

866 Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project



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March 1, 2016

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 6a 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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SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY	
PROPOSITION 1 – Watershed Improvement Program Project Information Form	
SNC REFERENCE #	
PROJECT NAME	
APPLICANT NAME (<i>Legal name, address, and zip code</i>)	
AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	
PROJECT LOCATION (<i>County with approx. lat/long, center of project area</i>)	
SENATE DISTRICT NUMBER	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NUMBER
PERSON WITH MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANT CONTRACT	
<i>Name and title</i> <i>Phone</i> <i>Email Address</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	
TRIBAL CONSULTATION CONTACT(S) INFORMATION	
<i>Name:</i> <i>Phone Number:</i>	
<i>Email address:</i>	
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR PLANNING DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION	
<i>Name:</i> <i>Phone Number:</i>	
<i>Email address:</i>	
NEAREST PUBLIC WATER AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	
<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

Eidman, Patrick@SNC

From: Tom Esgate <twesgate@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 12:26 PM
To: Eidman, Patrick@SNC
Cc: Forma, Lisa@SNC; Fristensky, Andy@SNC; Hoffman, Kristy@SNC
Subject: FW: SNC Project Review Request

Importance: High

Patrick,

In reviewing my emails I also just found this, which is for both 865 & 866. It is not quite as official looking as the ones I received from the local corp. It looks like there might have been a change in CCC staff issue that generated this response, which is still the same, they are unable to do the work for either of the projects.

Regards,

Tom

From: Prop 1@CCC [mailto:Prop1@CCC.CA.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 3:31 PM
To: Tom Esgate <twesgate@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: SNC Project Review Request

Hey Tom.

I was going through emails and it appears you have received responses for the local corps and I just wanted to forward the CCC's response. Unfortunately this is something we are unable to do. Please include this email as proof that you reached out to the California Conservation Corps for the following projects:

Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project
Lookout Watershed Restoration Project

Please let me know if you need separate emails individualizing our responses.

Thanks,

Nick Martinez
Region II Analyst
California Conservation Corps
Office (916) 341-3157
Nicholas.Martinez@ccc.ca.gov



From: Tom Esgate [<mailto:twesgate@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:45 PM
To: Prop 1@CCC <Prop1@CCC.CA.GOV>
Subject: RE: SNC Project Review Request

Hi Nick,

I received responses for both projects (one was amended to reflect the correct name) yesterday so I think we are covered.

Regards,

Tom Esgate
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From: Prop 1@CCC [<mailto:Prop1@CCC.CA.GOV>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:39 PM
To: Tom Esgate <twesgate@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: SNC Project Review Request

Hello Tom.

I wanted to touch base with you as I have been granted the pleasure to handle Prop I for the CCC. I apologize for the delayed response as I am still deciphering where the former Prop 1 person left off. I have sent this to our district that is responsible for this area of the application to obtain a response. I should receive a response no later than tomorrow afternoon which will be relayed to you.

Sorry for the inconvenience and I appreciate your patience.

Thanks,

Nick Martinez
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Nicholas.Martinez@ccc.ca.gov



From: Tom Esgate [<mailto:twesgate@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 3:32 PM
To: Prop 1@CCC <Prop1@CCC.CA.GOV>; inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org
Subject: SNC Project Review Request
Importance: High

Prop 1 Coordinator & Crystal Muhlenkamp:

Greetings Again!

My apologies for being redundant but Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. is in the process of re-submitting our Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Prop 1 Grant Application for our Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project. There are no changes to the project that we previously submitted for your review, however SNC is requiring that we again submit our project to you for review and that we also obtain a new response that needs to be submitted with our application. Per the SNC Grant guidelines we are again providing you with the attached project information.

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From: Tom Esgate [<mailto:twesgate@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2015 5:46 PM
To: 'Prop1@ccc.ca.gov' <Prop1@ccc.ca.gov>; 'inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org' <inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org>
Subject: SNC Project Review Request
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4. CCC/Local Conservation Corps Document (866: CCC.pdf)

Tom Esgate

From: Prop1 Community Corps <inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Tom Esgate
Cc: Prop 1@CCC
Subject: Re: SNC Project Review Request

Hello Tom,

Thank you for contacting the Local Conservation Corps. Unfortunately, we are unable to participate in the **Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project**. Please include this email with your application as proof that you reached out to the Local Conservation Corps.

Thank you,

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California Association of Local Conservation Corps

Proposition 1 – Water Bond

Consultation Review Document

Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the Local Conservation Corps (CALCC):

√Yes (applicant has submitted all necessary information to CALCC)

After consulting with the project applicant, the CALCC has determined the following:

√It is NOT feasible for CALCC to be used on the project (deemed compliant)

APPLICANT WILL INCLUDE THIS DOCUMENT AS PART OF THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

On Fri, Jan 29, 2016 at 3:32 PM, Tom Esgate <twesgate@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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5. Authorization to Apply or Resolution (866: authorization.pdf)

Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.

Board of Directors Resolution No. 2016-1

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: 2016-1

Date: January 4, 2016

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. at a regular meeting held January 4, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: 8
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 0

Signed and approved by



Chair, Board of Directors

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 (Treatment) 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 the Board:

- Approves the submittal of an application for the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration (Treatment) Project; and
- Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification requirements of the application; and
- Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the resources(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, Managing Director, and Lloyd Keefer, Chairman, as agents and either may 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 4th day of January 2016.

5. Organizational Information

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

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6. Narrative Description

a. Detailed Project Description (866: Narrative.docx)

The purpose of the project is to restore watershed function and forest health within the Diamond Mountain Initiative (DMI) project area and to protect adjacent communities from wildfire. Much of the project area is overstocked forest with high hazardous fuel loads. Overly dense forests are not only a wildfire risk but can significantly reduce water yield from the landscape. Restoring the watershed will benefit: the farmers and ranchers of the Susan River Valley who depend on the surface waters from the area for their livelihood; residents who are dependent on groundwater for household needs; and communities who without the project will be at greater risk of damage from catastrophic wildfire.

Location

Part of a larger project (DMI), the project area is located on private land 6 miles south of Susanville within four CalWater 2.2 Planning Watersheds: Upper Gold Run Creek, Lassen Creek, Elysian Valley, and Cheney Creek.

Project goals are aligned with California's Proposition 1, A.B. 685, the California Water Action Plan, the Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative, the SNC Watershed Improvement Program, and address objectives of SNC's Healthy Forests Focus Area. The project goals are described below and their connections to specific programs are summarized in section 6e.

Protect watersheds important to communities. The forest land within the greater DMI project makes up the headwaters for multiple watercourses important to local communities. These include Gold Run Creek, Hills Creek, Lassen Creek, Baxter Creek, and Elysian Creek which provide water to irrigate lands located in the southern portions of the Susan River valley. Also included in the project area is the Emerson Ditch which carries water diverted from Hills Creek 3 miles to Emerson Lake, a reservoir created for irrigation purposes.

Improve long-term surface water quality. Catastrophic wildfires can lead to significant reductions in water quality through sedimentation. Reducing wildfire risk will reduce risk of concomitant decreases in water quality.

Increase quantity of water available for recharging surface and ground waters. Thinning canopies from 60-90% to 40-50% canopy cover will result in 16-40% less precipitation (primarily snow) intercepted by and evaporated from canopies and less water lost to transpiration. By reducing water loss from overstocked forest, flows to surface waters and deep drainage to the Honey Lake Valley groundwater basin (a priority groundwater basin for Lassen County), will increase modestly, which is expected to increase downstream water delivery. Increased water delivery to surface flows and groundwater

will benefit farmers and ranchers in the valley who rely on surface water for livestock and irrigation and the communities of Susanville and Janesville that rely on groundwater supplies for domestic water needs.

Combine effective land management with water conservation to improve access to water by residents of the Susan River Valley. Regulations on water use are critical to conserving water and assuring the human right to water. However, watershed management is also essential to maintaining a safe and sustainable water supply.

Reduce risk of a stand-replacing fire occurring that would impair air quality destroy important watersheds, viewsheds, and property in the local communities. All of the project area is located within the Susanville WUI and has been prioritized in the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan for treatment.

Improve safety and access for public and firefighters. Stand thinning operations in the area will maintain and improve access by thinning adjacent to USFS Road 29N43 which runs through the project area, is frequently traveled by the public and is the main access to the popular Diamond Mountain Area of the Lassen National Forest.

Restore and improve forest conditions. Healthy, thinned, forests composed of species best adapted to the site conditions will be more resilient and adaptable to stresses, including drought and variability associated with climate change. Improved forest health and stabilization of carbon storage through the removal of insect and disease affected trees.

Protect and restore habitat for species using these areas, specifically a northern goshawk territory located within the project area.

Improve local socioeconomic conditions. Local contractors will be employed to complete project work. The project will contribute to sustaining local biomass generation facilities through delivery of chips to generate clean energy. Working forest and agricultural landscapes will be protected by fuels treatments that will increase productivity and protect from loss to wildfire.

Scope of Work

900 acres of mixed conifer forest will be thinned to a 40%-50% crown closure. Some mastication of brush will be conducted where deemed necessary. Pre and post treatment monitoring of forest stand conditions will be conducted by our contracted PhD Ecologist in conjunction with performance measure reporting.

6. b. Work Plan and Schedule

Overall project management, the filing of reports and performance reporting will be the responsibility of the LCFSC Project Director. LCFSC Secretary Treasurer will be responsible for the processing of invoices and project accounting. Beaty will provide Registered Professional Forester service as an in-kind donation of services. Project advertised and awarded on the basis of competitive bids.

900 acres of mixed conifer forest will be thinned to a 40%-50% crown closure. Some mastication of brush will be conducted where deemed necessary. All work will be conducted in compliance with the California Forest Practice Act. Mechanical work will be accomplished by a Licensed Timber Operator using timbcos, shears, skidders, chippers and masticators. Biomass utilization of material will be used to reduce costs. Mechanical work will be accomplished by a Licensed Timber Operator using timbcos, shears, skidders, chippers and masticators. Biomass utilization of material will be used to reduce costs. Pre and post treatment monitoring of forest stands will be conducted by our contracted PhD Ecologist in conjunction with performance measure reporting.

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
INCLUDE SPECIFIC DELIVERABLES IDENTIFIED IN SCOPE AND ALL PROGRESS REPORTS, ETC.	ASSUME START DATE 60 DAYS AFTER SNC BOARD AUTHORIZATION (Assumes June 2016 Award)
Setup Pre-treatment Monitoring Transects	7/15/2016
Prepare Bid Documents	7/15/2016
Project Layout	7/30/2016
Bid Solicitation & Award	8/30/2016
Project Treatments/Implementation	10/1/2016
First 6 Month Reporting	1/15/2017
Second 6 Month Reporting	7/15/2017
Post Treatment Monitoring of Transects	11/1/2017
Final Project Reporting/900 Acres of Forest & Watershed Restored	1/31/2018

The implementation work anticipates that the majority of the watershed restoration treatments will be implemented through the biomass utilization of the removed material that would be taken to HL Power, located east of Susanville, California, and used as fuel in the production of clean renewable energy. This would be the highest and best use of the removed material. For the past decade HL Power has had its contract to sell its power to PG&E renewed annually and we expect that will continue. However, in the unlikely event that their contract is not renewed, the watershed restoration work can still be implemented through mastication treatments, as is being done in many other watershed restoration projects, at approximately the same costs.

6. c. Restrictions, Technical/Environmental Documents and Agreements

i. Restrictions/Agreements (866: RestAgree.pdf)

There are no restrictions that would impede the successful implementation of our project. The project will fully comply with the California Forest Practice Act.

There are no additional agreements necessary to implement and/or monitor our project, other than the executed Tenure agreement that is included in this application.

6. b. ii. Regulatory Requirements (866: RegPermit.pdf)

All regulatory requirements have been satisfied with the issuance of the Gold Hill Timber Harvest Plan (THP #2-12-047-LAS(2)) that encompasses the entire SNC project area.

The Plan is available on line through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection website at the following link:

ftp://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/Cascade_Region/THPs/THPs2012/2-12-047LAS/

We have been informed by SNC staff that we may provide the link to the permit in lieu of printing hundreds of pages and increasing our carbon footprint.

6. 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); a contracted assistant project manager, Jerry Benthin (a retired USFS Timber Sale Administrator who has amazing skills in getting landowners of all types signed-up and keeping them happy); contracted Registered Professional Forester, Don Hansen; contacted PhD Ecologist who conducts monitoring, 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.

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: South Knob/Ash Valley Fuel Treatments (4,000 acres and ongoing), Clear Creek (830 acres), Milford (600 acres), Little Valley (1,400 acres to be completed March 2016), and a SNC Water Monitoring project. 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.

6. e. Cooperation & Community Support

This project is a priority project of the following supporting agencies/endorsers of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Watershed Improvement Program: US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (see Letters of Support) and Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. It is also a priority project in the Lahontan Basins Integrated Regional Management Plan (City of Susanville/Lead Agency).

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 on Diamond Mountain 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 that the project be made a Priority 1 project immediately.

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/watershed restoration 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 and Associates, SPI, local fire departments, HL, Power, several other Registered Professional Foresters and interested citizens. We received our first implementation grant under our initiative for private land treatments in July of 2015. Two other requests for private land treatments are awaiting funding decisions, one to the Western States Foresters and another for Calfire SRA funds. In last round of SNC funding we were awarded a Category 2 project grant that will assist the LNF with NEPA and CEQA compliance that will lead to watershed restoration treatments on some of the USFS land within the overall DMI project area. In this application we are requesting Category 1 project funds to implement treatments and a 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.

Over the last decade LCFSC has treated over 1,500 acres within the community at the base of the Diamond Mountain range but there is still more to do. Our previous

treatments were focused primarily within the community. A broad swath of private land that is sandwiched between the community and planned USFS treatments needs to be treated in order to accomplish a restoration of the watershed. SNC funding will be a giant leap toward the success of our effort.

The project history provided above demonstrates that the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project exemplifies the intent of the SNC WIP. The project is located in the East Side Watershed, one of the 16 watersheds identified for initial information gathering and assessment of restoration needs. A diverse group of stakeholders has already joined and identified this project as one of the landscape-level watershed restoration needs on public and private lands in the East Side Watershed. Furthermore, these stakeholders have sought and garnered funding to complete treatments and private landowners have contributed in kind services. The proposed project also complements SNC and statewide initiatives summarized in the table below.

Proposed project goals¹ as they relate to select California initiatives that address human rights to water, forest health and watershed restoration².

Initiative	Initiative goals, objectives, or outcomes	Proposed project goals that meet initiative goals, objectives or outcomes
Proposition 1	Implement fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities, and promote watershed health.	1,5, 7
	Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, and greenhouse gas reduction.	1, 2, 5, 7

-
- ¹ 1. *Protect watersheds important to communities in the Susan River Valley.*
 2. *Improve long-term surface water quality.*
 3. *Increase quantity of water available for recharging surface and ground waters.*
 4. *Combine effective land management with water conservation to improve access to water by residents of the Susan River Valley.*
 5. *Reduce risk of a stand-replacing fire occurring that would destroy important watersheds, viewsheds, and property in the local communities.*
 6. *Improve safety and access for public and firefighters.*
 7. *Restore and improve forest conditions.*
 8. *Protect and restore habitat.*
 9. *Improve local socioeconomic conditions.*

² Please see section 6a: Detailed project description for full description of goals.

	Implement watershed adaptation projects in order to reduce the impacts of climate changes on California's communities and ecosystems.	7
	State conservancies from San Diego to Lake Tahoe to the coast will develop new Proposition 1 grant programs to assist with the restoration of watersheds critical to California's water supply systems.	Project would fall under one of these programs
California Water Action Plan	Action 4: Protect and Restore Important Ecosystems. Manage Headwaters for multiple benefits. Specifically the plan emphasizes "the need to restore forest health through ecologically sound forest management" as a means to improve wildlife habitat, water quality, natural system function, to increase water yield, and to reduce wildfire risk.	1, 2, 3,5, 7, 8
Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative (SNFCI)	Improve the long-term environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. The SNC is fostering collaboration locally and regionally in an effort to support a cohesive, economically viable, and sustainable approach to reducing fire risk, creating jobs, and protecting this priceless resource.	1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9
Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program	Restore Sierra forests and watersheds to a healthier state	1, 7
	Improve the quantity and quality of water throughout the year	2, 3
	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and stabilize carbon storage	5, 7
	Improve local socio-economic conditions and public safety	6, 9
	Improve habitat for wildlife, fish, and plant species	8
	Reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires	5
	Preserve working landscapes	9
	Protect air quality	5
A.B. 685, Human Right to Water	Aid in providing safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes.	1, 2, 3, 4

Public Access

The SNC project area is used and enjoyed by the adjacent community and many visitors of the adjacent Lassen National Forest. As with all forestland managed by W. M. Beaty & Associates, Inc.(WBA), the lands within the SNC project area are generally open to recreational use such as hiking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, sight-seeing, and photography. Additional information on public access to WBA managed lands is available at the following link.

<http://www.wmbeaty.com/management/recreation.htm>

6. e. i. Letters of Support (866: LOS.pdf)

February 29, 2016

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



Dear Mr. Branham:

I own Mountain Meadow Ranch. We have about 900 acres along the Baxter Creek watershed and much of our property borders Lassen National Forest and much of the land proposed for and effected by this project. We are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We were amongst the 1000 plus who signed the Diamond Mountain Initiative petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

Under the Diamond Mountain Initiative project, the Council has been working for the past year bringing together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates and Honey Lake Power to work towards preservation of the forest and watershed.

As a rancher and business owner with properties in the Diamond Mountain range along with property down stream in watershed of the projected lands, it's health is extremely important to us. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jack Ellena, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

For parents who desire the finest



FIVE DOT LAND & CATTLE CO.
P.O. Box 50
Standish, CA 96128

(530) 254-6987
FAX: (530) 254-6968

February 23, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

Five Dot Land & Cattle Co., Inc., a user of irrigation water in the Diamond Mountain watershed, we are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We were one of over 1000 of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

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With the ongoing drought and climate change concerns it is critical for the safety of our community and the watershed health that this project move forward.

As a rancher in the valley below the Diamond Mountain range, the health of the watershed is extremely important to the success of the ranch. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,

Todd Swickard,
Five Dot Land & Cattle Co., Inc.



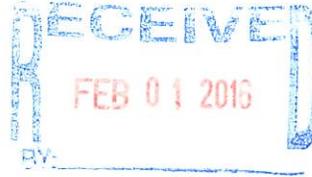
Lassen County Farm Bureau

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#866

January 25, 2016

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



RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

Lassen County Farm Bureau, supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Prop 1 Funding. The project is a very high priority for local water agencies and landowners. LCFSC has been working for the past 2 years to bring together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Lassen County and their Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates, Honey Lake Power, Susanville Indian Rancheria and a host of community members to work collaboratively toward restoration of the watershed.

The forested project area is in a seriously overstocked condition. With the current drought there is an accelerating level insect infestation, resulting in high tree mortality. Given these overstocked conditions, the watershed has been in a declining condition for some time.

The project will restore the watershed through the thinning forest stands, which will in turn, improve public safety by reducing wildfire risk and allow for safer fire suppression resource access. The native forest will be restored, which will enhance watershed services and functions and protect agricultural landscapes. Critical wildlife habitat will also be restored and local socioeconomic conditions will be improved with the provision of project supported jobs in the forest products sector and at the local biomass generating facility.

As ranchers, farmers, homeowners, and members of the community, the health of the watershed is important to us. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC's SNC Prop 1 funding request for the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

Lee Bailey,
President
Lassen County Farm Bureau
PO Box 569



SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

February 5, 2016

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

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Susanville Indian Rancheria supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Watershed Improvement Program. The Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group gave the Diamond Mountain project its highest priority and designated LCFSC as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

The overall Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (Project) covers approximately 14,000 acres of a combination of private, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land. The Project is situated between the private land work that LCFSC and the Honey Lake Valley RCD has completed near Susanville, and the 2007/67,000 acre Moonlight Fire. The Project spans across the north slope and top of Diamond Mountain and lies entirely within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville. The targeted SNC component of the Project will be implemented within a 1,400-acre block managed by W.M. Beaty & Associates.

The Project area is in a seriously overstocked condition. 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.

Susanville Indian Rancheria asks Sierra Nevada Conservancy to accept this letter of support for the Lassen County Fire Safe Council Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Treatment Project.

Sincerely,

Brandon Guitierrez
Tribal Chairman

County of Lassen
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



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February 9, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Watershed Improvement Program. The Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group gave the Diamond Mountain project its highest priority and designated LCFSC as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

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The Project area is in an overstocked condition; too many trees and high basal area exceeding the long-term carrying capacity of the site. 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 this letter of support as one of highest regard for the LCFSC/SNC Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Chapman".

JIM CHAPMAN, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors



City of Susanville

(530) 257-1000 • 66 North Lassen Street • Susanville, CA 96130-3904

February 4th 2016

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

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

The City of Susanville and the Diamond Mountain Golf Course support the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Prop 1 Funding. The project is a very high priority for local water agencies and landowners. LCFSC has been working for the past 2 years to bring together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Lassen County and their Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates, Honey Lake Power, Susanville Indian Rancheria and a host of community members to work collaboratively toward restoration of the watershed.

The forested project area is in a seriously overstocked condition. With the current drought, there is an accelerating level of insect infestation, resulting in high tree mortality. Given these overstocked conditions, the watershed has been in a declining condition for some time.

The project will restore the watershed through the thinning forest stands, which will in turn, improve public safety by reducing wildfire risk and allow for safer fire suppression resource access. The native forest will be restored, which will enhance watershed services and functions and protect agricultural landscapes. Critical wildlife habitat will also be restored and local socioeconomic conditions will be improved with the provision of project supported jobs in the forestry sector and at the local biomass generating facility.

As a large property owner, the health of the watershed is important to the City of Susanville, the Diamond Mountain Golf Course and the Lahontan Basins Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC's SNC Prop 1 funding request for the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

Jared G. Hancock
City Administrator

Brian R. Wilson
Mayor
Nicholas B. McBride
Mayor pro tem

Councilmembers:
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February 26, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

On behalf of the Lassen County Chamber of Commerce I am writing in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. The Diamond Mountains are critically overstocked forests and in addition are located in a severe drought region that is in need of fuel reduction to prevent a devastating forest fire from occurring. The fuel reduction would also improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

Under the Diamond Mountain Initiative project, the Council has been working for the past year bringing together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates and Honey Lake Power to work towards preservation of the forest and watershed.

The proposed project is located 6 miles south of Susanville in the Upper Gold Run and Lassen Creek planning watersheds. The project area contains the headwaters of Hills Creek and Lassen Creek. Approximately 1 mile of the 3 mile long Emerson Ditch that feeds Emerson Lake is also located in the project area. Protection of watersheds are important to all downstream users, all will benefit from the treatments seeing an increase in the watershed and decreasing the risk of wildfire.

The health of the watershed is extremely important to the success of the region. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely;

Patricia Hagata
Executive Director

LASSEN IRRIGATION COMPANY
c/o SingletonAuman PC
1740 Main St.
Susanville, CA 96130

February 18, 2016

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

RE: Letter of Support for Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project

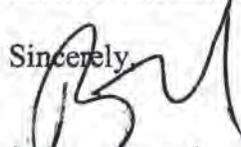
Dear Mr. Branham:

The Lassen Irrigation Company supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Prop 1 Funding. The project is a very high priority for local water agencies and landowners. LCFSC has been working for the past 2 years to bring together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Lassen County and their Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates, Honey Lake Power, Susanville Indian Rancheria and a host of community members to work collaboratively toward restoration of the watershed.

The project will restore the watershed through the thinning the seriously overstocked forest stands, which will in turn, improve public safety by reducing wildfire risk, create a healthy forest by reducing the insect infestation, and allow for safer fire suppression resource access. With the native forest restored, it will enhance watershed services and functions and protect agricultural landscapes. Critical wildlife habitat will also be restored and local socioeconomic conditions will be improved with the provision of project supported jobs in the forest products sector and at the local biomass generating facility.

The Lassen Irrigation Company feels the health of the watershed is very important to those in the District. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC's SNC Prop 1 funding request for the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project.

Sincerely,



Ramsey Wood
President

February 23, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Happy Valley Ranch Ranch is a user of water in the Diamond Mountain watershed, we are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We are supportive of the Diamond Mountain Initiative, a petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

The proposed project is located 6 miles south of Susanville in the Upper Gold Run and Lassen Creek planning watersheds. The project area contains the headwaters of Hills Creek and Lassen Creek. Approximately 1 mile of the 3 mile long Emerson Ditch that feeds Emerson Lake is also located in the project area. Protection of watersheds are important to all downstream users, all will benefit from the treatments seeing an increase in the watershed and decreasing the risk of wildfire.

Under the Diamond Mountain Initiative project, the Council has been working for the past year bringing together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates and Honey Lake Power to work towards preservation of the forest and watershed.

As a rancher living in the valley below the Diamond Mountain range, the health of the watershed is extremely important to us and the success of our Happy Valley Ranch. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,

Merby Maged Lee
7026570 Wingfield Rd
Susanville, CA 96130

February 23, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Valceschini Ranch, a user of irrigation water in the Diamond Mountain watershed, we are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We were one of over 1000 who signed the Diamond Mountain Initiative petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

Under the Diamond Mountain Initiative project, the Council has been working for the past year bringing together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates and Honey Lake Power to work towards preservation of the forest and watershed.

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As rancher in the valley below the Diamond Mountain range, the health of the watershed is extremely important to the success of the ranch. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,



Patricia Valceschini
705-330 Travis Lane
Susanville, CA 96130

Jim & Gladys Nagel
700-100 Wingfield Rd
Susanville CA 96130

February 23, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

We are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We were one of over 1000 who signed the Diamond Mountain Initiative petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

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As rancher in the valley below the Diamond Mountain range, the health of the watershed is extremely important to the success our the ranch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gladys Nagel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jim & Gladys Nagel

**Hulsman Ranch
PO Box 850
Susanville, CA 96130
530-257-7262**

Feb. 25, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham,

Our family farm, stewards land and watershed along the Diamonds. We value the clean water we have for our land and livestock. That has been put at risk by the vast overstock of timber along the face - creating a dangerous fire condition that could have long lasting effects to our watershed, veiw-shed, and personal safety.

We would like to see the Diamond Mountain Initiative Project move forward to help resolve some of these ominous issues. These last few fire season only make this a more pressing example of high risk landscapes.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Hannah Tangeman
Hulsman Ranch

February 23, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Lassen 7-D Ranch is a user of water in the Diamond Mountain watershed, we are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We are supportive of the Diamond Mountain Initiative, a petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

Under the Diamond Mountain Initiative project, the Council has been working for the past year bringing together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates and Honey Lake Power to work towards preservation of the forest and watershed.

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Living in the valley below the Diamond Mountain range and having the last water rights on the Lassen and Gold Run creeks, the health of the watershed is extremely important to us and the success of our Ranch. Therefore, please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,



Marka Hemphill
Lassen 7-D Ranch

February 26, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

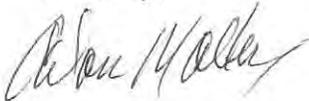
As users of irrigation water in the Diamond Mountain watershed, we are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We were one of over 1000 who signed the Diamond Mountain Initiative petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

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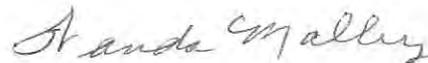
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As land owners with over 1.5 miles of Lassen creek in the valley below, the health of the watershed is extremely important to our property. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,



Arlan Mallery



Wanda Mallery



John Mallery

February 25, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

We are property owners in the lower Gold Run watershed, below Diamond Mountain, and stand in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We have been supportive of the Diamond Mountain Initiative, as outlined in a petition circulated last year to increase awareness of the critical need to manage our overstocked forests, for their long-term protection and to improve watershed health for local ranchers, other property owners and the community at large.

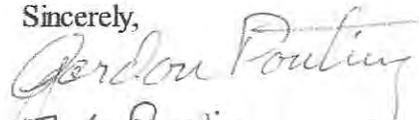
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The proposed rehabilitation area is located 6 miles south of Susanville in the Upper Gold Run and Lassen Creek planning watersheds. This area contains the headwaters of Hills Creek and Lassen Creek, and approximately 1 mile of the 3 mile long Emerson Ditch that feeds Emerson Lake.

We do not have a direct stake in the success of the proposed project, but recognize that there is a critical need for such forest management. Living in the valley below the Diamond Mountain range, the health of the watershed is extremely important to us. We believe projects of this kind are important to all forest users and downstream residents. All of us benefit from such treatments which will improve forest health and water quality, and decrease the risk of catastrophic disease outbreaks and wildfire.

Please consider our strong support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,




Gordon and BJ Ponting
110 N. Roop St.
Susanville, CA 96130

February 23, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

B&V Pyle Ranch, a user of irrigation water in the Diamond Mountain watershed, we are in strong support of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We were one of over 1000 who signed the Diamond Mountain Initiative petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

Under the Diamond Mountain Initiative project, the Council has been working for the past year bringing together representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates and Honey Lake Power to work towards preservation of the forest and watershed.

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As rancher in the valley below the Diamond Mountain range, the health of the watershed is extremely important to the success of the ranch. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,



February 25, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Satica Ranch, a user of irrigation water in the Diamond Mountain watershed, is in strong supporter of the Lassen County Fire Safe Council's Sierra Nevada Conservancy application for the Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project. We were one of over 1000 who signed the Diamond Mountain Initiative petition that was circulated last year. The purpose of the petition was to bring an awareness to the critical nature of the overstocked forest and need to improve the watershed for all ranchers and property owners in the valley.

The proposed project is located 6 miles south of Susanville in the Upper Gold Run and Lassen Creek planning watersheds. The project area contains the headwaters of Hills Creek and Lassen Creek. Approximately 1 mile of the 3 mile long Emerson Ditch that feeds Emerson Lake is also located in the project area. Protection of watersheds are important to all downstream users, all will benefit from the treatments seeing an increase in the watershed and decreasing the risk of wildfire.

The Council has been working with the Diamond Mountain Initiative Group for the past year bringing together other area representatives from US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Susan River Fire Protection District, Office of Emergency Services, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, W.M. Beaty & Associates and Honey Lake Power to work towards preservation of the forest and watershed.

As rancher in the valley for over 104 years below the Diamond Mountain range, the health of the watershed is extremely important to the success of the Ranch. Please accept this letter of support for the LCFSC Diamond Mountain Fuel Reduction and Watershed Treatment Project.

Sincerely,



Dena Eastwood
Satica Ranch

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Aug. 18, 2015

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

Dear Jim:

I strongly support support the Lassen County Fire Safe Council Inc.'s Diamond Mountain Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Watershed Improvement Program. The Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group gave the Diamond Mountain project its highest priority and designated the Fire Safe Council as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

The overall Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project covers approximately 14,000 acres of a combination of private, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land. The project is situated between the private land work already completed near Susanville, and the 2007, 67,000-acre Moonlight Fire. The project spans across the north slope and top of Diamond Mountain and lies entirely within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy component of the project will be implemented within a 1,400-acre block managed by W.M. Beaty & Associates.

The project area is overstocked, with too many trees and high basal area exceeding the long-term carrying capacity of the site. Thinning it will improve forest health, protect the watershed and the community of Susanville, and provide local jobs and fuel to the nearby biomass facility.

The Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project builds on many years of community effort, the Fire Safe Council's grant application has my full support.

Sincerely,

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

BRIAN DAHLE
Assemblyman, 1st District



File Code: 3500
Date: August 27, 2015

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

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Branham:

The Lassen National Forest supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Watershed Improvement Program. The Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group gave the Diamond Mountain project its highest priority and designated LCFSC as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

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The Project area is in an overstocked condition; too many trees and high basal area exceeding the long-term carrying capacity of the site. 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.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Boisseau", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MATTHEW BOISSEAU
District Ranger

cc: Russell Hays; Chris O'Brien; Susan Wilcox



United States Department of the Interior



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Jim Branham, Executive Officer
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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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
 Auburn, CA 95603

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

The California Department of forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS) 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 to give the Diamond Mountain project our highest priority designating LCFSC as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

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 overall Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (Project) covers approximately 14,000 acres of a combination of private, US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land. The Project is situated between the private land work that LCFSC and the Honey Lake Valley RCD has completed near Susanville, and the Moonlight Fire of 2007 which burned 67,000 acres. The Project spans across the North Slope and the top of Diamond Mountain and lies within the Wildland Urban Interface of Susanville. The SNC component of the Project will be implemented within 1,400-acres of land managed by W.M. Beaty & Associates.

This project is extremely important to the community as well as CAL FIRE. Please accept this letter of support the LCFSC/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

Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Jim Branham – Executive Officer
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 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 Watershed Restoration 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 to give the Diamond Mountain project our highest priority designating LCFSC as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

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 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 like ours.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Shaffer".

Mark A. Shaffer
Fuel Supply Manager

6. f. Tribal Consultation Narrative (866: tribal.docx)

Our Tribal Consultation resulted in a Letter of Support from the tribe, a copy of which is included with this narrative and our Letters of Support file. Our narrative documentation follows:

The Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) is a signator to the Lassen County CWPP and its enabling Memo of Understanding. They have been invited to participate in the DMI and they were given a description of this project as part of our Tribal consultation process. On January 21, 2016 we discussed the project with Tribal officials at their office and this has resulted in their issuing a letter of support for our project, which is included in our Tribal Consultation documentation, as well in our Letter of Support file.

SIR Tribal contact information:

Meredith Gosejohan, SIR Natural Resources Director
Telephone: (530) 251-5623
Email: NRD_director@frontier.com

LCFSC feels it very important that SIR continues to be a participant in the CWPP Working Group, and in the LCFSC General meetings, and the Diamond Mountain Initiative meetings. A summary of LCFSC's interaction with SIR follows:

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 8th. I hope we can become more involved with the Lassen County Fire Safe Council in the future."
- 1/5/16 Phone call to SIR, Meredith is out until March 28th so I left a message with her alternate contact, Katy White the Environmental Coordinator to call me

to confirm the dates/times for the next TBC meetings. See below...possibly we (you or Lloyd) can get on the agenda to discuss the project and to request a letter of support.

- 1/6/15 Return phone call from Katy White, SIR Environmental Coordinator, requesting information about the project. She advised that we would need a meeting with Tribal Business Council to request a letter of support; their next meeting date was February 2nd. Katy asked for details on the project. Reply email forwarding requested information and letter of support template. Follow-up email from Katy stating after review of the information, the Natural Resources Department (NCD) staff felt it was not necessary to present to the full Tribal Business Council (TBC). Instead a meeting with the Cultural Committee may be necessary. The Cultural Committee acts as liaisons for the Tribal Business Council (TBC) for all things culturally sensitive, including timber sales projects or other management plans that fall within SIR ancestral lands. Katy requested copies of correspondence with Meredith be forwarded.
- 1/9/16 Katy White requested copies of correspondence with Meredith be forwarded. All requested correspondence was forwarded.
- 1/13/16 Email to Katy asking if she had a date and time yet for our meeting with the Natural Resources Department regarding the project. She replied with the next available date of Thursday, January 21st at 5:15 pm. She requested a map of the area and overview documents.
- 1/14/16 Tom was not available and instead agreed to a meeting on Thursday, January 21st at the SIR NCD office. Tom asked Ryan Hilburn/WM Beaty & Assoc, Tim Keesey/Honey Lake Valley RCD, and LCFSC Chair Lloyd Keefer to attend in his stead.
- 1/18/16 Documents were provided per Katy White's request.
- 1/21/16 Email from Katy advising of location change for the meeting. New location directions forwarded to participants.
- 1/21/16 Meeting held with Tribal officials at the SIR offices. Participants included Lloyd Keefer, LCFSC Chair; Ryan Hilburn, RPF/WBA; Tim Keesey, Honey Lake Valley RCD; Melany Johnson, SIR Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; Katie White, SIR Environmental Coordinator; **Tribal Cultural Liaison Committee:** Aaron Brazzanovich, Washoe Rep./Vice-Chairman; Renee Nez, Pit River Rep.; Davon Joseph - Maidu Rep.; Ken Joseph, Jr.; Maidu Rep.; Ena Trau - Tribal member

The Result of all out contacts and our 1/21/16 meeting resulted in SIR issuing a letter of support for our project, which is included in this Tribal Consultation Narrative and our Letters of Support file.



SUSANVILLE INDIAN RANCHERIA

February 5, 2016

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

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Branham:

The Susanville Indian Rancheria supports the Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) Diamond Mountain Project application for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Watershed Improvement Program. The Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Working Group gave the Diamond Mountain project its highest priority and designated LCFSC as lead in developing a public/private partnership to address watershed restoration and wildfire issues on Diamond Mountain.

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Susanville Indian Rancheria asks Sierra Nevada Conservancy to accept this letter of support for the Lassen County Fire Safe Council Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Treatment Project.

Sincerely,

Brandon Guitierrez
Tribal Chairman

6. g. Long Term Management and Sustainability Narrative

The attached Long Term Management Plan (LTMP) sets forth our plans for the long term management and sustainability of our project, through and beyond the 10 year SNC Prop1 requirement. W.M. Beaty and Associates, the manager of the land for the landowner, Red River Forests LLC., will be taking the lead management role as set forth in our Cooperative Agreement and Tenure Document, and the LTMP.

6. g. i. Long Term Management Plan (866: LTMP.pdf)

Goals and Objectives

The Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project has the following long-term goals and objectives:

The proposed project area is managed by W.M. Beaty and Associates (WBA) through an agreement with the Red River Forests LLC. By understanding forest ecosystem dynamics, WBA is able to manage timberland to generate an economic return on private land investments while simultaneously maintaining the resources found in healthy forests (soils, watershed processes, wildlife habitat). In general, the societal benefits and public trust resources provided by healthy, sustainable forests are identified, protected, or restored during forest management activities conducted by WBA in compliance with State and Federal laws and private landowner's objectives.

- Maintain health of forest stand;

- Maintain forest in a condition that can survive a wildfire;
- Provide habitat for a variety of wildlife species;
- Provide opportunities for future revenue from timber;
- Provide biomass for renewable energy production;
- Keep forest stand free of noxious weeds;
- Maintain quality of meadow habitat;
- Maintain water quality and quantity

Protection and Maintenance

The following activities will take place in order to meet the long-term goals and objectives:

All areas of Red River Forests are inspected annually by WBA foresters regardless of recent timber harvest activities or THP preparation schedules. Particular aspects of these routine inspections include condition of the road system, performance of erosion control facilities, condition of watercourses, stand conditions, status of known nesting sites for selected wildlife species, and evidence of mass wasting events. Any major maintenance, repair, or mitigation needs are noted and recommendations made for budgeting purposes. Additional monitoring by WBA also occurs following major storm events to identify road repair needs and change of watercourse conditions.

- Inspections for insects and disease will be conducted annually and infected trees will be removed;
- Roads will be maintained annually to reduce the potential for erosion to effect water quality;

- Inspections for noxious weeds will be conducted annually and potential infestations will be treated immediately;
- Every 10-15 years stands will be inventoried by a Registered Professional Forester to determine if there are opportunities for timber harvest or whether stands need maintenance to maintain adequate fire protection;
- Management Plan will be reviewed every five years to review goals and objectives and determine whether protection and maintenance measures are working to meet the outlined goals and objectives.

6. 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

Project will preserve and create forest products sector jobs

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

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://www.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:

Acres of Land Improved or Restored

GIS layer will be delivered to SNC documenting the number of acres restored.

Kilowatts of Renewable Energy Production Capacity Maintained or Created

The biomass developed from this project will create renewable energy kilowatts.

LCFSC Developed Performance Measure:

Changes in tree density and species composition toward a greater dominance of eastside pine and a reduction in canopy cover to less than 50%.

LCFSC will collect pre- and post-treatment data to document changes in tree canopy cover, tree density, and species composition to demonstrate that the project has met its goals with respect to forest stand conditions.

7. Budget Documents

Budget Narrative:

This SNC request covers a portion of a larger project as spelled out in Section 6/Narrative Description. The proposed project leverages previously completed treatments along with funded and additional requested adjacent private land treatments. In addition, a recently awarded Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) grant will address NEPA and CEQA on an adjacent portion of the Lassen National Forest, which will result in future USFS treatments.

Treatment costs for additional work adjacent to the SNC project area will be covered by a \$200,000 California Fires Safe Council grant that was awarded in July of 2015 and, potentially, a \$260,000 grant from the Western States Foresters/Western WUI (WWUI) program which was applied for in July of 2015 and a \$100,000 Calfire SRA Grant that was applied for on January 7, 2016. Each grant will treat a specific area of this phase of our project in order to ensure accountability to each individual grantor.

Managing Director will be responsible for the overall project management including the preparation of bid documents and contracts, 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.

Treatment work will be conducted by a Licensed Timber Operator (LTO) in compliance with the California Forest Practice Act (CFPA). The LTO will gain ownership of the removed material as partial compensation for the services they will provide. The removed material will be hauled to a biomass fueled electrical generating facility where it be used in the production of renewable energy. We know from past experience that the value of the material alone will not pay for the treatments. Therefore LTOs will bid the job on the basis of a subsidy per acre, estimated to be between \$400-\$500 per acre. This would be the highest and best use of the removed material. For the past decade HL Power has had its contract to sell its power to PG&E renewed annually and we expect that will continue. However, in the unlikely event that their contract is not renewed, the watershed restoration work can still be implemented through mastication treatments, as is being done in many other forest restoration projects, at approximately the same costs and would result in the same benefits. Beaty Registered Professional Foresters will ensure CFPA compliance by laying out units, flagging water courses and communicating with contactors and Managing Director.

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

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

7. a. Detailed Budget Form (866: Budget.xlsx)

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY
SNC Watershed Improvement Program - DETAILED BUDGET FORM

Project Name: Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project

Applicant: Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.

SECTION ONE DIRECT COSTS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Total
<i>Project Management Costs</i>	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00				\$40,000.00
<i>Biomass Utilization Treatments</i>	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00				\$360,000.00
<i>Mastication Treatments</i>	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00				\$60,000.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
DIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:	\$230,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$460,000.00

SECTION TWO PARTIAL INDIRECT COSTS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Total
<i>Monitoring</i>	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00				\$5,500.00
<i>Reporting/Performance Measures</i>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00				\$4,000.00
<i>Invoice Billing</i>	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00				\$6,000.00
<i>Travel to and from Project Site</i>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00				\$2,000.00
<i>Prop 1 Sign & Instalation</i>	\$750.00					\$750.00
INDIRECT COSTS SUBTOTAL:	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,250.00
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$235,000.00	\$234,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$478,250.00

SECTION THREE Administrative Costs (Costs may not exceed 15% of the above listed Project costs) :						Total
<i>Administrative Costs</i>	\$10,875.00	\$10,875.00				\$21,750.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL:	\$10,875.00	\$10,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,750.00
SNC TOTAL GRANT REQUEST:	\$245,875.00	\$245,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00

SECTION FOUR OTHER PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Total
<i>List other funding or in-kind contributors to project (i.e. Sierra Business Council, Department of Water Resources, etc.)</i>						
California Fire Safe Council	\$200,000.00					\$200,000.00
Western States Foresters*	\$100,000.00	\$160,000.00				\$260,000.00
W.M. Beaty (RPF Services)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00				\$10,000.00
Calfire SRA*	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00				\$100,000.00
NFF Capacity Grant*	\$8,000.00	\$16,000.00				\$24,000.00
*Decision expected by 3/31/16						\$0.00
Total Other Contributions:	\$363,000.00	\$231,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$594,000.00

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 (866: CEQA.pdf)

All project work will be implemented under the current/approved Gold Hill Timber Harvest Plan (THP #2-12-047-LAS(2)) that encompasses the entire SNC project area. All the CEQA documentation is available on line through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection website at the following link:

ftp://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/Cascade_Region/THPs/THPs2012/2-12-047LAS/

We have been informed by SNC staff that we can provide the link to the environmental documentation in lieu of printing hundreds of pages and increasing our carbon footprint.

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.

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.

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.

8. a. ii. **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation**
(866: NEPA.pdf)

NA No federal funds will be used in this project.

8. b. Maps and Photos

Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project A Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. Project

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Project Location Map

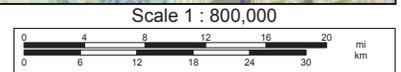


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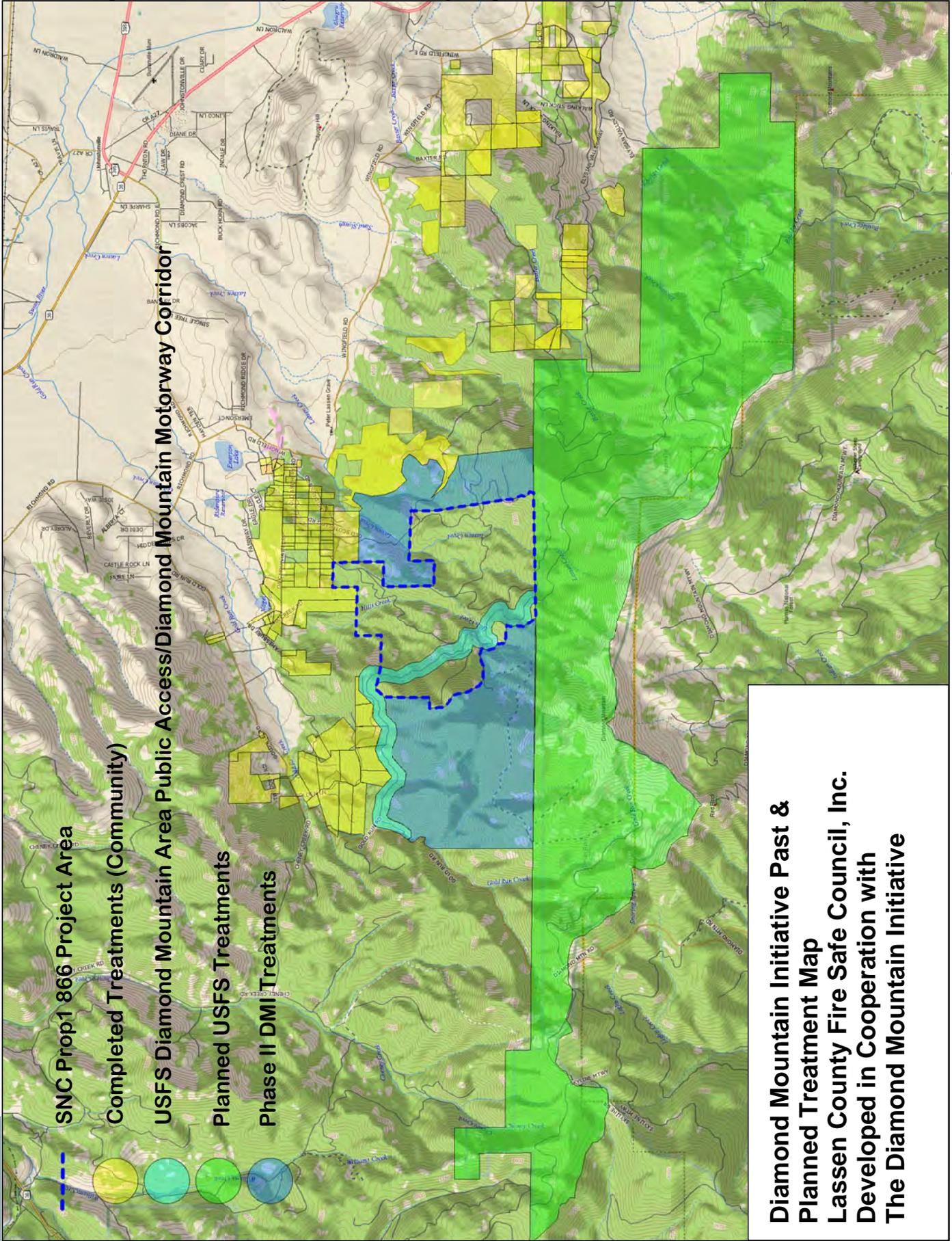
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Diamond Mountain Initiative Past & Planned Treatment Map
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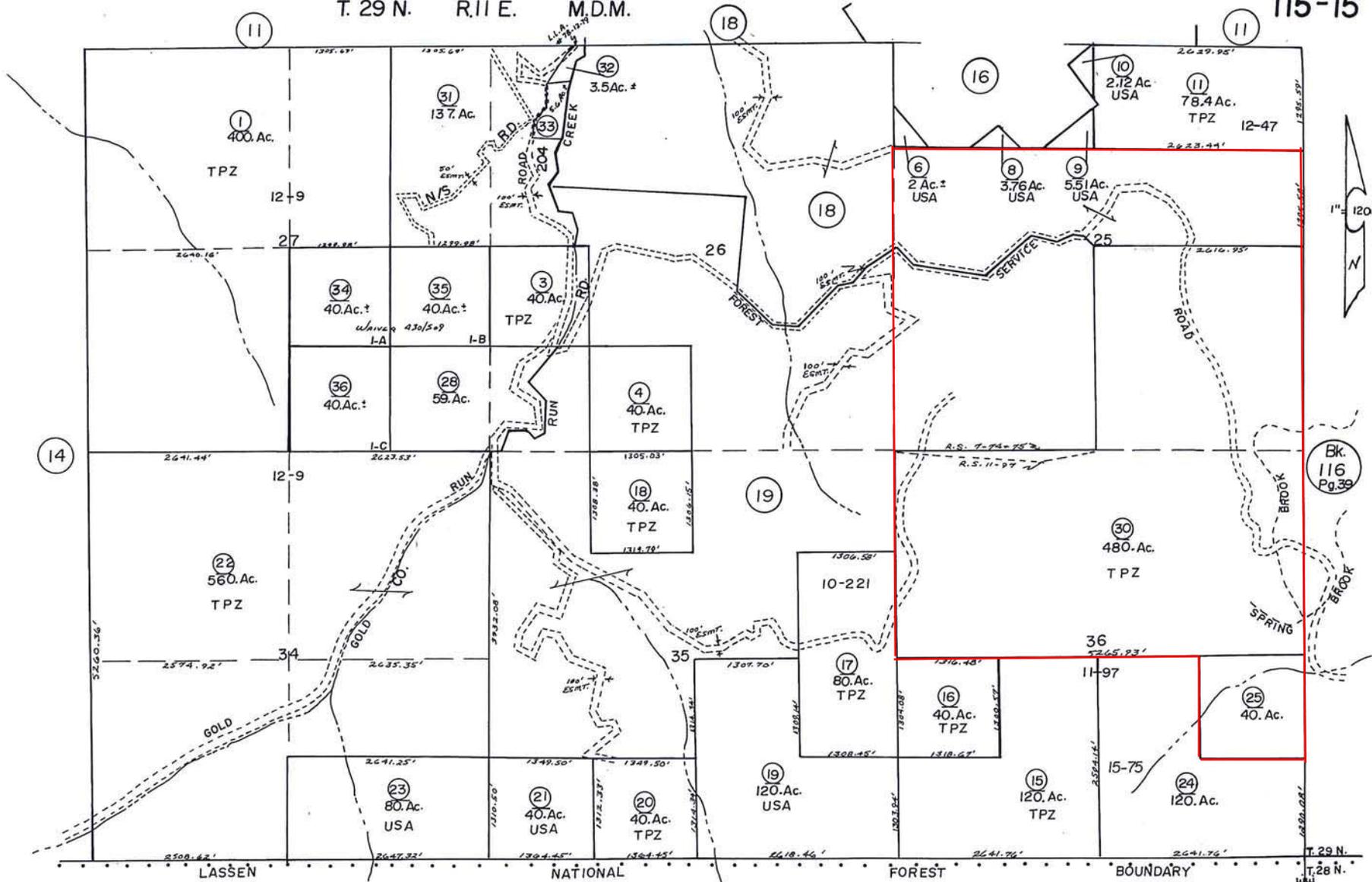


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RS 13	47	McIntyer, Etal
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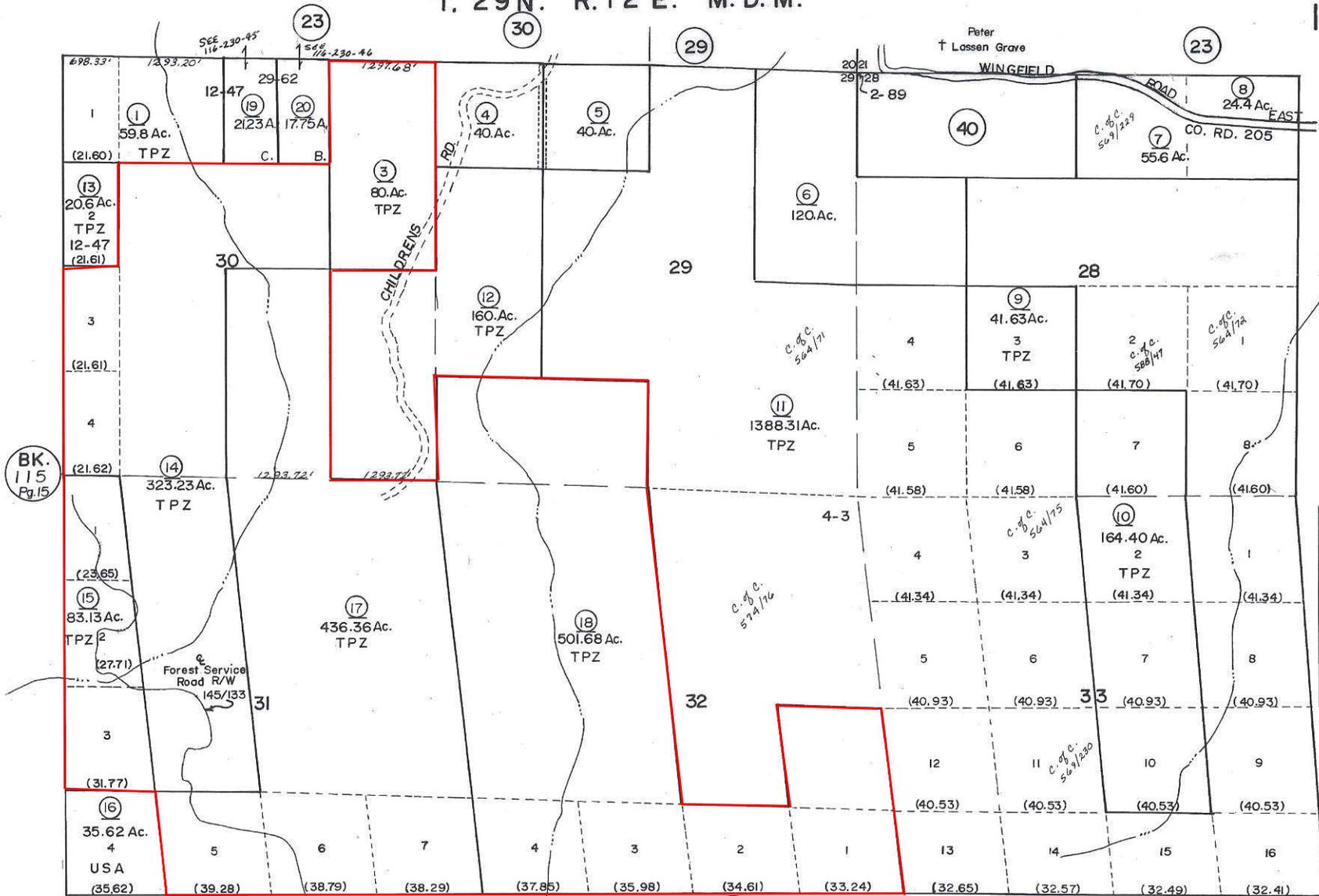
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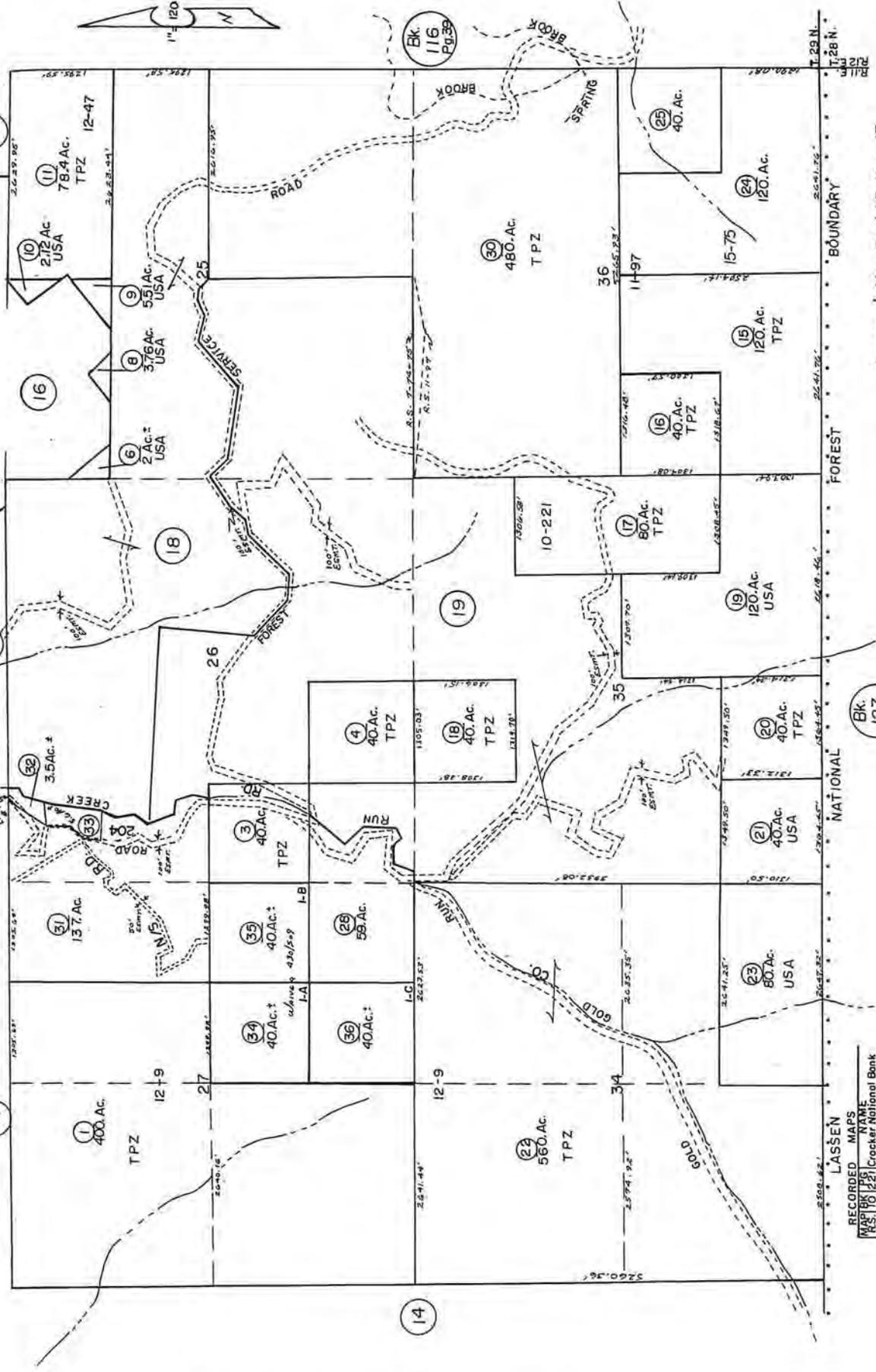
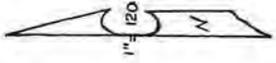
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PM	29	62	MONTPLAIS

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Updated Parcel Maps added to file 3/28/16 (PE)



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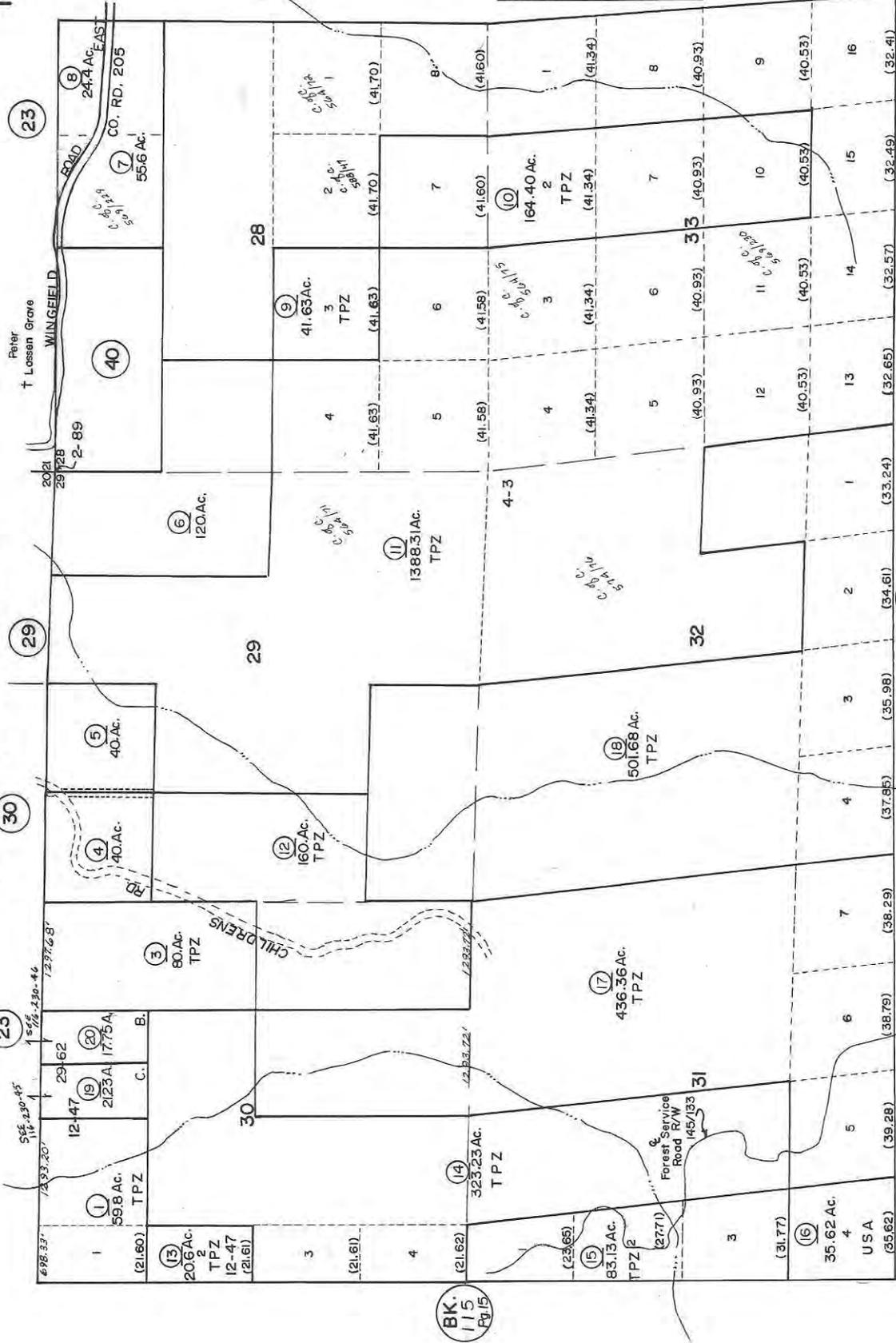
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Project Aerial Map



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Overstocked and Suppressed Trees



Overstocked & Suppressed Trees



Overstocked Stands



Diamond Mountain Landscape



8. c. Additional submission requirement for Fee Title Acquisition

NA Project is not a Fee Title Acquisition

8. d. Additional submission requirements for Site Improvement / Restoration Project

Applicant is following the Land Tenure Requirements (Alternate Process) as set forth in the Grant Guidelines. A Draft Land Tenure document is attached for SNC review. Once the project has been selected for funding a Land Tenure document acceptable to SNC, the applicant and the landowner will be executed within 90 days of project selection as specified in the Grant Guidelines.

8. d. i. **Land Tenure Documents** (866: Tenure.pdf)

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
and
TENURE DOCUMENT

WHEREAS Red River Forests, LLC., hereinafter called OWNER, is the owner of certain property in the Diamond Mountain area of Lassen County, California, more particularly described as Assessors Parcels 116-39-3, 14, 15, 17, 18; 115-15-30 as identified in the Project Map attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereinafter called PROPERTY, and;

WHEREAS Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LCFSC) desires to implement a watershed restoration project in and around the Diamond Mountain area in Lassen County, California, hereinafter called PROJECT, and;

WHEREAS OWNER wishes to participate in the project and LCFSC desires to assist OWNER with watershed/fuel reduction treatments that would benefit the Diamond Mountain Area and its watershed.

NOWHEREFORE OWNER and LCFSC agree to work together to implement the PROJECT jointly subject to the following conditions:

1. **Availability of Funds.** The parties hereto understand that any work to be conducted is subject to funds being awarded LCFSC to accomplish said treatments. Furthermore, the parties hereto understand that once funds are secured, LCFSC will prioritize the areas for treatment based on the amount awarded, and any stipulations placed by any grantor on funds awarded to LCFSC.
2. **Treatment Prescription.** In general PROJECT treatments will consist of the removal of the thinning of overstocked pine stands or mastication treatments on PROPERTY that would result in the restoration of the forest and adjacent meadows to a healthier condition. It is anticipated that mechanical equipment will be used with possible follow-up hand treatments. Biomass utilization will be used wherever possible and practical with any revenue derived being used to offset project costs. Individual site specific prescriptions will be further defined and agreed to by W.M. Beaty & Associates, Contract Manager for OWNER, hereinafter called BEATY, and LCFSC prior to start- up.
3. **Project Management.** BEATY will have primary responsibility for treatment contractor selection and management on PROPERTY with LCFSC concurrence. Any agreements entered into between BEATY and treatment contractors, including payment rates, must be approved by LCFSC in writing, in advance, to ensure they are within PROJECT budget and that the terms and prescriptions meet grantor requirements. BEATY will identify one of their Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) as the Project Manager for

BEATY who will perform his duties at its sole expense and will coordinate BEATY activities with LCFSC Managing Director and/or LCFSC designees. Upon completion of a treatment phase BEATY will submit completion maps and invoices to LCFSC. Upon receipt of invoices and completion maps LCFSC will perform an inspection of PROPERTY and approve and process payments.

4. **Notice to Proceed.** LCFSC and BEATY will finalize the selection of specific acres for treatment, site specific prescriptions and budgets for PROPERTY treatments after funds have been awarded to LCFSC and after LCFSC has established a final PROJECT budget. These terms and conditions will be part of a Notice to Proceed document that will be executed by BEATY and LCFSC.

Tenure and Access. Subject to all the terms and conditions contained herein and for a term of 10 years from the effective date of this agreement, OWNER agrees to grant access to PROPERTY to LCFSC for the purposes of applying for and securing PROJECT funding and implementing treatments on PROPERTY and, for a period of 25 years to Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for monitoring purposes. BEATY shall be notified 48 hours in advance of any and all monitoring activities to occur by LCFSC or Sierra Nevada Conservancy. LCFSC and SNC shall indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and name W.M. Beaty & Associates, Inc. and Red River Forests LLC as additionally insured on LCFSC's commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance policies. Contractors, consultants and all others conducting implementation work and/or management activities authorized under this Agreement shall execute separate agreement(s) with the landowner or its Manager, W.M. Beaty & Associates, Inc., that include provisions to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Landowner and its Manager and name both as additional insured on Contractor's general and automobile insurance policies with minimum limits of coverage as required by Manager.

This Cooperative Agreement and Tenure document is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2016 by and between:

Red River Forests, LLC.

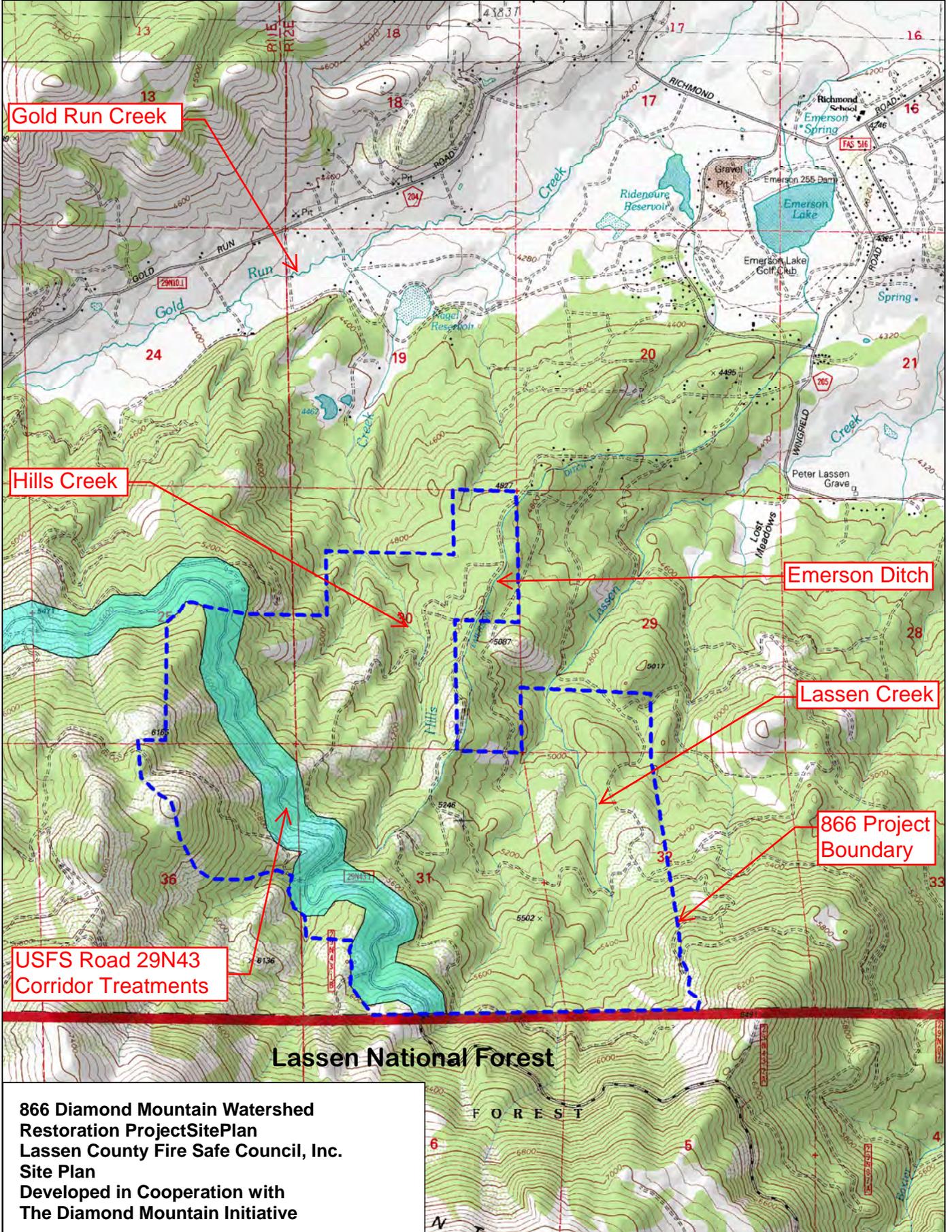
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Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.

By: _____

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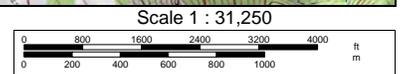
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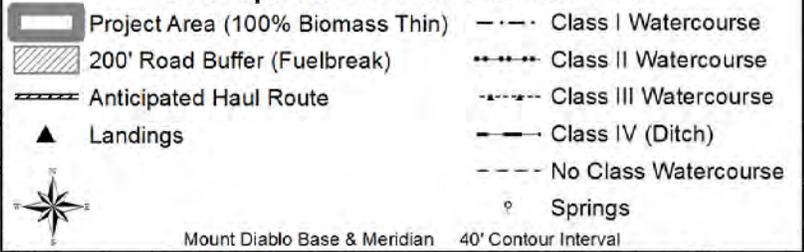
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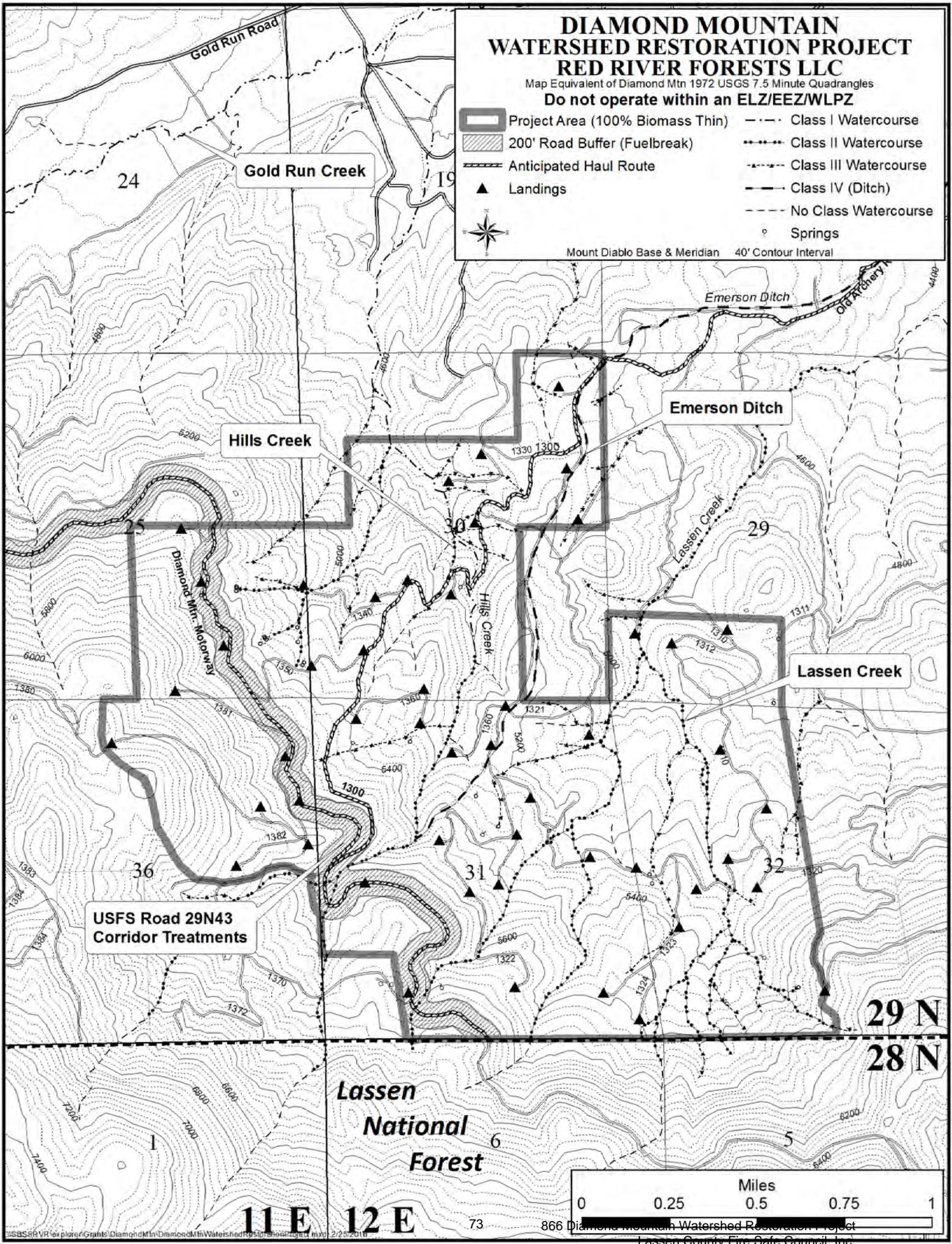
DIAMOND MOUNTAIN WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT RED RIVER FORESTS LLC

Map Equivalent of Diamond Mtn 1972 USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangles

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Mount Diablo Base & Meridian 40' Contour Interval



**USFS Road 29N43
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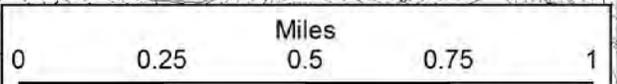
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Emerson Ditch

Lassen Creek

**Lassen
National
Forest**



8. d. iii. Leases or Agreements (866: *LeaseAgmnt.pdf*)

No other leases or agreements are needed to carry out our project.