



Amador Fire Safe Council

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September 20th, 2023

3:00-5:00

Virtual & In-Person Meeting

Attend In-Person	Attend Virtually
19888 Church Street, Pine Grove (Behind Pine Grove Park) Volcano Communications Tech Center	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2674846542?pwd=VjlrL25rMGkwY2paMmxhckhKbnJSZz09 Meeting ID: 267 484 6542 Call-In Number: 1(669)900-6833 Code: 2674846542# Passcode: 1055

AGENDA

1. Approve/Modify Agenda*
2. Approve August Minutes*
3. Introductions
4. Treasurers Report (John)*
5. Coordinator Report (Amanda)
 - a. Rancheria Ridge/Crestview Fuels Reduction Project Presentation
 - b. Rancheria Ridge/Crestview Fuels Reduction Grant Application Resolution*
 - c. Technology/Cell Phone Services Discussion*
6. Sirens Alert System Committee Update (Frank)
7. FireWise Community Program Update (Megan)
8. AlertWildfire Cameras Project Update (Frank)
9. Partner Updates
 - a. Cal Fire
 - b. Amador Fire Protection District
 - c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
10. Public Comment
11. Other items/adjourn

*Action items
Meeting will be recorded.



AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2023 3:00pm



August 16, 2023 - 3:00 pm

Attendees: Pat Minyard, Susan Peters, Frank Leschinsky, Connie Gonsalves, Richard Yarnell, John Heissenbuttel
Dana Simpson, Amanda Watson
Public Attendees names not recorded

1. Approval of Agenda - *SP motioned JH seconded; Motion passed.*

2. Approval of July Minutes - *FL motioned SP seconded; Motion passed.*

3. Introductions

4. Treasurer Report:

Bank balance of \$1,044,918. Over budget for the Outreach/Coordinator budget line item, there are funds to cover these costs.

a. Approval of Savings Account – *JH motioned to create a reserve account and move \$100,000 to the newly created account, FL seconded. Motion passed.*

5. Coordinator's Report:

Amanda reviewed the draft online ROE collection form and process. The Board was supportive of piloting this process on an upcoming Ingress/Ingress project. Amanda reviewed the Coordinator Report.

6. AFSC/ARCD Partnership Amendment – *SP motioned to approve Staff Wage Rate Range amendment to the AFSC/ARCD Partnership as presented, JH seconded; motion passed.*

7. Board Appointment - *JH made a motion to elect nominee Chris Dow as the SPI representative on the AFSC board, FL seconded; motion passed.*

8. Sirens Alert Systems Update – no update

9. Firewise: FireWise now stands at 30 registered sites in Amador County, introducing the 2 newest communities- Butte Mountain #5 (Mike Morrione) and Sierra Highland South (Larry Youngman). Petersen Ranch (Pam McKee) and Andrews Lupe Ridge (Serena Hangs) are close behind, with Risk Assessments being scheduled and applications being prepped to submit. On September 5th, Megan will take part in a Firewise USA Regional Coordinators meeting and report on information given.

10. Alert Wildfire Camera Project Update- no update

11. Public Comment:

12. Adjourn

Amador Fire Safe Council Grant Snapshot
as of Aug 31, 2023

	AFSC	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Direct Cost</u>	<u>Indirect Cost</u>	<u>Grant Funds Spent to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Advance or Advance Requested</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
1	Tiger Creek Implementation 1200 (SNC)	7/28/2020 - 1/1/2025	\$ 834,126.00	\$ 744,756.00	\$ 89,370.00	\$ 797,410.83	\$ -	\$ 46,627.34	\$ 36,715.17
2	Tiger Creek Enhancement 1330 (SNC)	9/13/2021 - 1/1/2025	\$ 220,200.00	\$ 200,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 170,627.63	\$ 27,552.37		\$ 49,572.37
3	Coordinator (CAFSC)	11/15/2021 - 12/31/2023	\$ 174,999.00	\$ 159,090.00	\$ 15,909.00	\$ 117,882.32	\$ -	\$ 55,151.14	\$ 57,116.68
4	Ingress/Egress (CalFire) 5GG19102	5/13/2020 - 3/1/2024	\$ 1,044,296.00	\$ 949,360.00	\$ 94,936.00	\$ 510,317.77	\$ 44,088.25	\$ -	\$ 533,978.23
5	Pine Acres (CalFire) 5GG20101	approval - 3/15/2025	\$ 515,405.00	\$ 468,550.00	\$ 46,855.00	\$ 17,762.24	\$ 111,089.00		\$ 497,642.76
6	Ingress/Egress Phase 2 5GA21119	6/2/2022 - 03/15/2025	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,455.00	\$ 54,545.00	\$ -			\$ 600,000.00
7	AmCo Implementation 1370 (SNC)	8/23/2022 - 1/1/2028	\$ 1,288,444.00	\$ 1,171,313.00	\$ 117,131.00	\$ 460,459.96	\$312,606.44		\$ 827,984.04
8	Amador County Evac Improvement - CWPP (CalFire) 5GG21101	6/14/2022 - 3/15/2024	\$ 379,982.40	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 44,982.40	\$ 1,073.89			\$ 378,908.51
9	Amador Community Fuel Break Develop Proj (CalFire) 5GG21201	8/4/2022 - 3/15/2026	\$ 726,000.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 285,608.41	\$ 77,548.55	\$ -	\$ 440,391.59
10	Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break 5GA21149	- 5/31/2025	\$ 950,010.00	\$ 863,645.00	\$ 86,365.00	\$ 7,241.81		\$ 7,241.81	\$ 942,768.19
11	PGE Butte Mountain	- 11/30/2023	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,603.45	\$ 17,500.00		\$ 33,396.55
			\$ 6,768,462.40	\$ 6,129,369.00	\$ 639,093.40	\$ 2,369,988.31	\$ 590,384.56	\$ 109,020.29	\$ 4,365,077.54

*matches Unearned Revenue

*Matches Accounts Receivable

AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

2023 Budget

As of Aug 31, 2023

Expenses

Grants Expenses

305 AFSC Coordinator	62,000.00	1	60,797.95
306 Coordinator Assistant	13,000.00	2	3,718.58
307 Outreach Coordinator	14,400.00	3	24,982.78
308 Technical Assistance	14,400.00	3	5,166.39
310 RPF Professional Forester	125,000.00		100,558.80
315 Environmental Documentation	10,000.00		3,298.90
320 Groundwork Contracted Labor	2,024,000.00		1,005,615.04
350 Outreach/Materials/Supplies	10,000.00		4,152.71
Total Grant Expenses	2,272,800.00		1,208,291.15

Operating Expenses

302 Depreciation	450.00		0.00
311 Bookkeeper	4,000.00		4,836.46
321 State Filing Fees	85.00		350.00
330 Insurance, D&O	2,000.00		0.00
343 Bank Charges	50.00		33.00
345 Office Supplies	4,000.00		28.94
346 Postage	400.00		360.04
350 General Outreach	10,000.00	4	517.29
365 Professional Fees	600.00	5	0.00
365 Telephone	375.00		150.00
370 Mileage	4,000.00		327.68
Other	0.00		0.00
Total Operating Expenses	25,960.00		6,603.41

Unrestricted Reserves

	100,000.00		0.00
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Total Expenses	2,398,760.00		1,214,694.56
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Revenue

Grants

PG&E CEMA Program	22,500.00	6	
SNC Tiger Creek Implementation	226,000.00	7	193,136.03
SNC Tiger Creek Enhancement	40,000.00	8	106,907.90

CAL FIRE Ingress/Egress	674,000.00	⁹	188,780.30
SNC County Steward Implementation	658,000.00	¹⁰	415,786.83
Community Fuel Break	397,000.00	¹¹	236,371.70
CAL FIRE Pine Acres Maintenance	90,000.00	¹²	16,147.52
CAFSC County Coordinator	78,000.00	¹³	52,358.46
CalFire Evacuation Improvement	60,000.00	¹⁴	
CAL FIRE Upper Rancheria			6,583.47
Misc Grant Income			2,500.00
Contributions	500.00		86.86
Indirect/Admin Revenue	228,950.00		125,469.93
Interest Income	200.00		227.28
Total Revenue	2,475,150.00		1,344,356.28

1. Assumes 80 hours/month
2. Assumes 23 hours/month
3. Assumes 40 hours/month
4. Outreach that is not directly billable to a specific grant
5. Tax preparation.
6. Assumes we receive grant.
7. Assumes 26 Acres of handwork and three miles of road clearance.
8. Assumes 20 acres of mastication.
9. Assumes 40 miles of road work.
10. Assumes 254 acres of mastication.
11. Assumes 171 acres of mastication (River Pines)
12. Environmental documentation.
13. Staff time and outreach, \$175K grant runs from 12/21 to 3/23.
14. Update Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Amador Fire Safe Council Fund Balances

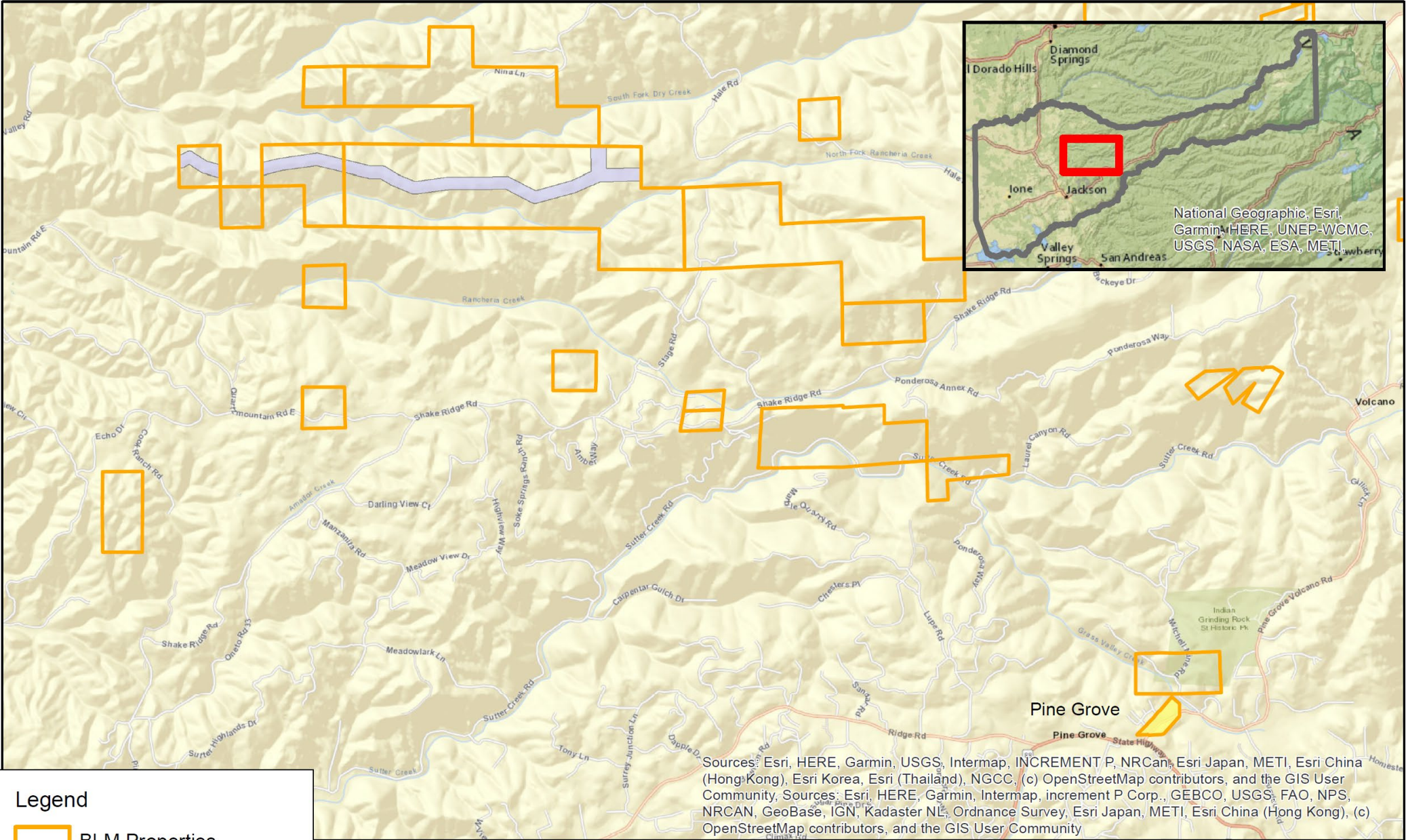
	As of Dec 31, 2022	As of Aug 31, 2023
3000 General Fund	153,610.19	252,821.34
4255 PG&E	288.75	17,789.19
4412 Tiger Creek Enhance	66,056.22	32,799.07
4420 CFSC Coordinator	6,006.35	6,008.38
4222 Tiger Creek Implementation	170,798.19	2,808.18
4651 Ingress/Egress	3,111.92	51,523.92
4834 AmCo Stewardship	386,546.97	313,193.30
4842 Community Fuel Break	100.00	89,865.64
4842 Pine Acres Fuel Break	100.00	112,661.23
Total	\$ 786,618.59	\$ 879,470.25







Rancheria Ridge/Crestview Fuel Break Project

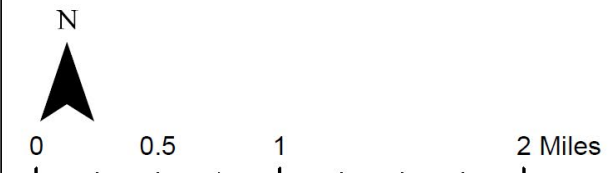
Presentation to the AFSC Board

September 20th 2023



Legend

-  BLM Properties
-  Amador Boundary
-  Rancheria Ridge Project
-  Crestview Project



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Rancheria Ridge & Crestview Project Area
 Rancheria Ridge Project Area: 147 acres
 Crestview Project Area: 18 acres
 Total Project Area: 165 acres



Project Details

Two main project components: Rancheria Ridge and Crestview Parcel

Rancheria Ridge Project Area: 147 acres

Crestview Project Area: 18 acres

Total Project Area: 165 acres

Environmental Compliance

All work will be completed on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property

BLM staff is working on developing NEPA (environmental compliance documentation) for the project.

NEPA will be covered under the new Statewide WUI Fuels Treatment Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SWFT pEA). This project is on track to be the first project to utilize this new important tool.

AFSC staff and Forester will work with BLM staff (biologist, archeologist, etc.) to ensure environmental compliance.

Shaded Fuel Break Prescription

The treatment prescription will be similar to past shaded fuel break projects.

Example Prescription: Fuels to be treated include removal of brush and small trees (up to 14" dbh for hardwood species and up to 12" dbh for conifer species) and pruning of ladder fuels (along the bole, at least 10' from ground level). Annuals such as grasses should not be targeted for treatment.

Funding

The AFSC was approved to submit a full application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Wildfire Recovery & Forest Resilience Grant Program after submitted a preliminary application.

The funding will be for roughly \$900k to implement this work over the course of 3 years.

The application is due September 28th and is highly competitive.

Fuel Break Defined



FUEL BREAKS BUILT IN TIMBERED AREAS WHERE THE TREES ON THE BREAK ARE THINNED AND PRUNED TO REDUCE THE FIRE POTENTIAL YET RETAIN ENOUGH CROWN CANOPY TO MAKE A LESS FAVORABLE MICROCLIMATE FOR SURFACE FIRES.



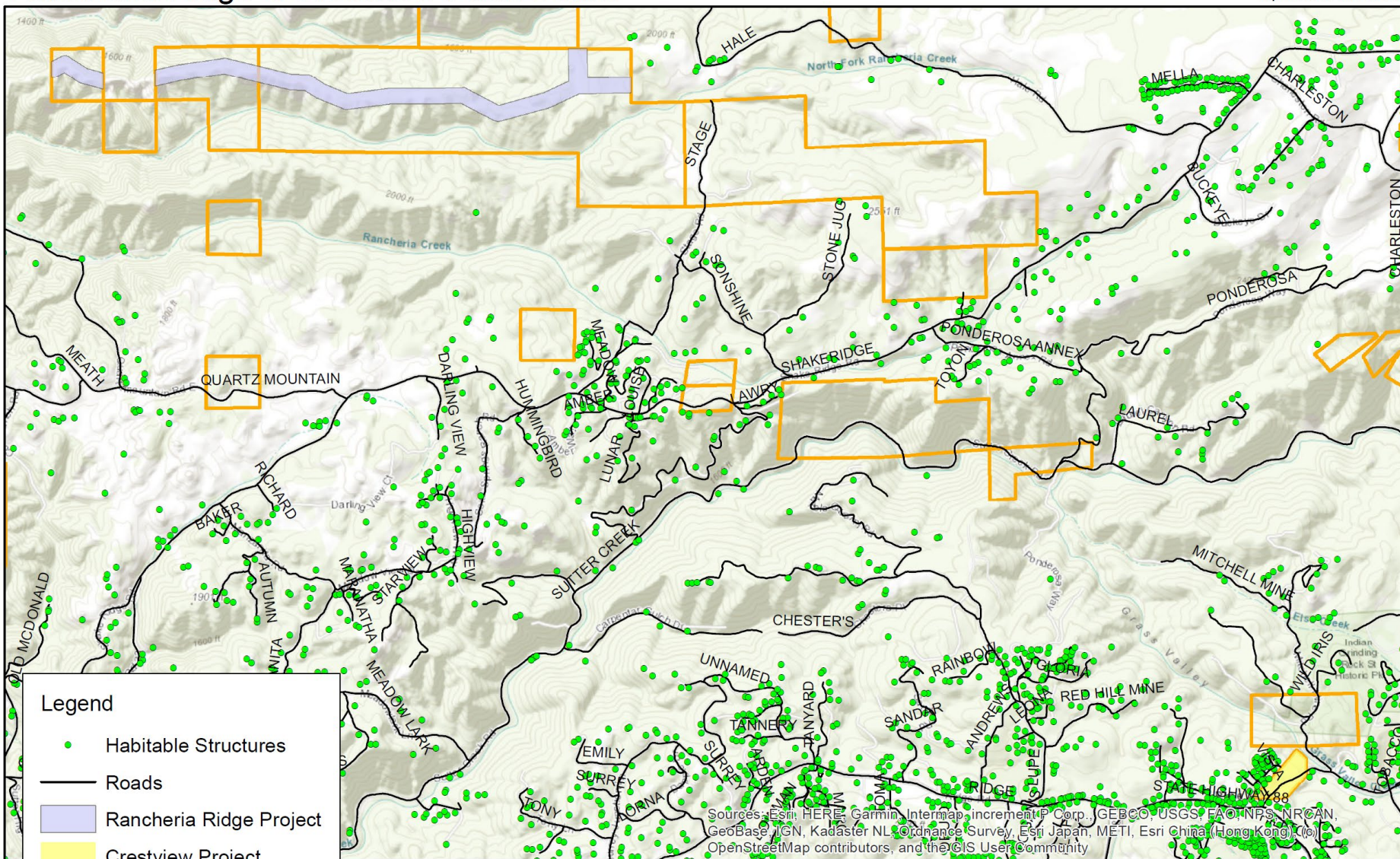
THESE ARE PLACED IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS ALONG A RIDGE, ACCESS ROAD, OR OTHER LOCATION SUCH AS AROUND A SUBDIVISION.



TREATMENT OR PRESCRIPTION: SPACING, DIAMETER OF TREES TO BE CUT, HEIGHT TO WHICH REMAINING TREES SHOULD BE LIMBED, PRIORITY TREES FOR RETENTION.

AFSC Grant Application #1675 Rancheria Ridge & Crestview Fuel Breaks

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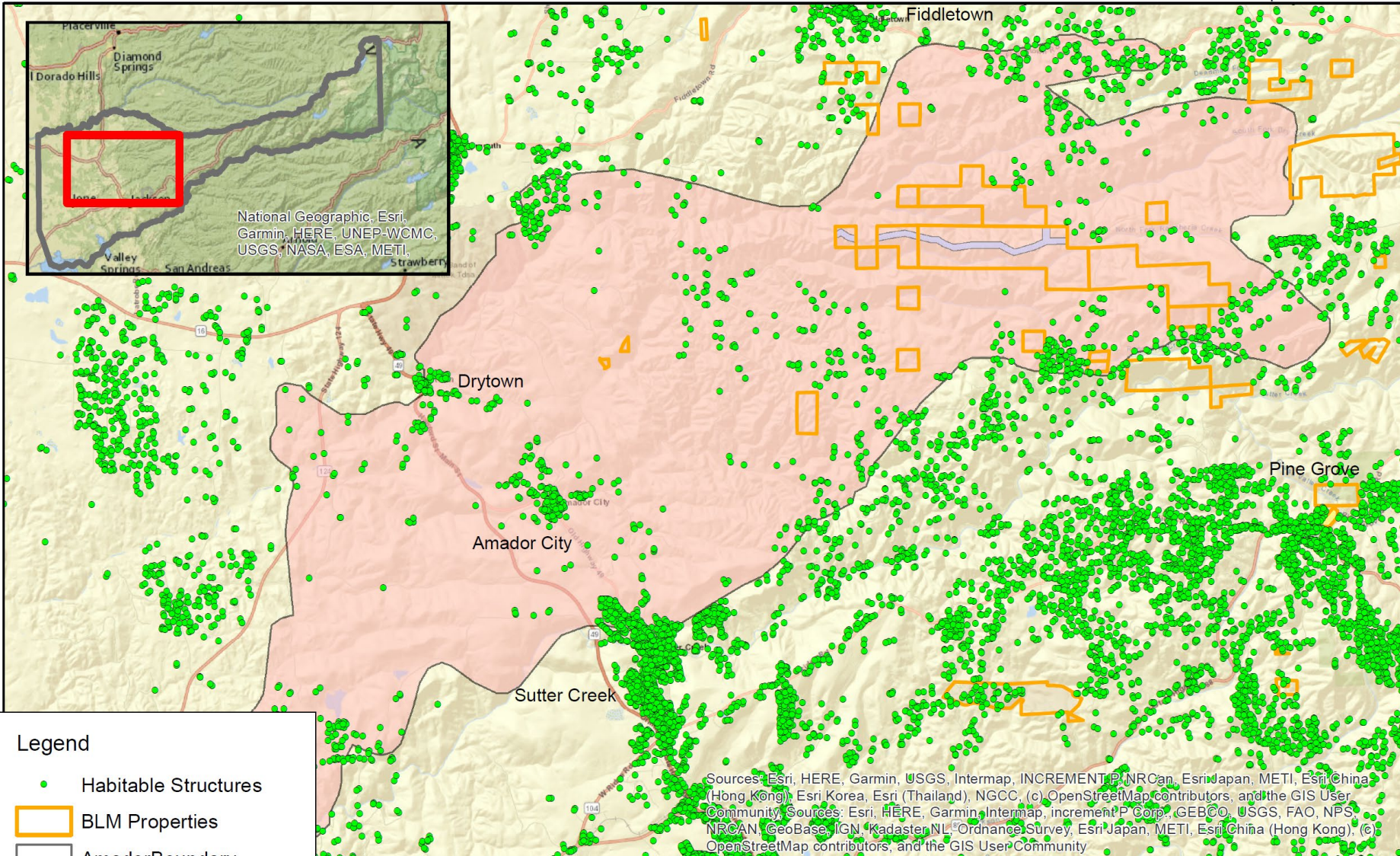
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Rancheria Fire (1961) Burn Area

Rancheria/Crestview Fuel Break Project

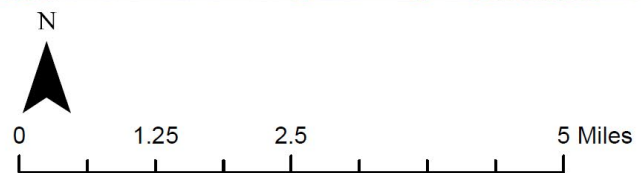
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Legend

- Habitable Structures
- BLM Properties
- Amador Boundary
- Rancheria Ridge Project
- 1961_Rancheria_Fire
- Crestview Project

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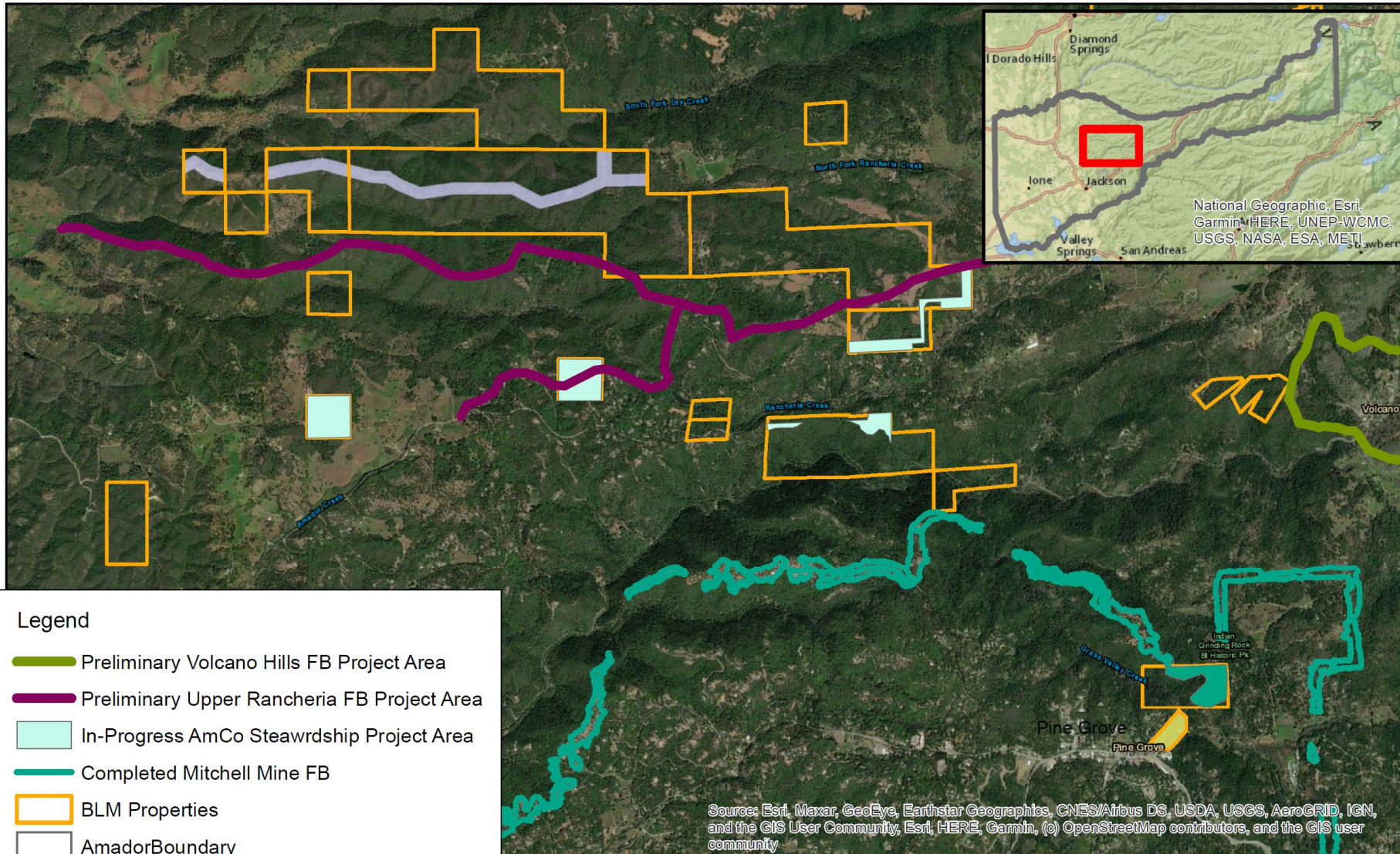


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Rancheria Ridge/Crestview Fuel Break Project Network of Fuels Reduction Projects

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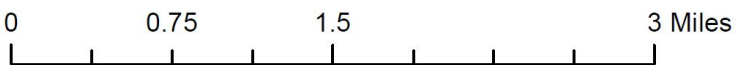


Legend

-  Preliminary Volcano Hills FB Project Area
-  Preliminary Upper Rancheria FB Project Area
-  In-Progress AmCo Steawrdship Project Area
-  Completed Mitchell Mine FB
-  BLM Properties
-  AmadorBoundary
-  Rancheria Ridge Project
-  Crestview Project

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Rancheria Ridge⁺ – 165 acres



Crestview- 18 acres



Mitchell Mine Fuel Break Maintenance Project

- + Demonstration Project Workshop #1 9/13 - 15 attendees
- + Demonstration Project Workshop #1 9/16 - 26 attendees







Thank You!

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RESOLUTION

Before the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council

Amador County, California

IN THE MATTER OF: Rancheria Ridge/Crestview Grant Application

RESOLUTION # AFSC 2023-9-20-1

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council hereby authorizes Amador Fire Safe Council Coordinator, Amanda Watson, to submit an application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Rancheria Ridge and Crestview Fuel Break Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John Heissenbuttel, Treasurer of said Board be hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Safe Council at a regular meeting held on the day of September 20th, 2023:

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Signature

Print Name, Title

9/20/2023

Date