

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water,  
Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and  
Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

**Applicant:** Eastern Sierra Fire Safe Council

**Project Title:** Malum Ridge Healthy Forest and Watershed Protection Project

**Subregion:** South

**County:** Madera

**SNC Funding:** \$70,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$74,500

**Application Number:** 470

**Final Score:** 72.25

**PROJECT SCOPE**

Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council proposes to support the planning, coordination with residents and land owners, needed environmental documents such as California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), surveys and permits in preparation to implement the the Malum Ridge Healthy Forest and Watershed Protection site improvement project, a part of the Madera County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The project area is considered a very high wildland fire risk in the Wildland Urban Interface along a major route for travel and is critical for evacuation safety and protection for both residents and recreational visitors. It covers a zone approximately five miles long, where Sierra National Forest and private lands form a checkerboard of land ownership from Malum Ridge Road (RD 274) east towards the South Fork of Willow Creek in the Sierra Nevada Foothills of Madera County. This area is just south of Bass Lake beginning at Browns Creek Ditch (flumes) and continues south between the North and South Forks of Willow Creek. The planning area includes Bass Lake and the 4WD trails on U.S Forest Service lands involving 30 percent of this project's footprint or 55 acres out of 182 acres.

The terrain is conducive to mechanical treatment utilizing hand crews with chain saws, wood chippers, and a masticator to mulch the woody biomass broadcasting it on the landscape. This will reduce regrowth and assist with maintaining a park-like look. Debris will be removed and rip rap utilized to provide erosion control.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Property permission forms signed	February 2013
Photo documentation	February 2013 – February 2015
Six-month report to SNC	June 2013
Completed Environmental Compliance CEQA Document-Negative Declaration NEPA Document Surveys Permits	July 2013 – July 2014
Six-month report to SNC	December 2013
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Performance Measures	February 2015
<b>Final Project Report to SNC</b>	<b>June 30, 2015</b>

## PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	<b>\$64,255</b>
Indirect**	<b>\$4,445</b>
Administrative***	<b>\$1,300</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,000</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.

\*\* Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

\*\*\* Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs.

### • PROJECT LETTERS SUPPORT/OPPOSITION

- Support
  - Central Sierra Watershed Committee

## 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.

- Number and Diversity of People Reached
- Dollar Value of Resources Leveraged for the Sierra Nevada
- Number and Type of Jobs Created
- Number and Value of New, Improved, or Preserved Economic Activities
- Percent of Pre-project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation