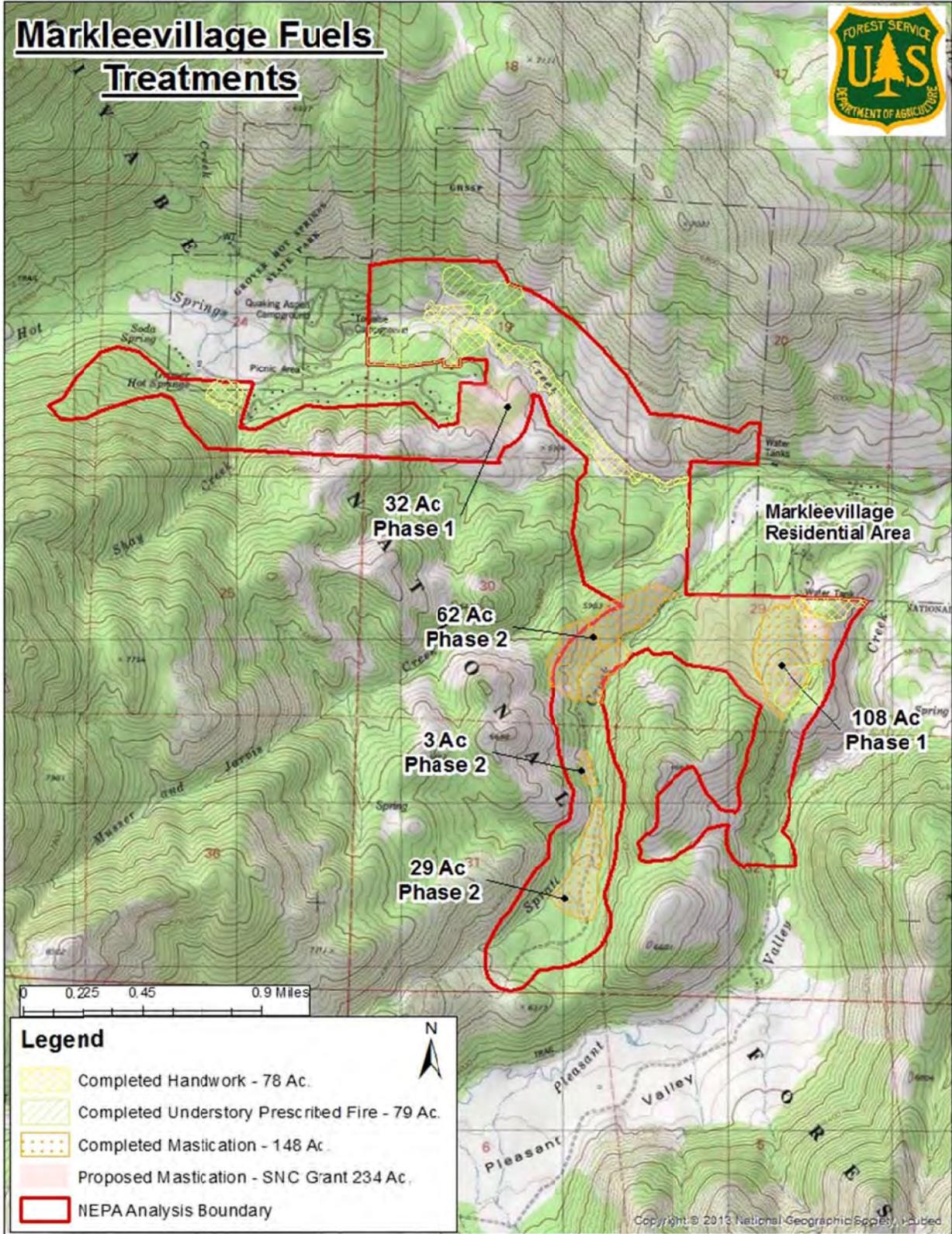




# 829 Markelevillage Fuels Reduction Project Alpine County, Upper Carson Watershed



# Markleevillage Fuels Treatments



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

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

**Applicant:** Alpine County

**Project Title:** Markleevillage Fuels Reduction Project

**Subregion:** East

**County:** Alpine

**SNC Funding:** \$230,115.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$249,115.00

**Application Number:** 829

**Final Score:** 86.25

**PROJECT SCOPE**

The Markleevillage Fuels Reduction project will treat 234 acres of land managed by the Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest near the community of Markleeville and will be implemented through a working partnership between Alpine County, the U.S. Forest Service Carson Ranger District, the Alpine Watershed Group, and the Alpine Fire Safe Council.

The project is broken into two treatment areas: Treatment Area #1 will be 140 acres in the Pleasant Valley area and Treatment Area #2 will be 94 acres in the Thornburg Canyon area. Both treatment areas will use standard mechanical treatments including removing heavy brush, small diameter trees (up to 12”) and other under story fuels by mechanized mastication. Due to lack of alternative biomass utilization infrastructure, material will be scattered or burned.

This project leverages previously SNC-funded creek restoration and water quality projects by treating areas that are in close proximity to those projects and are contiguous with previous treatments conducted by the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. In order to ensure treatment continuity and maintain efficacy, the project will complete additional work in some areas that have recently been treated. By reducing hazardous wildfire fuels, this project provides multiple benefits to the area’s watershed conditions by increasing forest vigor, improving water filtration ability, augmenting carbon storage capacity, and enhancing wildlife habitat.

This project also includes a community outreach and education element intended to help residents connect fuels reduction projects with improved watershed conditions.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Partner Meeting and Agreement between USFS and County	May 15, 2016
RFP Development	June 1, 2016 – July 15, 2016
Release RFP, review bids, select contractor	July 15, 2016 – September 15, 2016
Community outreach and education	September 15, 2016 – May 1, 2017
Treatment Area #1 Implementation	October 1, 2016 – March 15, 2017
Partner Meeting	March 1, 2017
Treatment Area #2 Implementation	June 1, 2017 – March 1, 2018
6-Month Progress Reports	December 1, 2016 June 1, 2017 December 1, 2017 June 1, 2018
<b>FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>June 15, 2018</b>

### PROJECT COSTS

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Direct*	\$200,100.00
Administrative**	\$30,015.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$230,115.00</b>

\* 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. Direct expenses should also include costs directly attributable to the project such as performance measure reporting, project management, billing, signs, etc.

\*\* Administrative: Shared expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct costs. Examples of administrative costs include the costs of operating/maintaining facilities, general expenses, general administration, etc.

## **PROJECT LETTERS SUPPORT/OPPOSITION**

- Support
  - Carson Ranger District, Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest
  - Alpine Watershed Group
  - Alpine Fire Safe Council
  - American Rivers
  - Carson Water Subconservancy District
  - Eastern Alpine County Volunteer Fire Department
  - Markleeville Water Company
  - Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California – Tribal Council
  - Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California – Community Council

## **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 SNC staff.

- Acres of Land Improved
- Number of People Reached
- Resources Leveraged for the Sierra Nevada

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:**

Public Agency: Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
 Address: 11521 Blocker Dr #205  
Auburn, CA 95603  
 Contact: Patrick Eidman  
 Phone: 530-823-4689

Lead Agency (if different from above):

Alpine County Community Development  
 Address: 50 Diamond Valley Road  
Markleeville, CA 96120  
 Contact: Brian Peters  
 Phone: 530-694-1361

**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): 2015092057

Project Title: 2016 - 2018 Markleevillage Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Alpine County

Project Location (include county): Markleeville, Alpine County, CA; approx. 1.5 mile west of Markleeville, CA

**Project Description:**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide \$230,115 in funding to Alpine County to implement the 2016-2018 Markleevillage Fuels Reduction Project (Project). The Project would treat a total of 234 acres to reduce wildfire risk. A total of 140 acres would be treated between Nov. 2016 and Mar. 2017, and a second 94 acre treatment area would be treated between Nov. 2017 and March 2018. The project would involve the removal of brush, small trees and under story fuels by mechanical mastication. SNC has reviewed the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by Alpine County (SCH # 2015092057), and concurs with the analysis in that document.

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  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, 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: \_\_\_\_\_