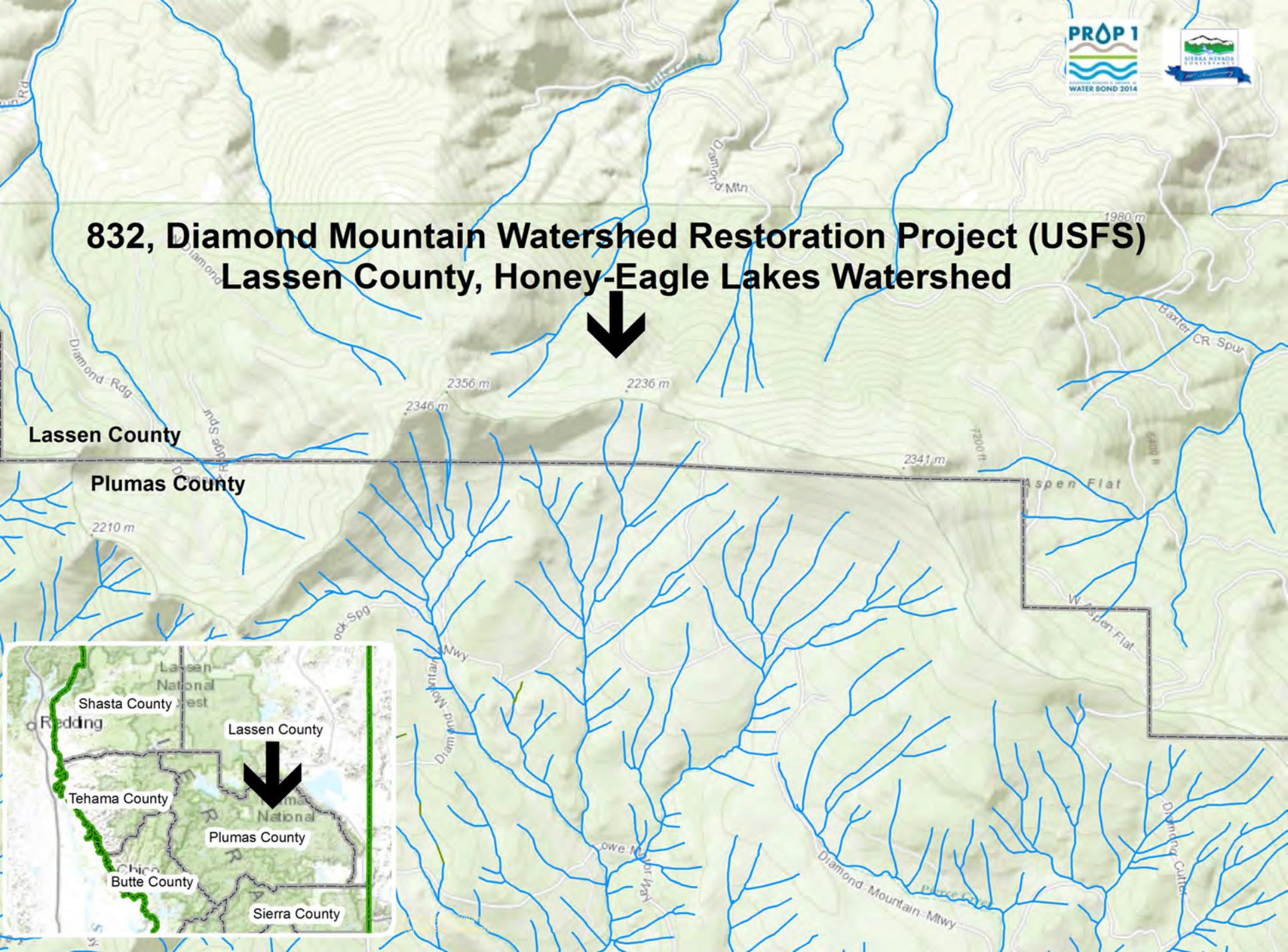


832, Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration Project (USFS) Lassen County, Honey-Eagle Lakes Watershed



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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1)**

Applicant: Lassen County Fire Safe Council

Project Title: Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration (USFS)-Planning

Subregion: North

County: Lassen

SNC Funding: \$75,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$125,000.00

Application Number: 832

Final Score: 88.75

PROJECT SCOPE

The project site, located seven miles south of Susanville in northeastern California's Lassen County, is situated in the Susan River Watershed. The Lassen County Fire Safe Council, working with the Lassen National Forest, will complete surveys, project design, and assessments in order to support a decision by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service for future fuel treatments on the Forest Service portion of the project site. Targeting approximately 3,000 acres of public land, the planning project will be completed by July 1, 2017. The actual treatment area for this portion of the project will be determined after field surveys have been completed as a result of this project.

The project is part of a larger project area called the Diamond Mountain Project that encompasses a mix of public and private lands. Forested areas within the Diamond Mountain Project are in an overstocked condition resulting in heavy fuel loading and a corresponding increase in fire hazard. The goals of the overall project include: 1) reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire and the associated adverse effects on air and water quality, 2) reducing the probability of excessive greenhouse gas emissions associated with catastrophic wildfire, 3) improving public health and safety, and 4) protecting the working forest landscape from loss to wildfire.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

| DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES | TIMELINE |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Complete Surveys | September 30, 2016 |
| Climate Change and Economic Analysis | November 30, 2016 |
| Six-Month Progress Reports Due | August 1, 2016, February 1, 2017 |
| Draft Environmental Document | June 15, 2017 |
| Final Report Due | July 1, 2017 |
| FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST | July 15, 2017 |

PROJECT COSTS

| PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES | TOTAL SNC FUNDING |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Direct* | \$58,217.00 |
| Indirect** | \$7,000.00 |
| Administrative*** | \$9,783.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$75,000.00 |

* Direct: Direct costs are expenses necessary to acquire, construct, or to adapt property to a new or different use, or to improve property including land, buildings, and equipment. The property/expense must have a useful life longer than one year.

** Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair, or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

*** Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs.

PROJECT LETTERS SUPPORT/OPPOSITION

- Support
 - Lassen County Board of Supervisors
 - Brian Dahle, Assembly Member 1st District
 - Lassen National Forest, Eagle Lake District Ranger
 - BLM, Eagle Lake Field Station, Fire Prevention/Mitigation Specialist
 - CAL FIRE Lassen-Modoc-Plumas Unit, Acting Unit Chief
 - Honey Lake Power Company

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with Sierra Nevada Conservancy staff.

- Percent of Pre-project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation
- Number of Collaboratively Developed Plans and Assessments

Notice of Exemption

Form D

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency) _____

County Clerk
County of _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Location - Specific: _____

Project Location – City: _____ Project Location – County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: _____

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one)**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: _____

Lead Agency
Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project (continued):

The project involves completing surveys and compiling information needed to assist the Lassen National Forest (LNF) with completing NEPA compliance and reaching a decision on implementation of forest management treatments on federal land. The project work will also involve CEQA review that would allow the project implementers to acquire state funds to assist with project implementation. Field surveys and data gathering specific to the Diamond Mountain project area have been ongoing since 2012, and much of the necessary pre-project work has been completed. However, this project will involve completing aquatic resource and soil surveys, performing climate change and economic analyses, and assembling information into a draft NEPA and CEQA environmental document upon completion of staff specialist reports.