

Agenda Item IX

2015-16 Proposition 1 Grant Awards

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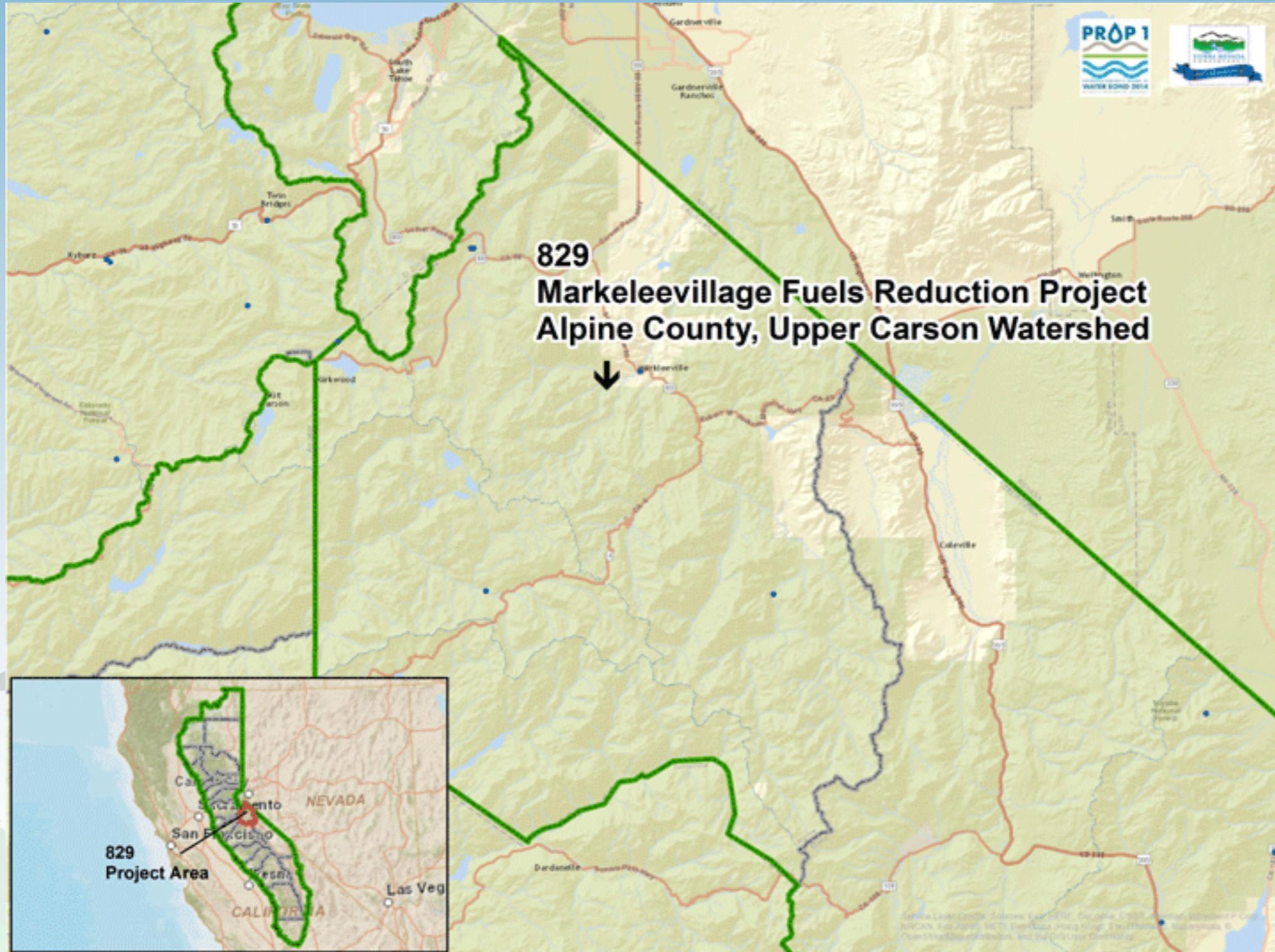
Background

- July 1, 2015 – The SNC requested grant proposals.
- September 1, 2015 – first application deadline.
- SNC received 20 applications:
 - One project was ineligible
 - One application was withdrawn
 - Nine were evaluated and not recommended
- December 2015 – SNC Board authorized 5 projects (two Category 1 projects and three Category 2 projects) totaling \$853,190.

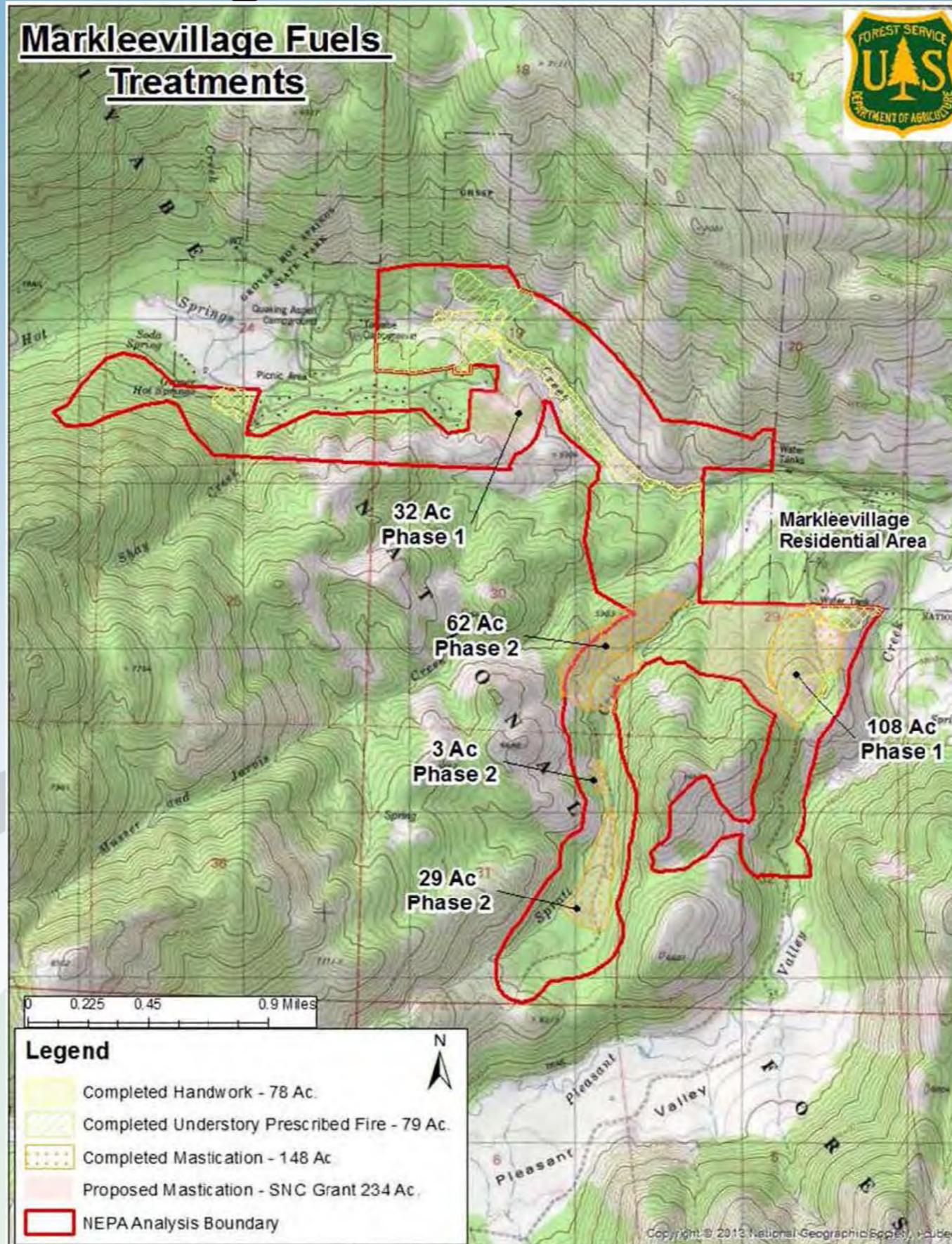
Current Status

- Two projects are recommended for approval at this meeting.
- Two projects still undergoing CEQA review for a possible June recommendation.

Mt. Whitney Area



Markleevillage Fuels Reduction Project



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Heavy undergrowth and brush accumulation

Markleevillage Fuels Reduction Project



Project will increase snowpack that reaches forest floor

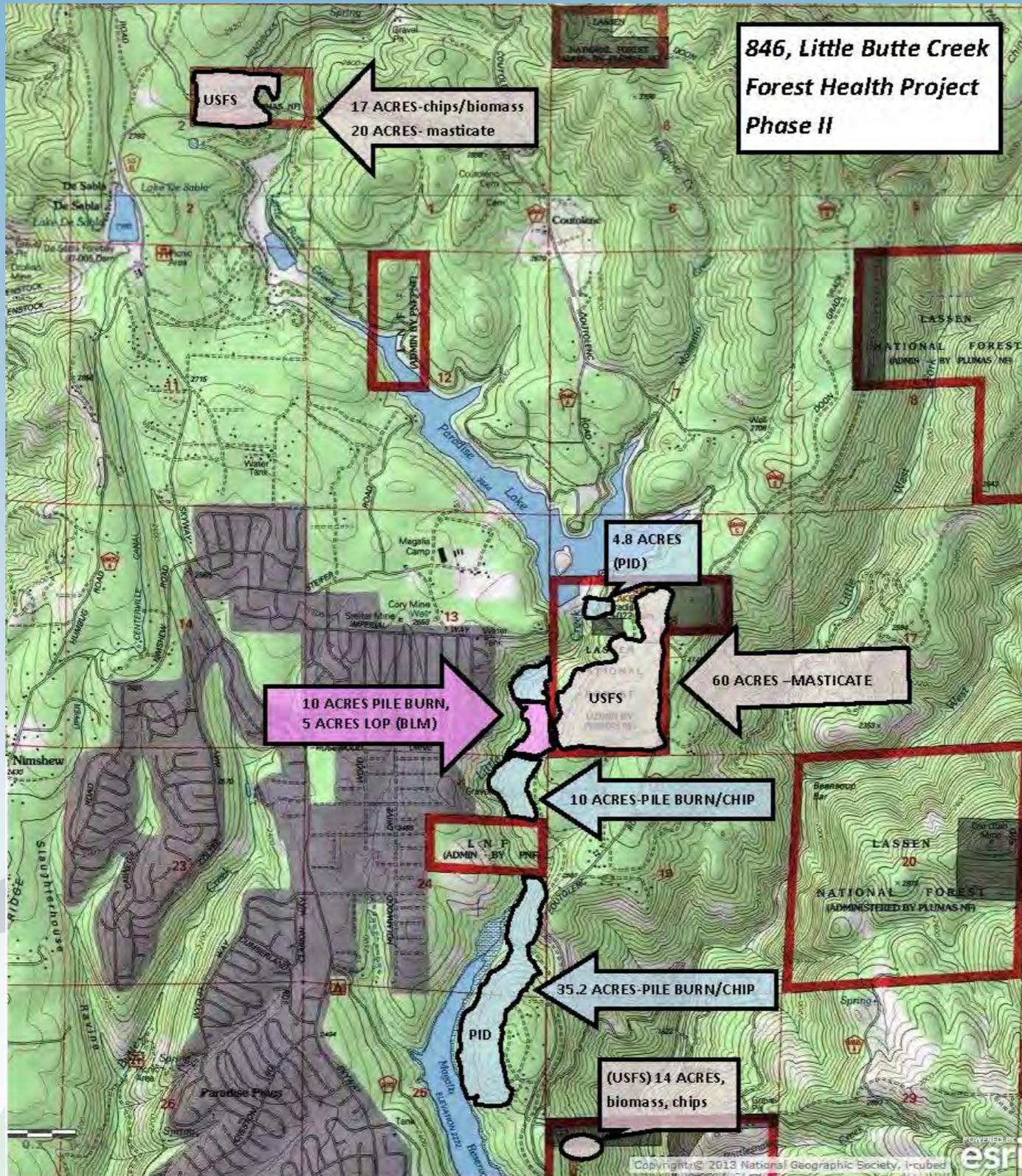
Questions?



Mt. Lassen Area



Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project Phase II



846, Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project Phase II

USFS
17 ACRES-chips/biomass
20 ACRES-masticate

12

USFS
4.8 ACRES (PID)

60 ACRES-MASTICATE

10 ACRES PILE BURN,
5 ACRES LOP (BLM)

10 ACRES-PILE BURN/CHIP

13

35.2 ACRES-PILE BURN/CHIP

(USFS) 14 ACRES,
biomass, chips

- Legend:
-  Paradise Irrigation District (PID)
 -  Lassen National Forest (USFS)
 -  Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project Phase II



Overstocked forest located in Paradise Irrigation District land.

Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project Phase II



This project is within a collection area for the drinking water supply for the Town of Paradise.

Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project Phase II



A portion of the work will include pile burning.

Questions?



Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board (a) authorize the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption for the Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project – Phase II (SNC 846); (b) make findings that there is no substantial evidence that the Markleevillage Fuels Reduction Project (SNC 829), with mitigation measures, may have a significant effect on the environment and adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and (c) authorize a grant award to each of the above listed projects for the amounts recommended by staff, and further authorize staff to enter into the necessary agreements for the recommended projects.