

**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:** USDA Forest Service, Georgetown Ranger District

**Project Title:** Blacksmith Ecological Restoration Project

**Subregion:** Central

**County:** Placer

**SNC Funding:** \$ 75,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$400,000

**Application Number:** 502

**Final Score:** 74

**PROJECT SCOPE**

This project will complete the necessary surveys and planning to develop appropriate treatment design for fuels reduction on approximately 6,000 acres in the Eldorado National Forest. The project area is located in Placer County, north of the Rubicon River and south of the Middle Fork American River; primarily on Ralston and Nevada Point ridges. Surveys and plans to be completed include:

- Project surveys (Wildlife, botany, fisheries, silviculture, soils, hydrology, and archaeology);
- Treatment area layout;
- Project design; and,
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

Completion of these plans and surveys will result in application of a variety of vegetation treatments in forest stands to reduce fire behavior, improve forest health and increase resilience of stands to the adverse affects of insects and disease, while improving conditions for wildlife and enhancing watershed conditions.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Development of treatment prescriptions	May 2013 – October 2014
Survey for archaeological sites and prescription development	May 2013 – October 2014
Wildlife surveys for threatened, endangered, and sensitive species	May 2013 – August 2015

Progress report	July 31, 2013
Stand examinations for proposed treatment areas	July 2013 – October 2013
Stream surveys	October 2013 – November 2013
Soil surveys	October 2013 – October 2014
Project preparation/marketing	November 2013 – November 2015
Progress Report	December 31, 2013
Survey for threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant species	May 2014 – September 2015
Riparian conservation objectives assessment and design	May 2014 – July 2014
Project design/proposal Project scoping for NEPA	July 2014
Progress Report	July 31, 2014
Progress Report	December 31, 2014
Draft project reports for hydrology, fuels, silviculture, wildlife, archaeology, botany, and transportation	March 2015
Draft NEPA document	April 2015
Progress Report	July 31, 2015
Conditional waiver for timber harvest activities on USFS lands from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	November 2015
<b>FINAL REPORT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>March 1, 2016</b>

### PROJECT COSTS

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Direct*	\$75,000
Indirect**	0
Administrative***	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000</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
  - Mason, Bruce, & Girard, Inc.
  - California Forestry Association

## **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 of collaboratively developed plans and assessments
- Percent of pre-project planning efforts resulting in project implementation