

Background

The Board has been provided updates at each of their meetings over the past year regarding the prospect of developing an agreement with the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) to perform ongoing services to support implementation of their Land Conservation Plan. Proposed roles to be performed by the SNC were described in the staff report of September 2, 2010 along with specific parameters for agreement language in a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

At the September 2, 2010 Board meeting, the SNC Board approved the staff recommendation for approval of the draft MOU and authorized the Executive Officer, in consultation with legal counsel, to execute the final MOU with non-substantive changes as needed. The SNC Board also authorized the Executive Officer to enter into agreement(s) with the Stewardship Council for services to be performed consistent with the MOU, provided that no agreement would require the SNC to perform duties unless adequate resources were provided, and such duties would only be performed to the extent that resources were available.

Further, the SNC Board authorized the Executive Officer to establish an appropriate budgetary mechanism pursuant to provisions of the State Administrative Manual and approved as necessary by the Department of Finance, to fully cover the costs to perform the duties and administrative responsibilities associated with the MOU and any subsequent authorized agreements between the SNC and the Stewardship Council. The Executive Officer will report to the SNC Board on an ongoing basis all actions taken under the delegation of authority provided in the board approved resolution.

On September 16, 2010 the Board of the Stewardship Council delegated authority to the Stewardship Council Executive Director to enter into a MOU with the SNC that would guide the negotiation of specific contracts pertaining to: 1) the SNC serving as the covenant holder on watershed lands donated to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); and 2) the SNC carrying out certain other roles with respect to conservation easements on donated lands. The delegation was approved with the understanding that the negotiated contracts would be subject to board approval at a later date.

At the same September board meeting, the Stewardship Council approved the U.S. Forest Service as the prospective donee of fee title for 5 parcels encompassing 770 acres (see attached map).

Two parcels in the North Fork Feather River area encompassing 97 acres were also considered for donation to the USFS but ultimately returned to the committee for further review.

Current Status

The general counsels for Stewardship Council and the SNC have reviewed the draft MOU and are finalizing the MOU for signature of the respective executives. Until such

time as it is decided the extent of the costs for the various roles and services the SNC will complete in support of the MOU, efforts to establish the budgetary mechanism are idle. Upon execution of the MOU, details for each of the five authorized units to be transferred to the USFS will be developed.

The Stewardship Council is still assessing which, if any, additional lands might be donated to the various U.S. Forest Service units.

Next Steps

It will be necessary to complete the final MOU, Easement Covenants and other agreements prior to moving forward with the establishment of a budgetary mechanism. Any actions will be reported to the SNC Board as they occur.

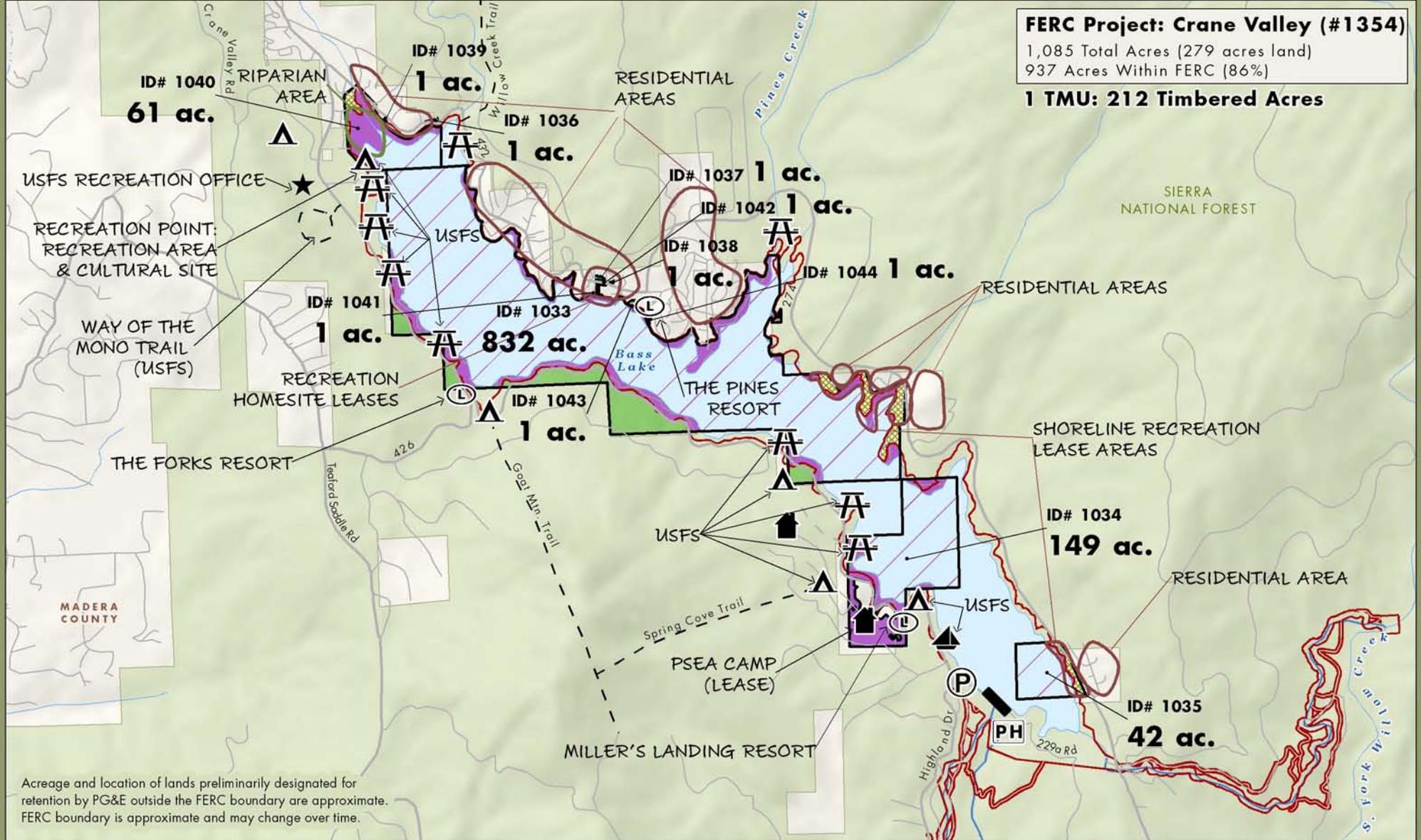
Recommendation

This is an informational item only; no formal action is needed by the Board at this time, although Boardmembers are encouraged to share their thoughts and comments.

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Agenda Item VII f December 2, 2010
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Council- Map Attachments**



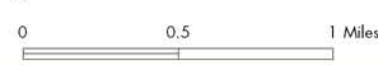
Willow Creek Watershed Bass Lake Planning Unit



FERC Project: Crane Valley (#1354)
 1,085 Total Acres (279 acres land)
 937 Acres Within FERC (86%)
1 TMU: 212 Timbered Acres

Acresage and location of lands preliminarily designated for retention by PG&E outside the FERC boundary are approximate. FERC boundary is approximate and may change over time.

Land Previously Identified as Available for Donation. Proposed for Donation to the USFS.	PG&E Lands Preliminarily Designated for Retention	Private	Boat Launch	Feature of Importance	Powerhouse	FERC Boundary
Constrained Land - Previously Identified as Available for Donation. Proposed for Retention by PG&E.	PG&E Lands Under Water	USFS	Campground	Lodge	Private Camp	Trail
			Dam	Parking		
			Day Use			



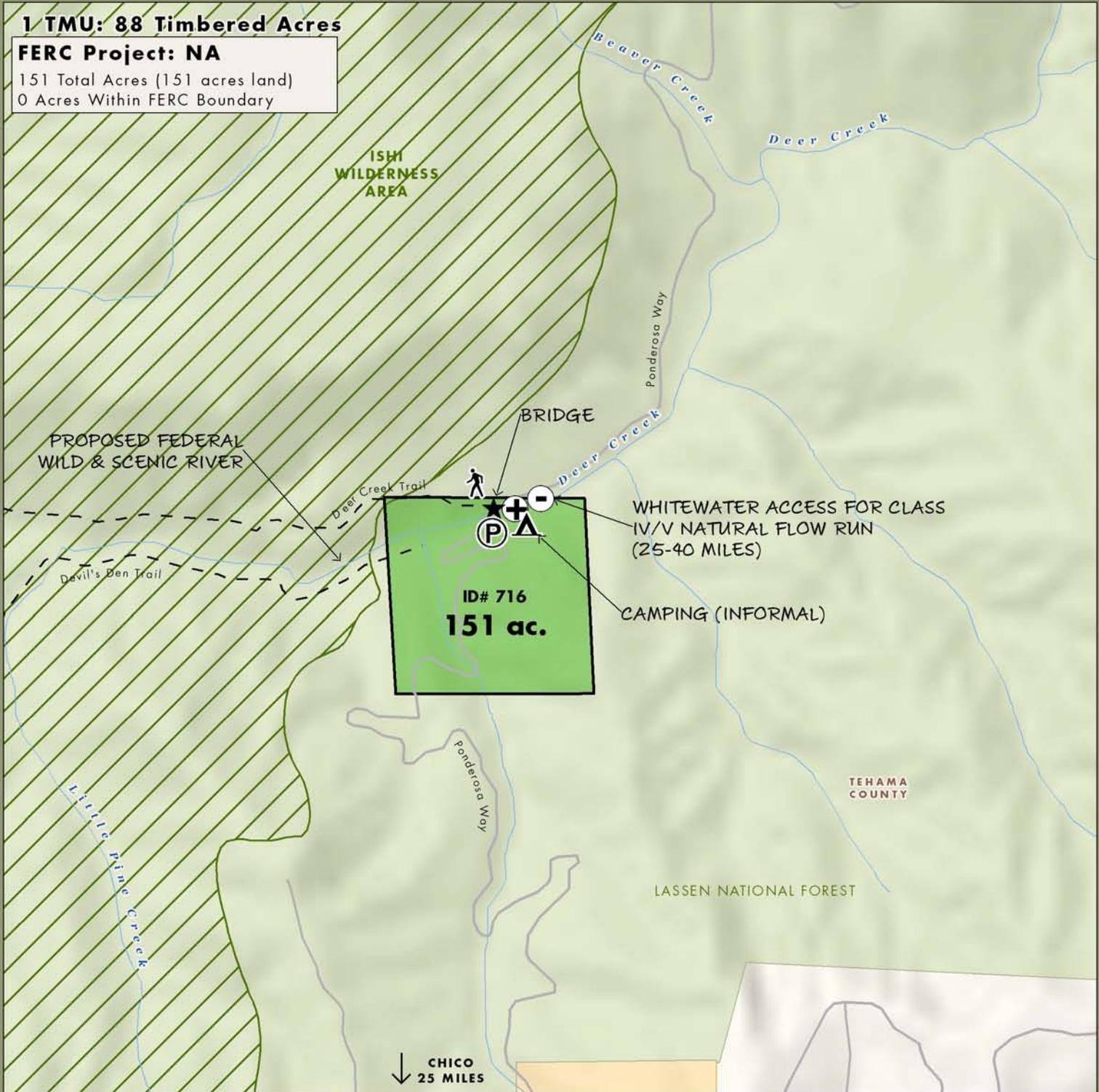
Deer Creek Planning Unit

1 TMU: 88 Timbered Acres

FERC Project: NA

151 Total Acres (151 acres land)

0 Acres Within FERC Boundary



Land Previously Identified as Available for Donation.
Proposed for Donation to the USFS.

- Campground
- Feature of Importance
- Parking

- Trail
- Trailhead
- WW Put-In/Take-Out

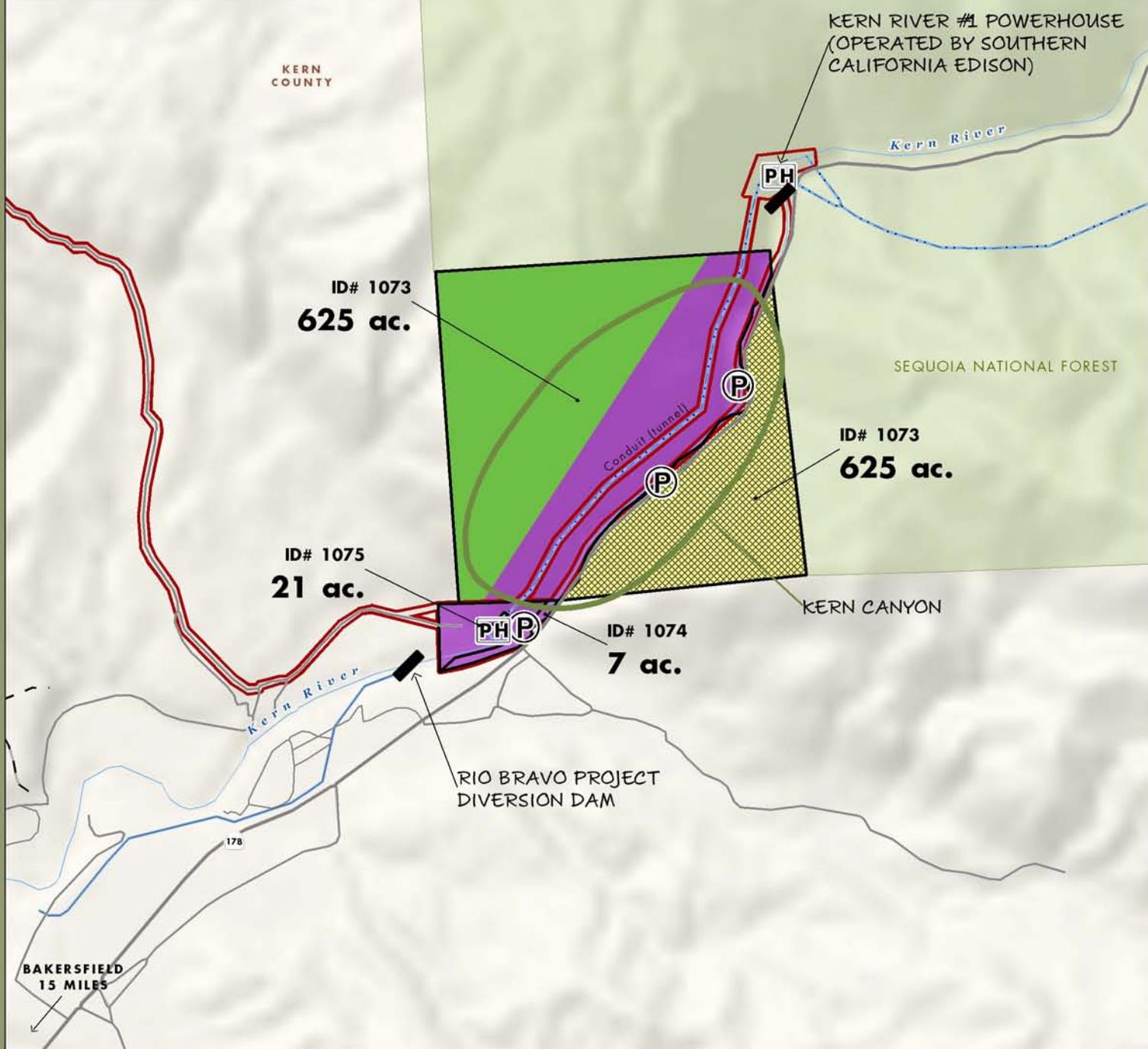
- BLM
- Private
- USFS

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FERC Project: Kern Canyon (#178)

651 Total Acres (651 acres land)
48 Acres Within FERC (7%)



Land Previously Identified as Available for Donation. **Proposed for Donation to the USFS.**

PG&E Lands Preliminarily Designated for Retention

Constrained Land - Previously Identified as Available for Donation. **Proposed for Retention by PG&E.**

FERC Boundary

Trail

Private

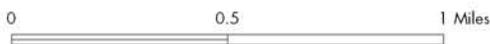
USFS

Dam

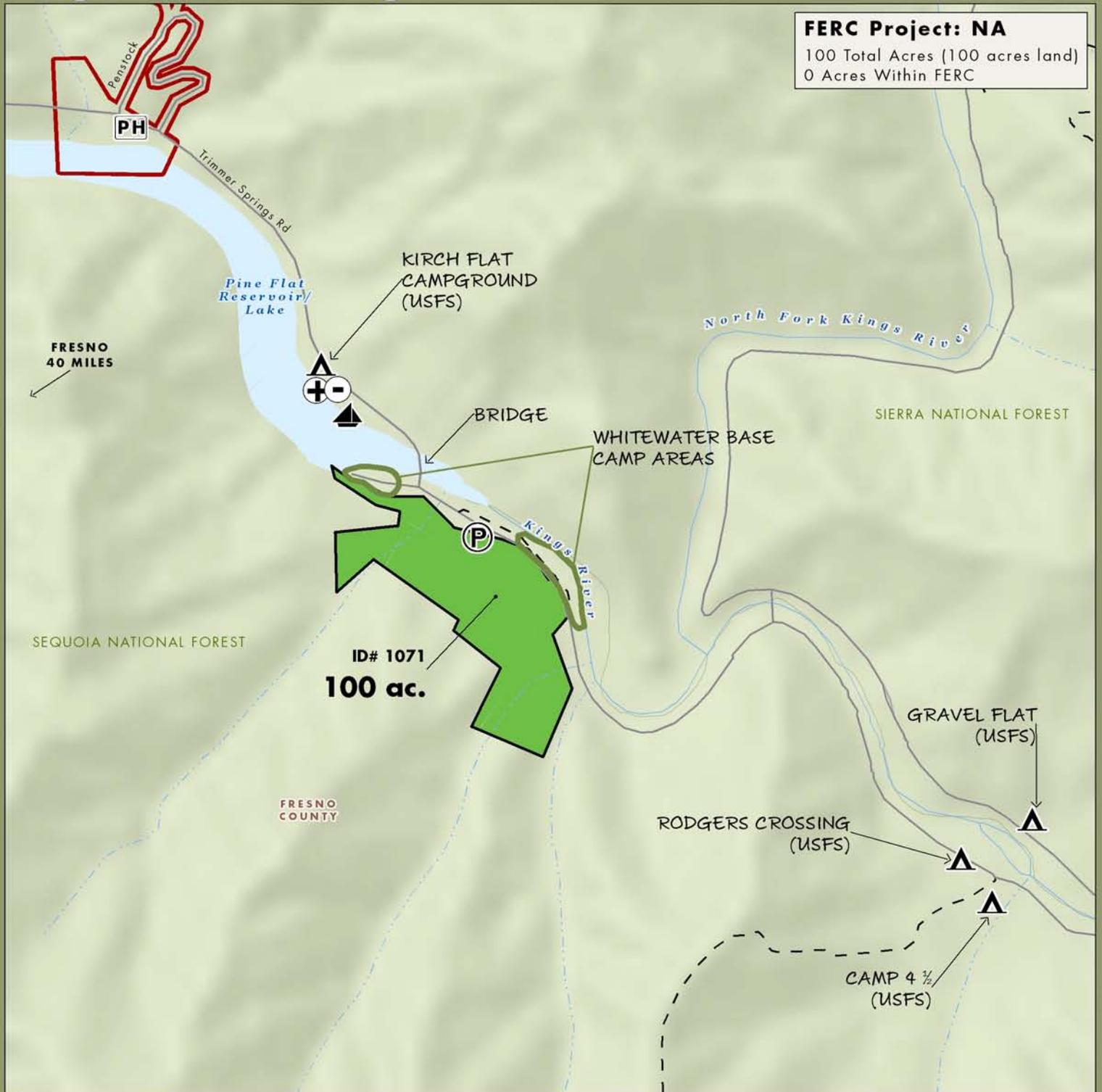
Parking

Powerhouse

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FERC Project: NA
 100 Total Acres (100 acres land)
 0 Acres Within FERC

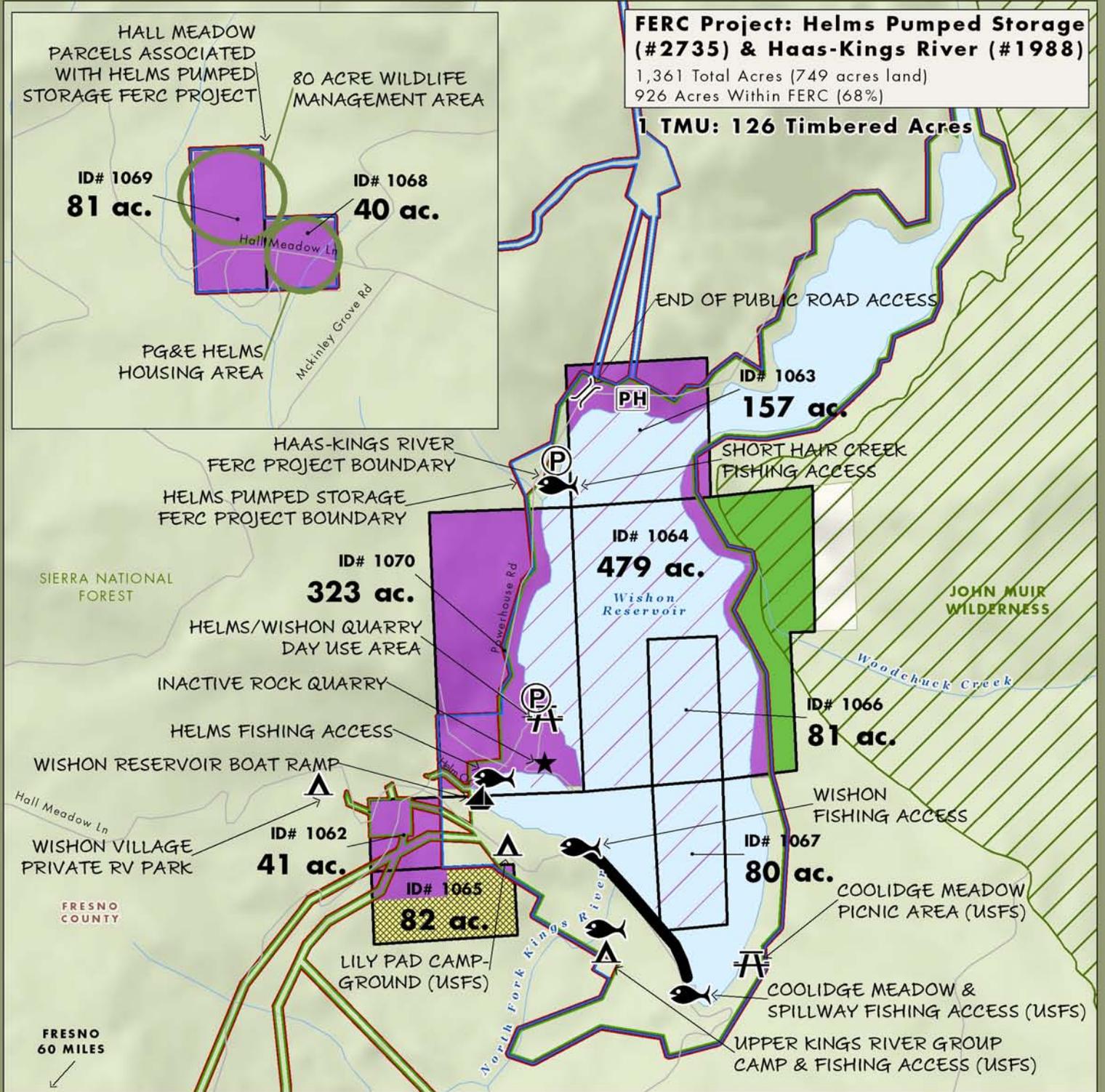


Land Previously Identified as Available for Donation. Proposed for Donation to the USFS.	USFS	Boat Launch	Powerhouse
FERC Boundary	Trail	Campground	Whitewater Put-In/Take-Out
		Parking	

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Wishon Reservoir Planning Unit



Land Previously Identified as Available for Donation. Proposed for Donation to the USFS.	Federal Wilderness	Boat Launch	Fishing
Constrained Land - Previously Identified as Available for Donation. Proposed for Retention by PG&E.	USFS	Campground	Gate
PG&E Lands Preliminarily Designated for Retention	Haas-Kings River FERC Project	Dam	Parking
PG&E Lands Under Water	Helms River FERC Project	Day Use	Powerhouse
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0 0.25 0.5 Miles

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