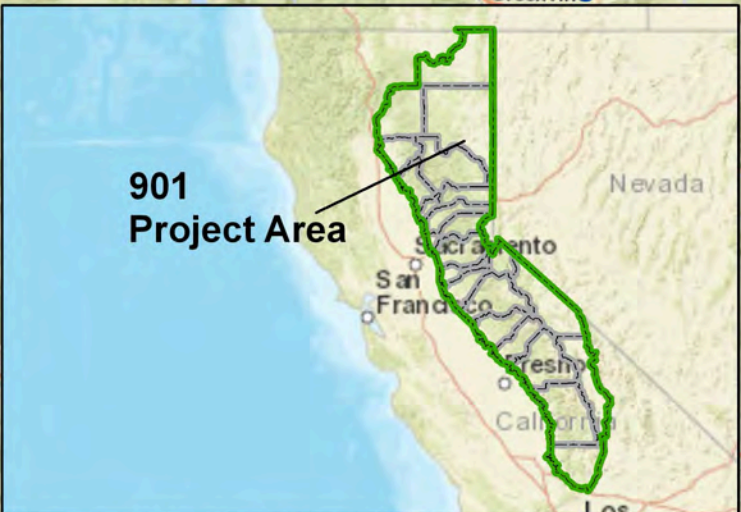
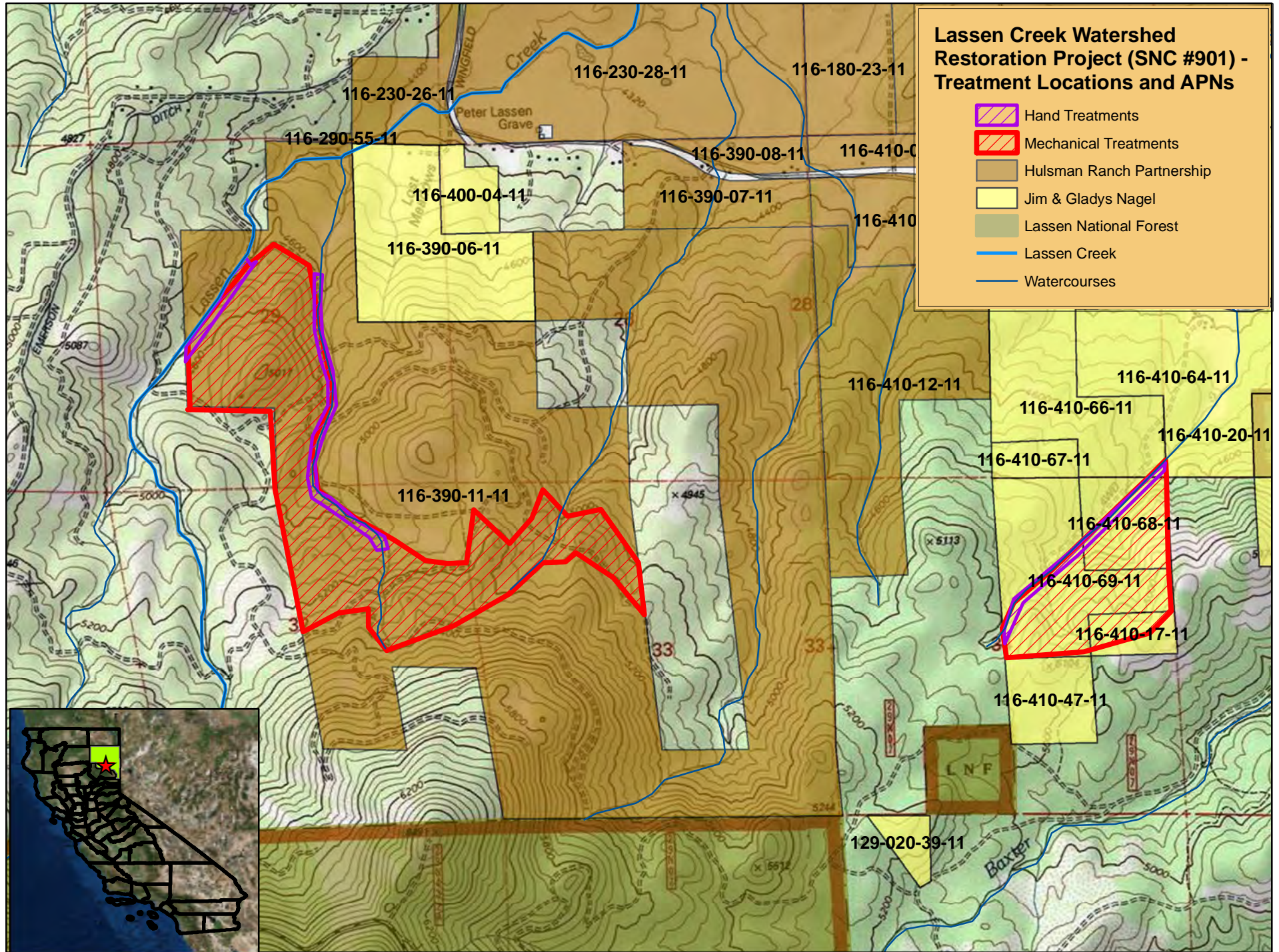




901
Lassen Creek Watershed Restoration Project
Lassen County
Honey-Eagle Lakes Watershed





Lassen Creek Watershed Restoration Project (SNC #901) - Treatment Locations and APNs

-  Hand Treatments
-  Mechanical Treatments
-  Hulsman Ranch Partnership
-  Jim & Gladys Nagel
-  Lassen National Forest
-  Lassen Creek
-  Watercourses



STATE OF CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

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

SNC ID Number: 901

Applicant: Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation
District

Project Title: Lassen Creek Watershed Restoration Project

SNC Subregion: North

County: Lassen

Funding Amount Requested: \$250,000

Funding Amount Recommended: \$250,000

Total Project Cost: \$375,000

Final Score: 88.5

PROJECT SCOPE / DESCRIPTION

The Lassen Creek Watershed Restoration project is located in Lassen County at the base of the Diamond Mountains approximately 4 miles south of Susanville and immediately north of the Lassen National Forest boundary in northeastern California. Submitted by the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (HVRCD), this Category 1 project will improve forest health on 250 acres that feature Lassen Creek and three additional small creeks, which are all tributaries to the Susan River. The project will occur on private lands owned by Hulsman Ranch Partnership and Nagle Property.

This project will implement forest management treatments including mechanical harvesting on 225 acres of conifers under 12" diameter and hand-thinning, pruning, mastication, and slash disposal near residential areas, along access corridors and sensitive watercourses on 25 acres. Tree thinning will be designed to reduce crown bulk density and increase the spacing between leave trees so that tree crowns are not touching with 6 to 20 feet of variable spacing between tree boles. Individual prescriptions will be designed on a stand-by-stand basis. Woody material from mechanical operation will be converted to chips and delivered to a local power plant with the intention of leveraging revenue and mechanically treat an additional 75 acres in the project area. This project is within the Diamond Mountain area which has been identified as the top priority in the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan and falls within the Susanville Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

The HVRCD has implemented 800 acres of fuels reduction within the larger project area over the last five years (with funding from Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) and California Fire Safe Council). Another grantee, Lassen Land and Trails Trust, conducted a pre-project due diligence project on an adjacent portion of the Hulsman Ranch with SNC funds. This project also ties into work that is being conducted by Lassen National Forest (LNF) and Lassen County Fire Safe Council (FSC). The Lassen County FSC was recently awarded two SNC grants for fuels reduction in the Diamond Mountain area, one for planning on LNF land and the other for site restoration work on private land. Altogether, these projects create an area that significantly addresses landscape-level wildfire threat within the WUI.

The HVRCD has received two SNC grants in the past; one for fuels reduction near this current project and another for pre-project due diligence on a site near Eagle Lake.

The project intends to leverage approximately \$118,800 in biomass sold to Honey Lake Power and \$6,200 of in-kind match from landowner contributions.

The project supports Proposition 1 and the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program by improving and protecting the quantity and quality of water available year-round by reducing the demand for water in the project area. It will reduce the risk and consequences of large, damaging wildfires by reducing fuels in a strategic location within the Susanville WUI and thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions and stabilize carbon storage. Additionally, it will improve local socioeconomic conditions and public safety by creating jobs and improving access for fire personnel within the Susanville WUI.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

PROJECT TASKS / DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Pre-Treatment Project Layout and Photo Points	April 30, 2017
Complete mechanical operations	October 31, 2017
Complete pile burning and post-treatment photos	November 30, 2017
Photo Monitoring Report	December 31, 2017
Progress Reports	Every six months from execution of grant agreement
Estimated Project Completion Date – Final Report	February 28, 2018

PROJECT COSTS

BUDGET CATEGORIES	SNC FUNDING
Project Costs:	
Project Management	\$21,100
Site Restoration Work	\$211,000
Monitoring	\$2,775
Publications, Printing, Public Relations	\$450
Reporting, Performance Measures, Invoice Billing	\$2,775
Administrative:	
Administrative Costs	\$11,900
TOTAL:	\$250,000

PROJECT LETTERS OF SUPPORT / OPPOSITION

SUPPORT:

- Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribal Chairman
- Lassen National Forest, Eagle Lake District Ranger
- Lassen County Board of Supervisors
- CAL FIRE Lassen-Modoc Unit Division Chief
- Lassen County Fire Safe Council
- Honey Lake Power Company LP

OPPOSITION:

- None

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to identify one to three project-specific Performance Measures in their application. Please note, Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified before the grant agreement is executed.

- Number of People Reached
- Dollar Value of Resources Leveraged for the Sierra Nevada
- Number and Type of Jobs Created
- Number of New, Improved, or Preserved Economic Activities
- Acres of Land Improved or Restored

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: _____ Street Address: _____
P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: _____
Address: _____

From:

Public Agency: _____
Address: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603
Contact: Patrick Eidman
Phone: (530) 823-4689

Lead Agency (if different from above):

CAL FIRE
Address: 6105 Airport Road
Redding, CA 96002
Contact: Scott Upton
Phone: (530) 224 - 2489

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): N/A, NTMP No. 2-01NTMP-4 LAS(2) & No. N-2-95-012-LAS (2)

Project Title: Lassen Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

Project Location (include county): Plumas County, CA; centered at 40.333651, -120.649915.

Project Description:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide \$250,000 in funding to the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (RCD) for the Lassen Creek Watershed Restoration Project (Project). The Project involves forest management activities on 250 acres of within the 325-acre private property project area to reduce wildfire risk, prevent catastrophic wildfire, improve forest and watershed resiliency, maintain habitat values, and improve water quality and availability. Project activities would include hand and mechanical forest treatments for forest restoration, piling and burning, and restoration. The project includes a comprehensive suite of Best Management Practices to protect water quality and other environmental resources. During tree marking and other project activities, sensitive resources and species will be identified and protection measures implemented.

All work will be performed in compliance with the California Forest Practices Act and the adopted Non-industrial Timber Management Plans (NTMPs) for the property [NTMP No. 2-01NTMP-4 LAS(2) & No. N-2-95-012-LAS (2)], approved by the California Department of Forestry. SNC has reviewed the NTMPs, a CEQA-equivalent document, which were prepared by a Registered Professional Forester. SNC has independently determined that the Project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

This is to advise that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on _____ and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment
2. Two Non-industrial Timber Management Plans were adopted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Chapter 8, commencing with section 4511 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code. The Non-industrial Timber Management Plans meet the requirements of a Substitute Document pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15252. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is using the substitute documents in its approval of the project as a Responsible Agency, consistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15253 (a) and (b).
3. Mitigation measures **were not** a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was not** adopted for this project
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.
6. Findings **were not** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 11521 Blocker Dr #205, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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