canyon National Parks, and Stanislaus and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. Brian was promoted to a Conservationist II (Project Coordinator) in 2009 and then into

his current role in 2013. Brian will oversee the CCC crews implementing the conifer removal and fence installation aspects of the project.

Dana Brazelton is the Manager of the Special Projects Support Unit for the California Conservation Corps. She oversees the development and implementation of specially-funded projects for the CCC. Dana began her career with the CCC as a Conservationist I and has also served as a Project Coordinator and Project Support Analyst at CCC Headquarters. Dana has also served as the Statewide Recycling Coordinator for the Department of Water Resources and as Grants Administrator with the California Natural Resources Agency. She has a degree in English from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Dana will oversee grants administration and invoicing for the project.

#### Stanislaus National Forest (STF)

Fred Wong is the District Ranger of the Mi-Wok Ranger District (northern side of the Rim Fire) and Jim Junette is the District Ranger of the Groveland Ranger District (southern side of the Rim Fire) of the Stanislaus National Forest. Jointly they have been strong advocates for identifying efforts to restore watersheds, forest ecosystems, and wildlife habitat in the Rim Fire area. Jim and Fred have experience working for the Forest Service assisting with large-scale, landscape level planning. In their time on the Mi-Wok and Groveland Ranger Districts, they have been strong proponents for integrated resource planning where the various resources and influences on the environment are considered together as an integrated picture. They are passionate proponents for working collaboratively with a broad range of interests to find the best solutions for all, with the input of a variety of scientific disciplines. They have been representing the Stanislaus National Forest and working with many stakeholders on the various issues on the Rim Fire.

Barbara Drake is the Rim Director assigned to the Stanislaus National Forest on special detail from the Fremont-Winema National Forest, Lakeview, OR where she is the Natural Resource, Vegetation and Planning Staff Officer. Prior to that she was the Water, Soil and Air Program Manager on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest where she continued to restore streams, meadows and habitat for sage grouse and spotted frogs. She has worked in Natural Resource management for 18 years, largely focused on watershed management and forest health projects. She was recognized in 2006 for establishing the Plumas National Forest as a leader in watershed restoration and cooperative partnership development. Over the past 12 years Barbara has served as a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team leader on a number of large scale fires in various parts of the Western United States. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geoscience from Chico State University. As the Rim Director she has been tasked with establishing a healthy Forest and resilient watersheds, the protection of critical wildlife habitat, and the enhancement of recreation and educational opportunities in the Rim Fire.

Mary Moore is the Forest Hydrologist and Water, Soil, Air, and Geology Program Manager for the Stanislaus National Forest in Sonora, CA. Prior to that she worked for fourteen-years as a Restoration Hydrologist for the US Forest Service, where she completed several urban restoration projects largely focused on watershed management and forest health to reduce TMDLs in Lake Tahoe area. Over the past 14 years Mary has served as a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team leader on a number of large scale fires in throughout the Western United States. She received her M.S. from Johns Hopkins University in environmental science with a focus in hydrology and her B.A. from University of Virginia in environmental science with a focus in ecology.

### **E. Cooperation and Community Support Narrative**

The project area lies within the Reynolds Creek watershed, within the larger Clavey River watershed. This watershed was assessed under the Clavey River Ecosystem Project (CREP), a collaborative group of volunteers that formed in 1999 with the objective of conducting a scientific assessment of the Clavey River Watershed that would provide the basis for making sound ecosystem management recommendations. The Clavey River Watershed Action Plan (CRWA 2008), a product of CREP, defined existing and desired conditions for water, fire and fuels, vegetation, wildlife, recreation, and road and trail elements, and identified management opportunities where desired conditions are not currently being met.

Additionally this project was developed as a collaborative partnership with the **Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions (YSS)** and CCC. Throughout the NEPA process the community and other stakeholders have been engaged in the project through stakeholder meetings, workshops, and public scoping notifications. There is widespread support of efforts to identify landscape and watershed restoration opportunities in the Rim Fire to create a more resilient landscape from devastating wildfires and other natural disasters. Project progress will be communicated by media releases, updates at the local county board of supervisor meetings, and communications through the YSS, a collaborative group of diverse interests working together to assist the United States Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Yosemite National Park and private land managers in achieving healthy forests and watersheds and in developing recovery and restoration plans for the Rim Fire and other areas in need of rehabilitation.

The **Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians** is in support of this project, which targets the restoration and stabilization aspen stands, special aquatic features, meadows and springs in the Rim Fire.

This type of project has had a very positive history of cooperation and community support here on the Forest. Fencing of areas traditionally used by grazing permittees has caused tensions in the past on the Stanislaus National Forest. STF personnel have been and will continue to work with permittees to develop site-specific management plans to ensure adequate protection for the newly restored aspen stands while continuing to meet permittee needs. Construction of temporary fences will be required as site mitigation for the restoration sites (aspen stands). Maintenance of these fences will be required until the new aspens reach above browse height (approximately 4-5 feet). Working together, permittees and local STF range staff will provide site-specific solutions to ensure the success of aspen stand restoration in the Reed Creek Aspen Restoration Project area.

## **F. Tribal Consultation Narrative**

The entire tribe, The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, are consulted for all STF projects. Tribal concurrence is necessary for all STF projects. The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians' Chair is Kevin Day and the STF point of contact is Reba Fuller ([rfuller@mewuk.com](mailto:rfuller@mewuk.com)). Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians can be reached at the following phone number: 209- 928-5300.

## **G. Long-Term Management and Sustainability Narrative**

Restoration projects will occur on public lands managed by the STF under the Stanislaus National Forest Plan Direction 2010 which presents the current Forest Plan management direction, based on the original Forest Plan (1991) as modified by several amendments to include the 2004 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment (SNFPA) Record of Decision (ROD). These plans direct long-term management of public lands on the Stanislaus National Forest in perpetuity. A long term restoration and rehabilitation strategy is currently being developed for the Rim Fire to promote a more healthy and resilient Forest. Post-fire impacts are still being assessed. Projects are being identified and prioritized at the Forest level. This is a multiyear phased process. The STF has an interdisciplinary team of hydrologists, fisheries biologists, wildlife biologists, botanists, archeologists, foresters, and range management specialists who will continue to provide recommended resource protection measures for any activities that occur in the Rim Fire area. The STF has managed many similar areas to protect resource values in the past. All land management activities, including the project, are subject to specific Best Management Practices and Management Requirements/Mitigations detailed in the Stanislaus National Forest Plan Direction as well as additional resource protection measures.

Funding for long-term management will come from the Stanislaus National Forest budget. The past experience with this type of restoration has shown that while it is important to have provisions for long-term maintenance, significant maintenance is often not needed because natural processes are restored. The Forest Service will be responsible for long-term maintenance of the project once the implementation of the project has occurred.

The focus of the monitoring (identified in the environmental documents) on Best Management Practices and Standard Management Requirements throughout the life of the project ensures identified habitat features are maintained per the desired project specifications both during layout and implementation, and species specific monitoring. This ensures all Best Management Practices and Standard Management Requirements outlined in the project are followed. Each discipline has the delegated responsibility and associated funding to monitor their specific resource and ascertain whether treatments are following project requirements. Further, treatments are monitored for unforeseen effects, which help inform the project's adaptive management strategy.

A copy of the Stanislaus National Forest Plan Direction 2010 can be found at the following website:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5154788.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5154788.pdf)

This is an internal USFS website. A copy of this 202 page document can be made available upon request.

## H. Performance Measures

<u>Performance Measure</u>	<u>Anticipated Project Performance Measures</u>
Acre Feet per Annum of Streamflow Improved	--
Acre Feet per Annum of Water Supply Conserved or Enhanced	--
Acres of Land Conserved	--
Acres of Land Improved or Restored	22.5
Feet of Trail/Path Constructed or Improved	--
Kilowatts of Renewable Energy Production Capacity Maintained or Created	--
Linear Feet of Stream Bank Protected or Restored	--
Mass of Pollutant Reduced Per Year	--
Measurable Changes in Knowledge or Behavior	--
Number and Type of Jobs Created	*1 – USFS Seasonal = 0.67 FTE Type Other: USFS Forestry Technician *12-14 – CCC Crew Members = 8.48 FTE Type Other: Natural Resources/Forestry Skill *1-CCC Administrator = 0.54 FTE Type: Administration
Number and Value of New, Improved or Preserved Economic Activities	*Restoration of aspen stands on a working landscape may preserve the production of aspens for esthetic considerations (e.g., fall leaf colors)
Number of Collaboratively Developed Plans and Assessments	--
Number of New Recreation Access Points	--
Number of People Reached	--
Number of Significant Sites Protected or Preserved	--
Percent of Pre-project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation	--
Resources Leveraged for the Sierra Nevada	*Major In-kind Contributions *Project Funds from other sources *Possible Volunteer Hours
Tons of Carbon Sequestered or Emissions Avoided	**

\*Performance measures are anticipated based on information known to date. If additional performance measures are identified as the project progresses they will be reported to SNC.

\*\* Forests have always sequestered carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. There will be a temporary loss of this value as these areas are thinned and trees are removed. But as the aspen stands restore there will be an increase in the amount

of carbon sequestered in the new aspens and restored forest soils. Regarding carbon sequestration and forests, it is important to note that different species can exhibit significantly different growth responses and lifespan on the same site. This value will be assessed at the end of the life of the grant based on aspen stand recovery or anticipated recovery.

## **7. Budget Documents**

### **A. Detailed Budget Form – See Appendix D**

## **8. Supplementary Documents**

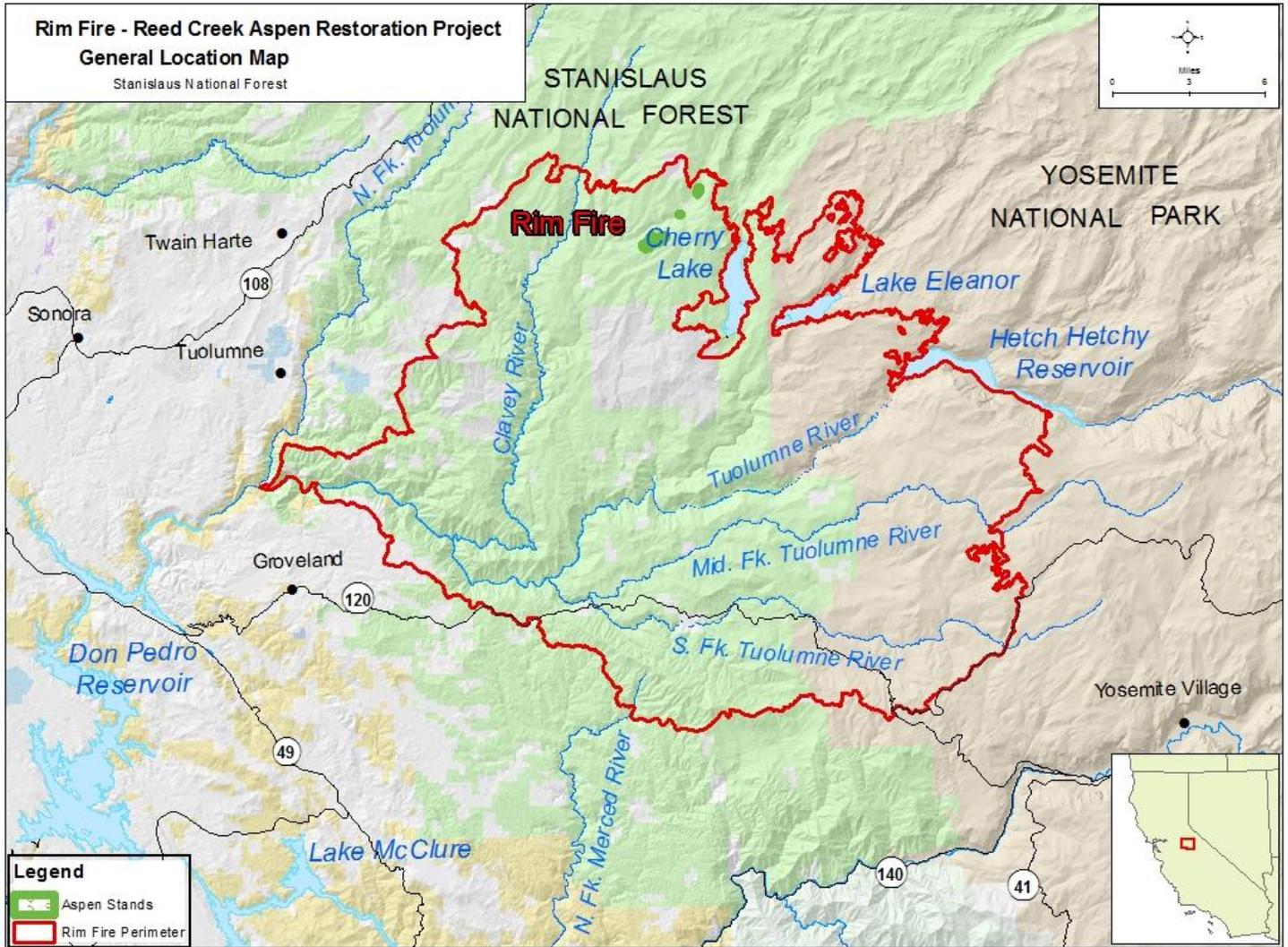
### **A. Environmental Documents - See Appendix F**

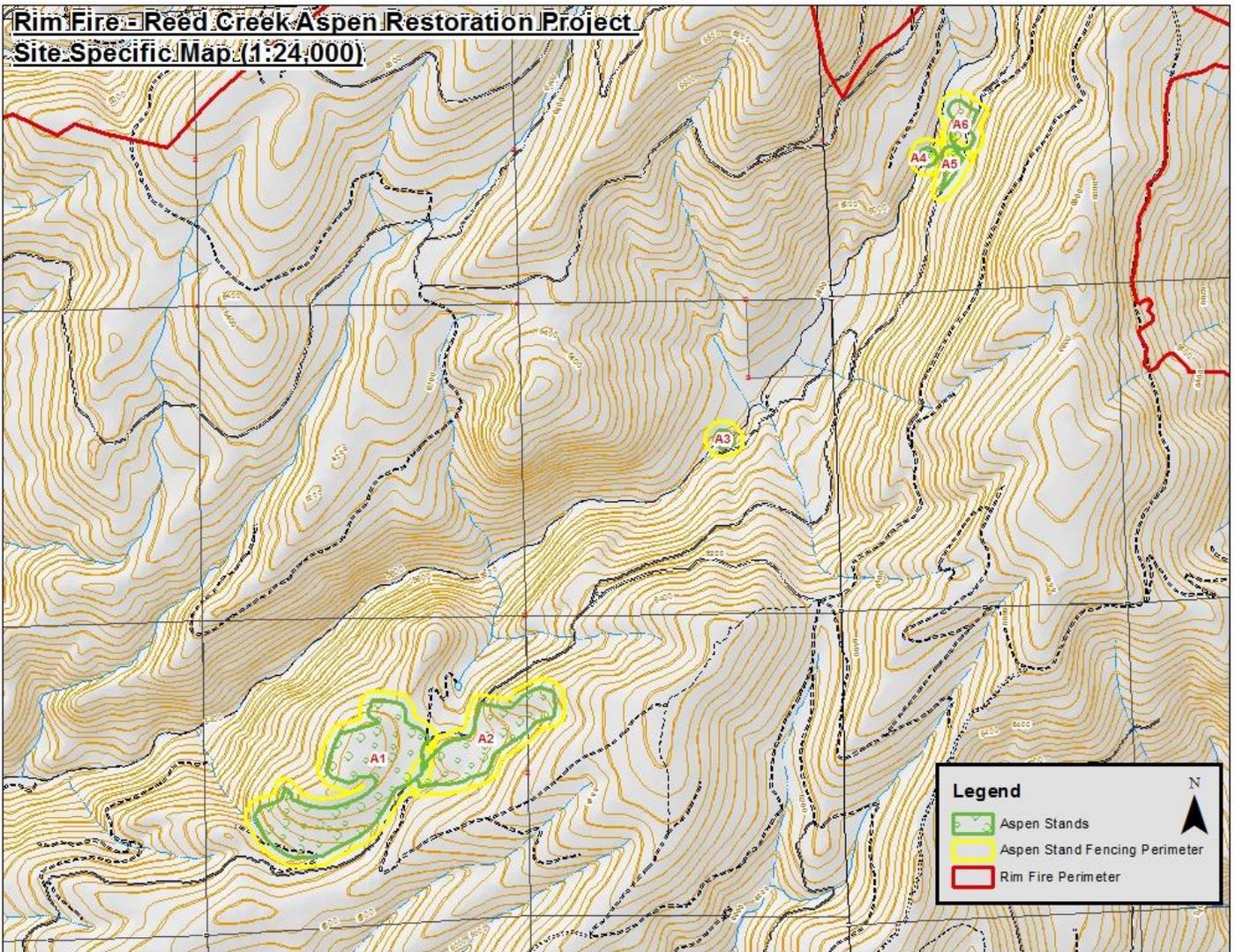
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### **B. Maps and Photos**

# Project Location Map

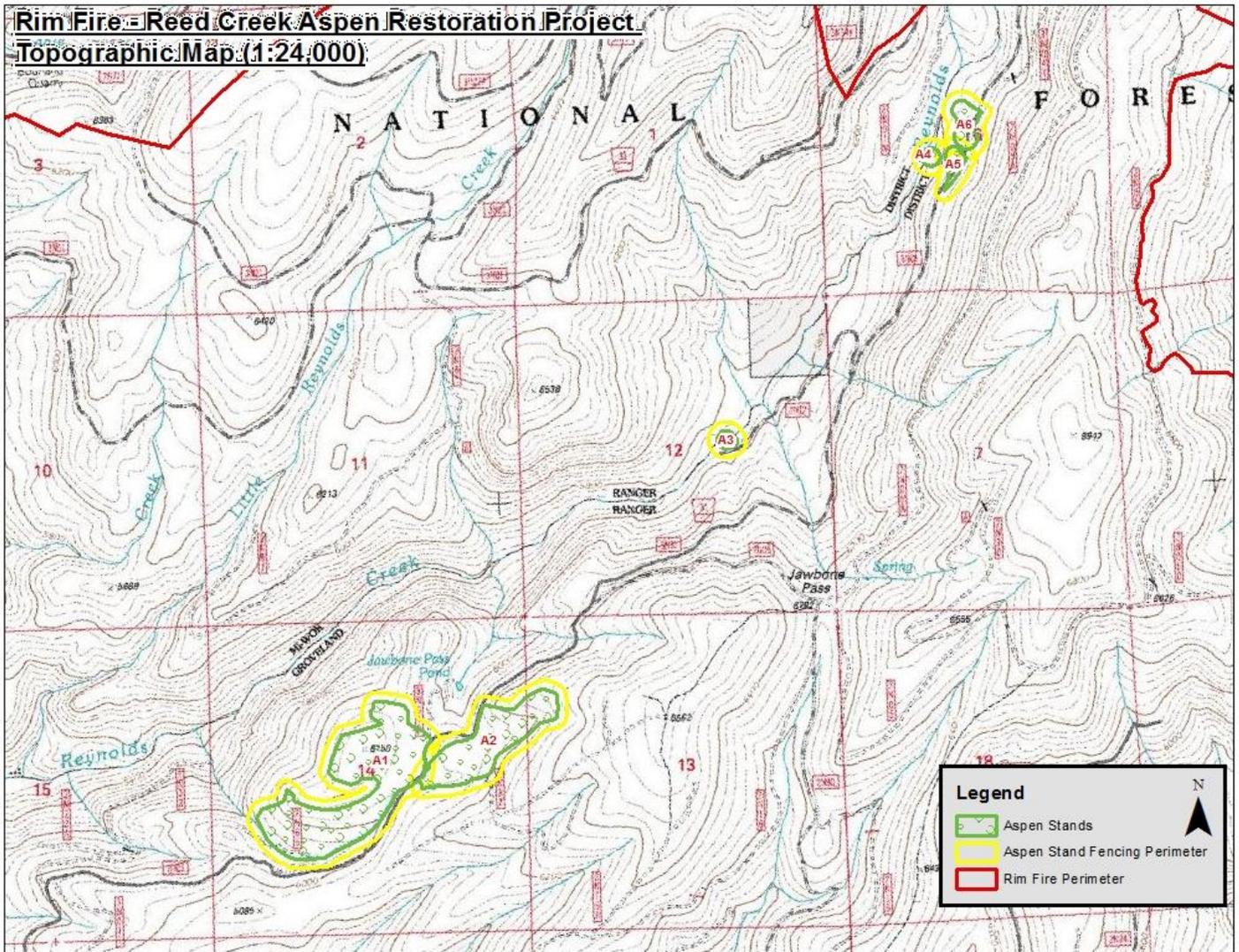




**Parcel Map with County Assessor's Parcel Number(s)**

County Assessor's Parcel Numbers are not available for this project area.

# Topographic Map



## Photos of the Project Site



Image 1: Example of an Aspen Stand Before Treatment



Image 2: Example of an Aspen Stand During Treatment



Image 3: Example of an Aspen Stand After Treatment

### C. Additional Submission Requirements for Fee Title Acquisition Applications

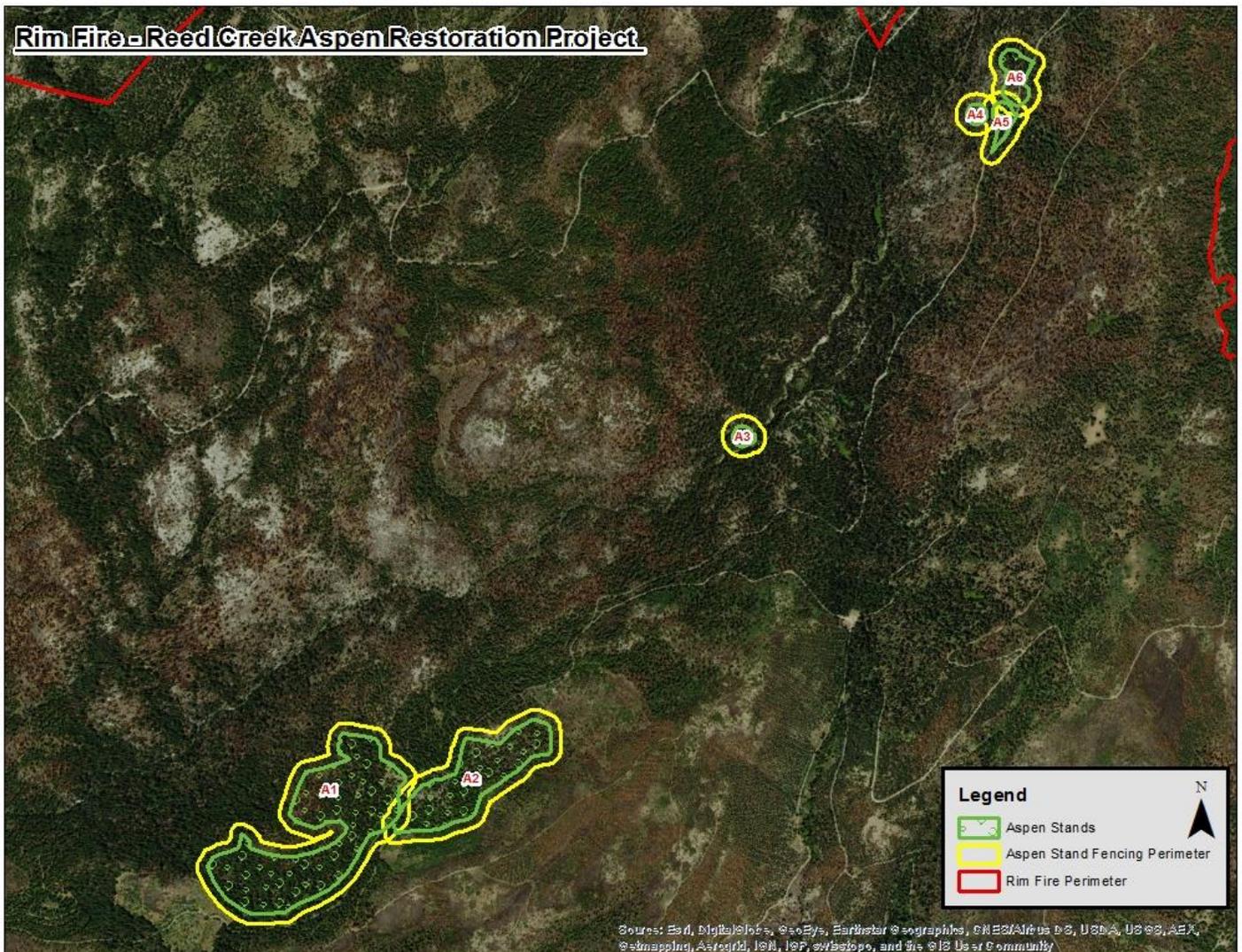
Not Applicable to this project

### D. Additional Submission Requirements for Site Improvement/Restoration Project Applications only

#### Land Tenure Documents

The entire project area is on STF lands.

#### Site Plan



#### Leases or Agreements

The entire project area is on STF lands. The USFS has a master agreement in place to utilize the CCCs for this type of project work. A supplemental agreement will need to be established under the master agreement for the CCCs to work

on this specific project. This supplemental agreement is a standard process for each site-specific CCC project. A copy of the Master Agreement can be made available upon request.

## Appendix B - Full Application Checklist

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

Project Name: Rim Fire - Reed Creek Aspen Restoration Project

Applicant: California Conservation Corps

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.

*Dana Brazelton*  
 Signed (Authorized Representative)

*8/28/15*  
 Date

*Dana Brazelton*  
 Manager, Special Projects Support, California Conservation Corps  
 Name and Title (print or type)

<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

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

Project Name:     Rim Fire - Reed Creek Aspen Restoration Project      
Applicant:     California Conservation Corps    

<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>
USFS Project Management	\$7,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$12,000.00
Project Preparation/Layout	\$4,900.00					\$4,900.00
Project Implementation	\$297,800.00					\$297,800.00
Project Materials	\$24,500.00					\$24,500.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
<b>DIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>	\$334,200.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$339,200.00

<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>
Project Monitoring		\$1,775.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,775.00	\$7,100.00
Project Short-Term Fence Care		\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$108,000.00
Project Reporting, Perf Measures, Invoice Billings	\$20,000.00	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00	\$40,600.00
						\$0.00
<b>INDIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:</b>	\$0.00	\$28,775.00	\$28,775.00	\$28,775.00	\$28,775.00	\$155,700.00
<b>PROJECT TOTAL:</b>	\$334,200.00	\$30,025.00	\$30,025.00	\$30,025.00	\$30,025.00	\$494,900.00

<b>SECTION THREE Administrative Costs (Costs may not exceed 15% of the above listed Project costs) :</b>						<b>Total</b>
<i>*Organization operating/overhead costs</i>						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL:</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SNC TOTAL GRANT REQUEST:</b>	\$334,200.00	\$30,025.00	\$30,025.00	\$30,025.00	\$30,025.00	\$494,900.00

<b>SECTION FOUR OTHER PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Year Five</b>	<b>Total</b>
CCCs - in-kind contributors	\$ 76,600.00					\$76,600.00
USFS NEPA costs - Reynolds EA	\$350,000.00					\$350,000.00
USFSs - in-kind contributors	\$19,150.00					\$19,150.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
<b>Total Other Contributions:</b>	\$445,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$445,750.00

**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.



## **Appendix E: California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps**

As the applicant for this project, the California Conservation Corps is already planning on being involved.

As discussed with Chris Dallas on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, the CCC is, therefore, exempt from any additional consultations.

## Appendix F - CEQA/NEPA Compliance Form

(California Environmental Quality Act & National Environmental Policy Act)

*Instructions: All applicants must complete the CEQA compliance section. Check the box that describes the CEQA status of the proposed project. You must also complete the documentation component and submit any surveys, and/or reports that support the checked CEQA status.*

*If NEPA is applicable to your project, you must complete the NEPA section in addition to the CEQA section. Check the box that describes the NEPA status of the proposed project. Submit any surveys, and/or reports that support the NEPA status. For both CEQA and NEPA, submittal of permits is only necessary if they contain conditions providing information regarding potential environmental impacts.*

*NOTE: Effective July 1, 2015, AB52 compliance is required.*

### **CEQA STATUS**

#### **(All applicants must complete this section)**

*Check the box that corresponds with the CEQA compliance for your project. The proposed action is either Categorical Exempt from CEQA, requires a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or an Environmental Impact Report per CEQA.*

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#### **Categorical Exemption or Statutory Exemption**

*If a project is exempt from CEQA, all applicants, including public agencies that provide a filed Notice of Exemption, are required to provide a clear and comprehensive description of the physical attributes of the project site, including potential and known special-status species and habitat, in order for the SNC to make a determination that the project is exempt. A particular project that ordinarily would fall under a specific category of exemption may require further CEQA review due to individual circumstances, i.e., it is within a sensitive location, has a cumulative impact, has a significant effect on the environment, is within a scenic highway, impacts an historical resource, or is on a hazardous waste site. Potential cultural/archaeological resources must be noted, but do not need to be specifically listed or mapped at the time of application submittal. Backup data informing the exemption decision, such as biological surveys, Cultural Information Center requests, research papers, etc. should accompany the full application. Applicants anticipating the SNC to file an exemption should conduct the appropriate surveys and submit an information request to an office of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS).*

1. Describe how your project complies with the requirements for claiming a Categorical or Statutory Exemption per CEQA:

2. If your organization is a state or local governmental agency, submit a signed, approved Notice of Exemption (NOE) documenting the use of the Categorical Exemption or Statutory Exemption, along with any permits, surveys, and/or reports that have been completed to support this CEQA status. The Notice of Exemption must bear a date stamp to show that it has been filed with the State Clearinghouse and/or County Clerk, as required by CEQA.
3. If your organization is a nonprofit, there is no other California public agency having discretionary authority over your project, and you would like the SNC to prepare a NOE for your project, let us know that and list any permits, surveys, and/or reports that have been completed to support the CEQA status. All supplementary documentation must be provided to the SNC before the NOE can be prepared.

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- Negative Declaration OR**  
 **Mitigated Negative Declaration**

*If a project requires a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration, then applicants must work with a qualified public agency, i.e., one that has discretionary authority over project approval or permitting, to complete the CEQA process.*

1. Describe how your project complies with the requirements for the use of a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration per CEQA:

2. Submit the approved Initial Study and Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration along with any Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plans, permits, surveys, and/or reports that have been completed to support this CEQA status. The IS/ND/MND must be accompanied by a signed, approved Notice of Determination, which must bear a date stamp to show that it has been filed with the State Clearinghouse and/or County Clerk, as required by CEQA.

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**Environmental Impact Report**

*If a project requires an Environmental Impact Report, then applicants must work with a qualified public agency, i.e., one that has discretionary authority over project approval or permitting, to complete the CEQA process.*

1. Describe how your project complies with the requirements for the use of an Environmental Impact Report per CEQA:

2. Submit the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report along with any Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plans, permits, surveys, and/or reports that have been completed to support this CEQA status. The EIR documentation must be accompanied by a signed, approved Notice of Determination, which must bear a date stamp to show that it has been filed with the State Clearinghouse and/or County Clerk, as required by CEQA.
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## **NEPA STATUS**

*Check the box that corresponds with the NEPA compliance for your project.*

**Categorical Exclusion**

Submit the signed, approved Decision Memo and Categorical Exclusion, as well as documentation to support the Categorical Exclusion, including any permits, surveys, and/or reports that have been completed to support this NEPA status.

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**Environmental Assessment & Finding of No Significant Impact**

Submit the signed, approved Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact along with any permits, surveys, and/or reports that have been completed to support this NEPA status.

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**Environmental Impact Statement**

Submit the Draft and approved, Final Environmental Impact Statement, along with the Record of Decision and any permits, surveys, and/or reports that have been completed to support this NEPA status.