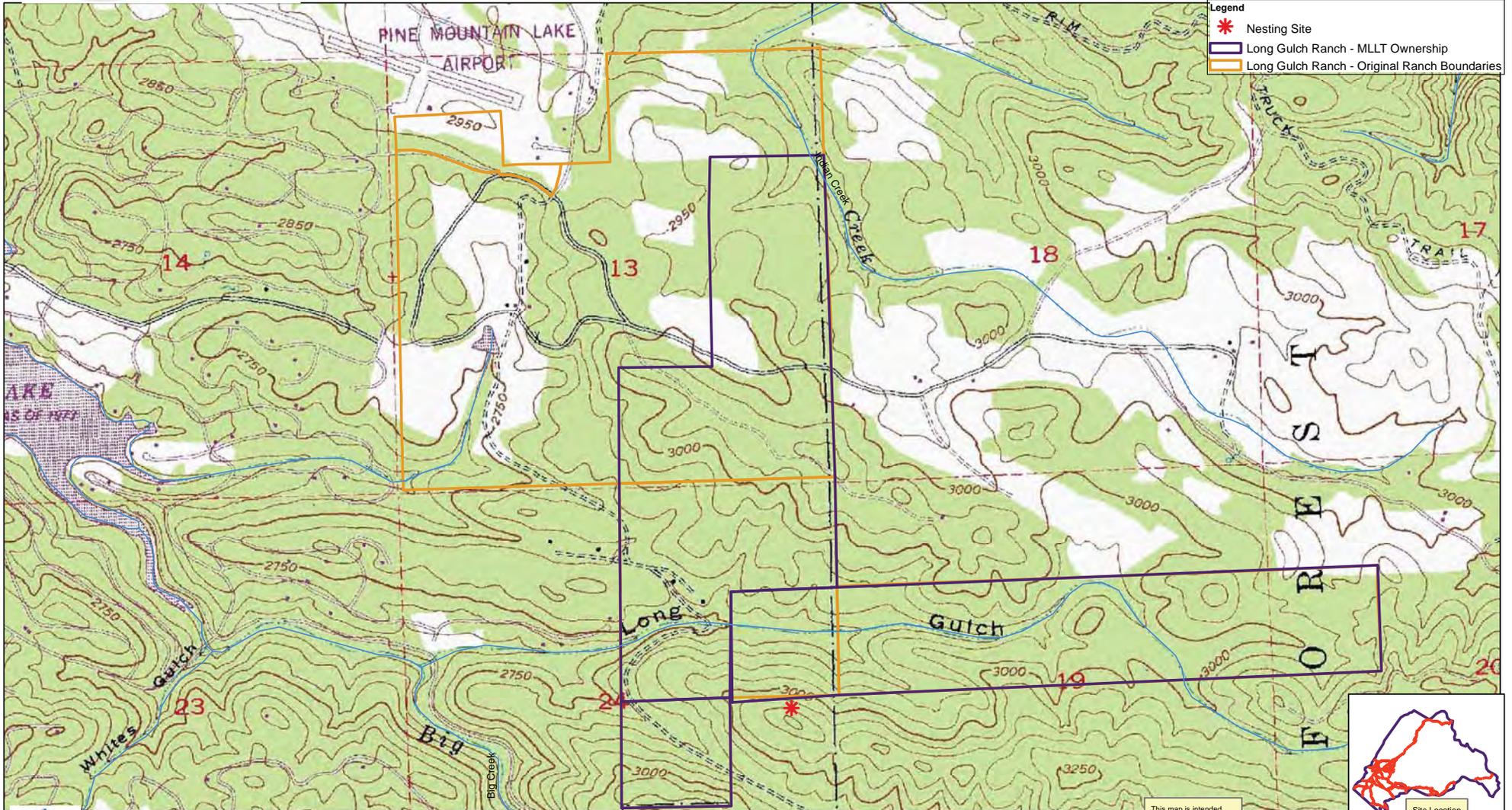


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Long Gulch Watershed Enhancement Plan,
Tuolumne County,
Upper Tuolumne Watershed

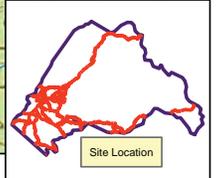




Long Gulch Ranch - Topo



- Legend**
- * Nesting Site
 - Long Gulch Ranch - MLLT Ownership
 - Long Gulch Ranch - Original Ranch Boundaries



Jackson Local Partnership Office
Drawn by: AR
Date: September 10, 2015

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1 inch = 1,167 feet

This map is intended for planning purposes only and does not represent a legal survey.



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

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

Applicant: Mother Lode Land Trust

Project Title: Long Gulch Watershed Enhancement Plan

Subregion: South Central

County: Tuolumne

SNC Funding: \$75,000

Total Project Cost: \$75,000

Application Number: 888

Final Score: 85

PROJECT SCOPE

Long Gulch Ranch, a 575-acre preserve for Great Grey Owl habitat, lies just northeast of the town of Groveland in Tuolumne county. The preserve encompasses more than one mile of Long Gulch and its associated watershed which is a critical water supply for Pine Mountain Lake and the town of Groveland. In addition, the preserve provides endangered owl habitat and offers a trail system and recreation opportunities for the public.

The Mother Lode Land Trust (MLLT) will develop the Long Gulch Watershed Enhancement Plan in a collaborative fashion with local foresters, biologists, owl experts, Tuolumne County, CAL FIRE, the Fire Safe Council, the Pine Mountain Lake Association, and private landowners. The plan will include preparation of a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) and lay out the long-term forest management strategy to protect water and forest resources and fulfill the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for future forest management efforts.

Since MLLT's purchase of Long Gulch Ranch in 2015 with a Wildlife Conservation Board Grant, they have witnessed more and more pine trees succumb to the ongoing tree mortality disaster. Many of the preserve's neighbors have begun removing beetle-killed trees from their properties. The MLLT would like to join its neighbors in removing these dead/dying trees to protect the property, watershed, and the neighboring community from wildfire.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
6-month Progress Report	December 2016 June 2017
Final Report	June 2017
Develop NTMP	July 2016 – February 2017
Great Grey Owl Study	July 2016 – February 2017
Recreation Study	August 2016 – February 2017
Compile NTMP and Studies into Final Plan	November 2016 – February 2017
Public Workshops	August 2016 April 2017
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	June 2017

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	
Recreation Plan	\$5,000
Owl Study	\$7,000
Non Industrial Timber Management Plan	\$45,000
Management/ Reporting/ Invoicing	\$7,500
Workshops/ Outreach	\$6,000
Administrative**	
Administrative Costs	\$4,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$75,000

* 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

- none

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
- Percent of Pre-Project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation

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 Tuolumne
2 South Green Street, Second Floor
Sonora, CA 95370

Project Title: Long Gulch Watershed Enhancement Plan

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located in Tuolumne County; centered at approximately 37°50'34.10"N and 120°09'48.29"W

Project Location – City: Groveland

Project Location – County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding to the Mother Lode Land Trust to develop a Watershed Enhancement Plan on the 575-acre Long Gulch Range Preserve. The Plan would include a Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan, a Great Grey Owl study, an analysis of current and future recreational opportunities, and the Plan, if approved by CalFire in the future, would guide long term forest management to protect forest and water resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mother Lode 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:

This is a planning project involving the preparation of a Watershed Enhancement Plan which has not been approved and would not be legally binding on future actions. The 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

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant

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