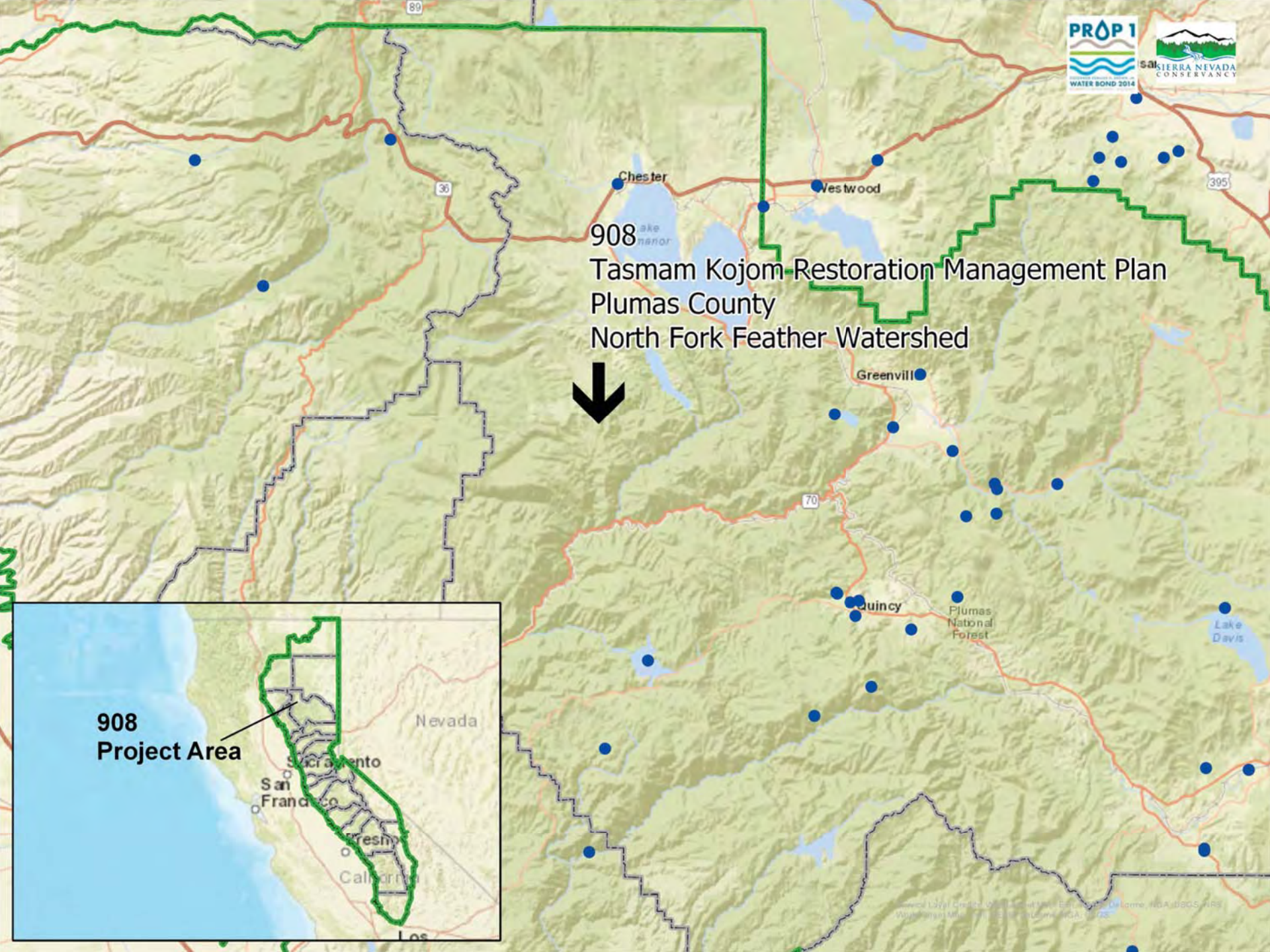
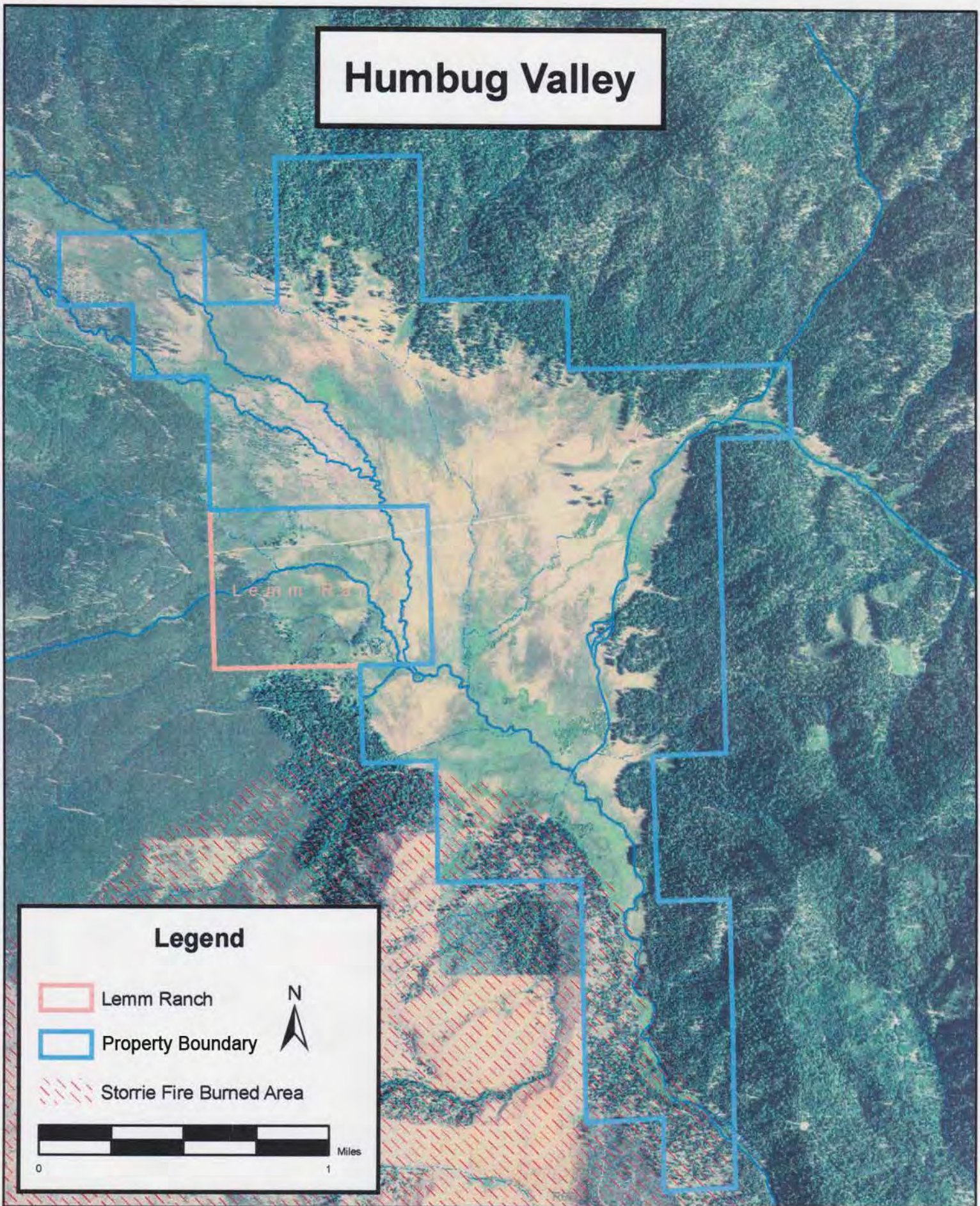





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Tasmam Kojom Restoration Management Plan
Plumas County
North Fork Feather Watershed



Humbug Valley



Legend

-  Lemm Ranch
-  Property Boundary
-  Storrie Fire Burned Area



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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 : 908

Applicant: Maidu Summit Consortium

Project Title: Tásmam Kojóm Restoration Management Plan

SNC Subregion: North Central

County: Plumas

Funding Amount Requested: \$75,000

Funding Amount Recommended: \$73,312

Total Project Cost: \$73,312

Final Score: 88

PROJECT SCOPE / DESCRIPTION

The Tásmam Kojóm Restoration Management Plan is a Category 2 environmental review project by the Maidu Summit Consortium (Consortium). Located in northern Plumas County, southwest of the town of Chester and Lake Almanor, the culturally-significant Tásmam Kojóm watershed is a 2,326 acre PG&E Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) divestment to the Maidu people. The Tásmam Kojóm valley is adjacent to Lassen National Forest and a few private parcels.

The landscape consists of forested slopes, source springs, and a riparian/meadow complex that sustains a diversity of life, and the Maidu people. This project area includes 1,011 acres of second-growth mixed conifer and pine forest stands that are overgrown and in need of thinning to improve forest and ecosystem health.

This project funding supports environmental review and permitting of the Tásmam Kojóm Land Management Plan (LMP). Preparation of the LMP was funded by the Stewardship Council and is expected to be completed in early 2017. Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) funds will focus on completing portions of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and project design related to forest resilience and watershed health. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is the lead agency for the EIR. This environmental compliance and design will enable future on-the-ground work for long-term protection and enhancement of the forest and watershed.

The Consortium is a collection of nine Mountain Maidu groups, including recognized and petitioning tribes, nonprofit organizations, and grassroots groups. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Project partners include the Stewardship Council, PG&E, Lassen National Forest, CDFW, the Feather River Land Trust, Plumas Corporation, Plumas County, UC Davis, local stakeholders, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Numerous planning meetings have taken place to solicit input from stakeholders regarding the LMP components. The Stewardship Council has contributed \$150,000 towards the LMP, preparation of an EIR, and future site improvements.

The proposed project supports the goals of Proposition 1 and the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program by contributing to the protection and restoration of forested areas in one of California’s largest watersheds. The Tásmam Kojóm valley and adjoining US Forest Service lands contain the headwaters of Yellow Creek, a significant high-volume, year-round tributary to the North Fork of the Feather River. The Feather River is the principal contributor to the Sacramento River, the largest river in California, and is the main source of water for the California State Water Project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

PROJECT TASKS / DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Contract: Environmental Review	April 2017
Environmental Analysis- CDFW	April – May 2017
Environmental Review Documents/start public comment	June – August 2017
Public Meeting- Draft EIR	September 2017
Review/address public comments	October 2017
Final EIR	November 2017
Design forest prescriptions	Nov. 2017 – Jan. 2018
Secure permitting	Dec. 2017 – Feb. 2018
Six Month Progress Reports	Every six months from execution of grant agreement
Estimated Project Completion Date – Final Report	February 2018

PROJECT COSTS

BUDGET CATEGORIES	SNC FUNDING
Project Costs:	
Project Management	\$3,820
Environmental Compliance (prepare/complete EIR)	\$51,545
Mitigation/Monitoring Program	\$1,885
Reporting, Invoicing, PMs	\$4,500
Public Relations	\$2,000
Administrative:	
Administrative Costs	\$9,562
TOTAL:	\$73,312

PROJECT LETTERS OF SUPPORT / OPPOSITION

SUPPORT:

- Plumas County Board of Supervisors
- USFS, Lassen National Forest

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

County Clerk
County of Plumas
520 Main Street, Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971

(Address)

Project Title: Tasmam Kojom Restoration Management Plan

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located in Plumas County, California, centered at approximately 40.125861, -121.246

Project Location - City: Longville Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide \$73,312 in funding to the Maidu Summit Consortium and Conservancy to conduct public hearings and complete environmental analysis that will be utilized to develop project design and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that addresses forest and watershed health activities in the 2,326 acre Tasmam Kojom watershed. Project design and the EIR will include Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) to guide management and possible, future restoration, enhancement, and habitat protection projects.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Maidu Summit Consortium and Conservancy

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, Information Collection
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is a planning project that involves environmental analysis and the preparation of an EIR to guide future forest management actions to protect water quality and forest resources. The planning project would not involve ground disturbance or physical alterations to the environment. The proposed planning project qualifies for exemption from CEQA pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15306, which applies to basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to any environmental resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Patrick Eidman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4689

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:

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
Signed by Applicant

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