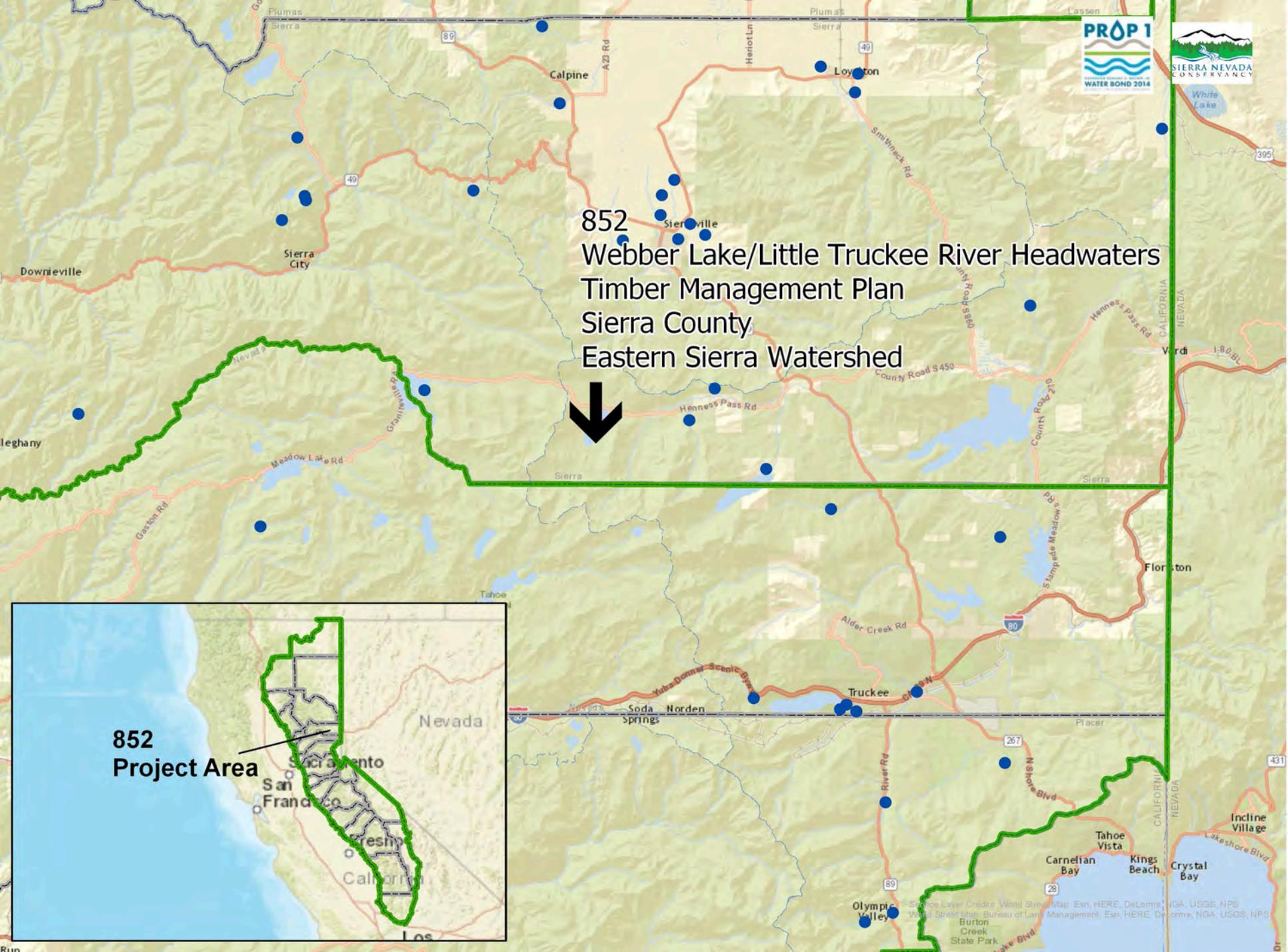


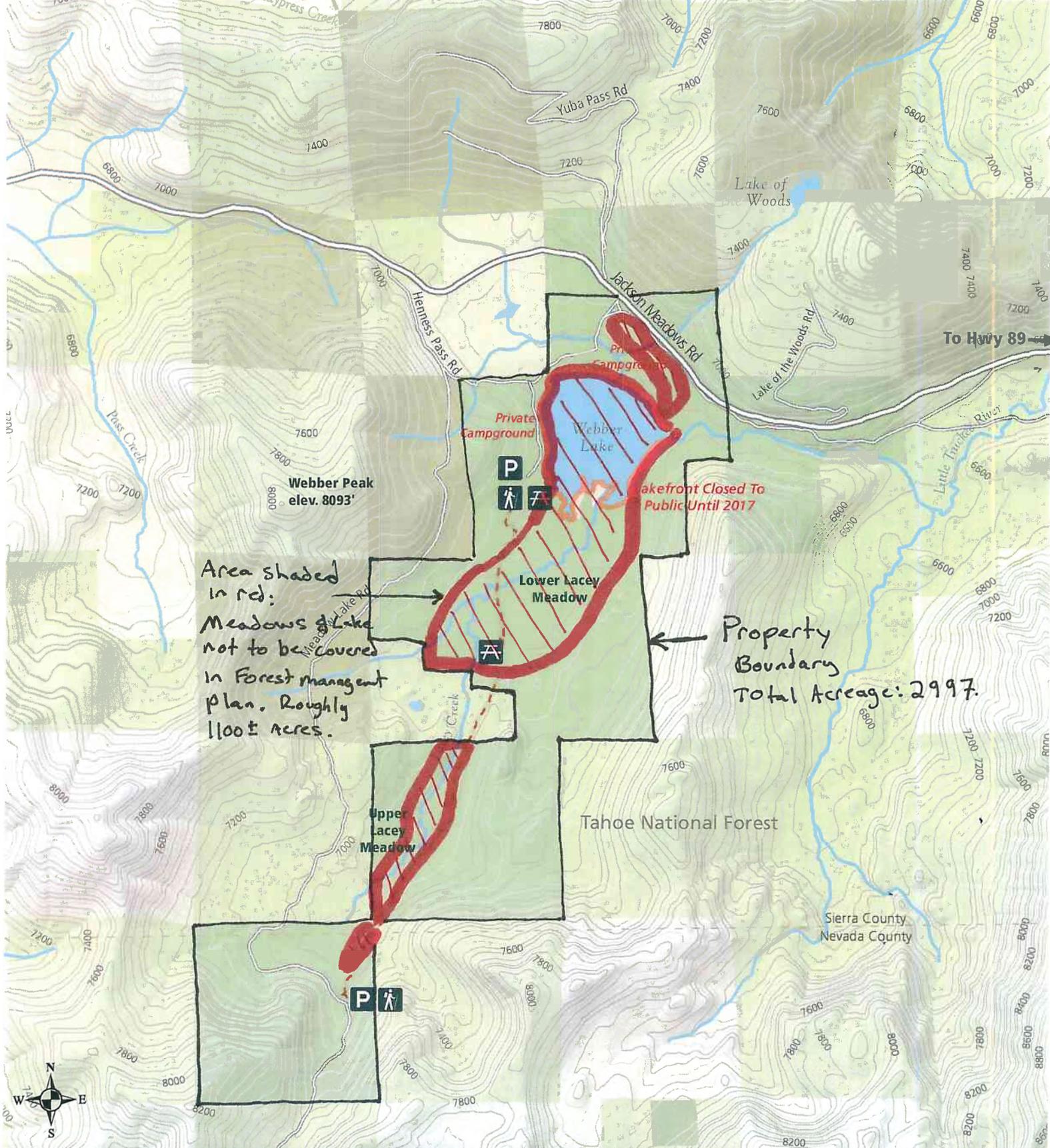


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Timber Management Plan
Sierra County
Eastern Sierra Watershed

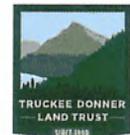


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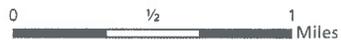




Webber Lake - Lacey Meadows

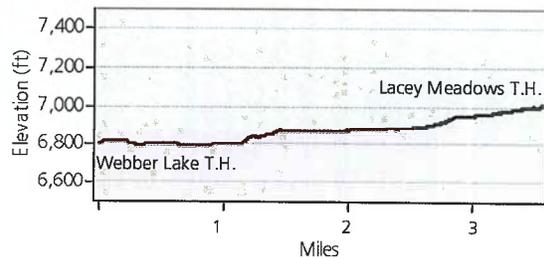


- Trail
- Trailhead
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Conservation Easement held by TDLT
- TDLT Property
- US Forest Service Land



Map created 3/25/2015
Map design by GreenInfo Network
October 2014

Lacey Valley Trail Elevation Profile



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

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

Applicant: Truckee Donner Land Trust

Project Title: Webber Lake/Little Truckee River Headwaters Timber Management Plan

Subregion: North Central

County: Sierra

SNC Funding: \$70,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$70,000.00

Application Number: 852

Final Score: 85.5

PROJECT SCOPE

The Webber Lake and Lacey Meadows complex (consisting of lake, meadow, and conifer forest lands) is located within the headwaters of the Little Truckee River, north of the town of Truckee, in Sierra County. This area is one of a complex of forests, meadows, lakes, and streams that together form a wide complex of iconic landscapes, recreational assets, and ecosystem services for California. In 2012, the SNC, along with other partners, assisted in the conservation acquisition of 3,000 acres of this largely intact ecosystem and natural resource. The Little Truckee River provides clean source water to consumers downstream, as well as through a diversion leading to agricultural interests in Sierra Valley, within the Feather River Basin.

The forest in this watershed suffers from overstock, disease, and an interruption of the natural fire cycle. Lodgepole pine encroaches into meadows, and overgrown upland timber stands need to be aggressively thinned to minimize disease and recent increases in tree mortality due to bark beetle infestations. These factors result in the urgent need to minimize the threat and consequences of catastrophic wildfire to the Webber complex and possible spread of fire and beetle damage to adjacent healthier watershed systems.

The Truckee Donner Land Trust (TDLT) will contract with a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) to assess the property and create a long-term Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) approved by CAL FIRE, to inform future forest management activities on approximately 1,900 acres. The NTMP will identify critical areas for treatment, and allow the TDLT to begin work immediately, using available funding. Additional work identified in the NTMP will be implemented as funding is secured.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

PROJECT TASKS & DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
RPF initial work completed: NDDDB & CHRIS reports ordered, GIS analysis of the lands and initial site visits (Mapping)	March – June 2017
Draft NTMP report- solicit comments and redraft (report)	June – July 2017
Final draft submitted to CAL FIRE, 30-day comment period (final draft, application)	July – Sep 2017
RPF reviews and responds to comments, NTMP revision and final.	October 2017
Progress Reports (2)	March 1, 2017 September 1, 2017
Final Report and Deliverables Due	December 1, 2017
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	December 1, 2017

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Project Management	\$4,000.00
RPF Contract: field surveys, data processing, NTMP	\$63,000.00
Administrative**	\$3,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$70,000.00

* 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. 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
 - USDA TNF- Sierraville District
 - Truckee River Watershed Council

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

- 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

(Address)

County Clerk
County of Sierra
100 Courthouse Sq. Room 11 P.O. Drawer D
Downieville, CA 95936

Project Title: Webber Lake Little Truckee River Headwaters Timber Management Plan

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located in Sierra County, California; centered at approximately 39°28'34.74"N and 120°25'22"W

Project Location – City: Truckee, CA Project Location – County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding to the Truckee Donner Land Trust to contract a Registered Professional Forester to prepare a long-term Non-industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) for the Webber Lake/Lacey Meadows property. The Forest Management Plan would be a CEQA-equivalent document subject to interdisciplinary review, and future approval by Cal Fire. The NTMP would guide future forest management activities on the property, after approval by Cal Fire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Truckee Donner Land Trust

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: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is a planning project that involves environmental analysis, and the preparation of a NTMP to guide possible future forest management actions. The planning project would not involve ground disturbance or physical alterations to the environment. The proposed planning project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, which relates to feasibility and planning studies for future actions that have not yet been approved.

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: _____

- Signed by Lead Agency
 - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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