

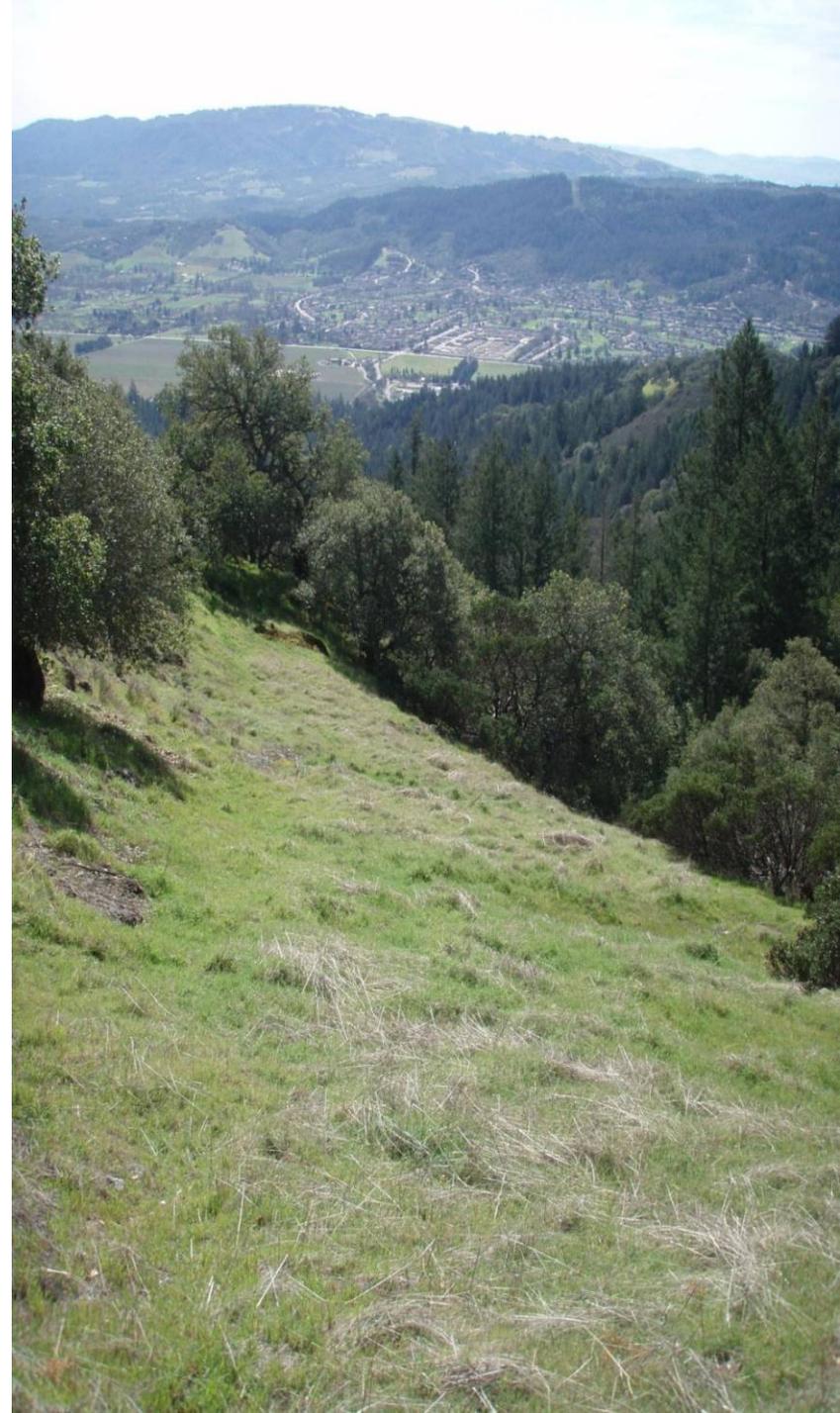
Hood Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve LAWSON EXPANSION

**Community Meeting #1
Kenwood Fire Station
November 18, 2015**

Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

Meeting Outline

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Site Description**
- 3. Project Goals**
- 4. Assets and Issues**
- 5. Questions and Comments**
- 6. Group Exercise**
- 7. Wrap Up**

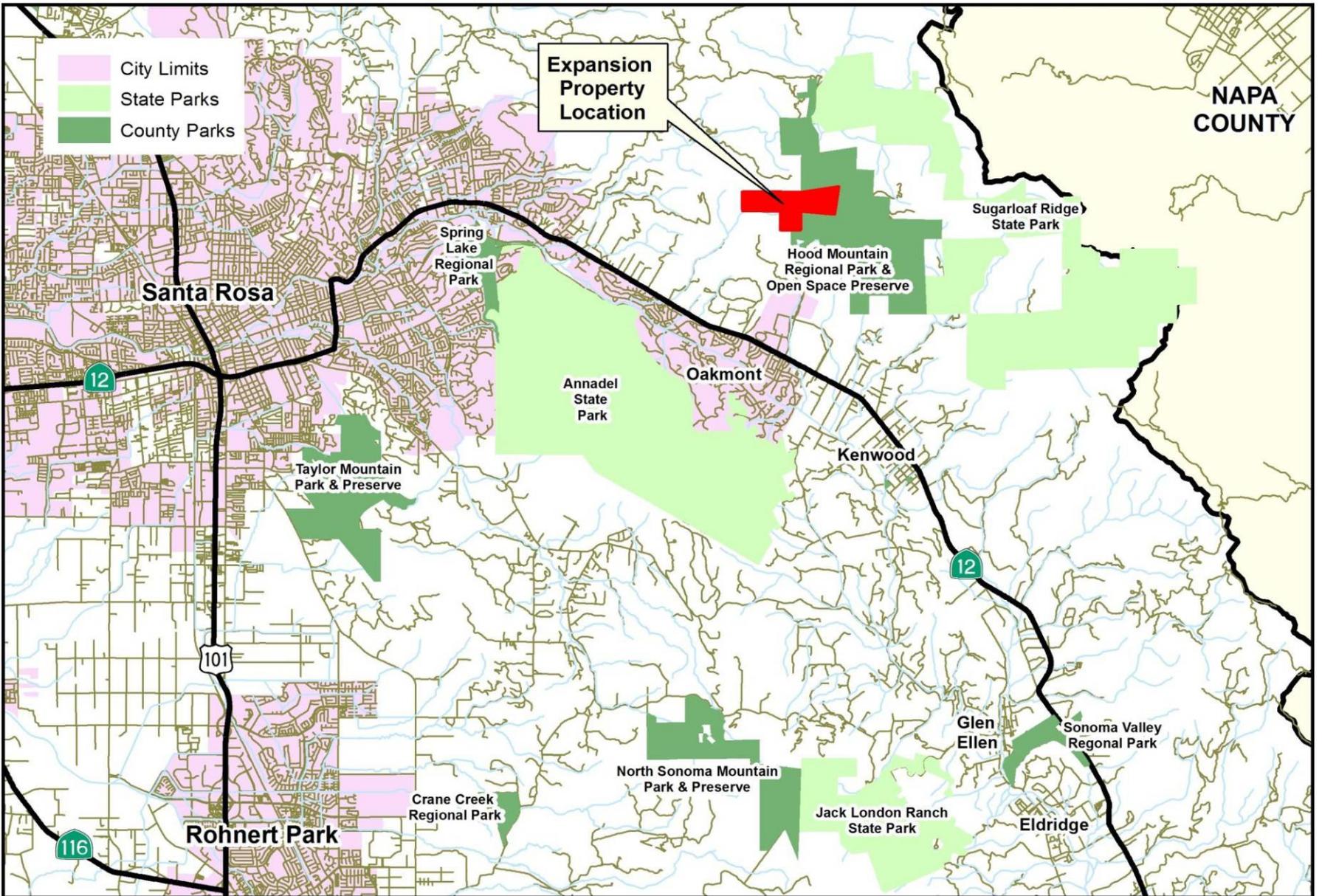


Meeting Purpose

Share information about the Park

Obtain ideas for the Lawson Expansion from the community

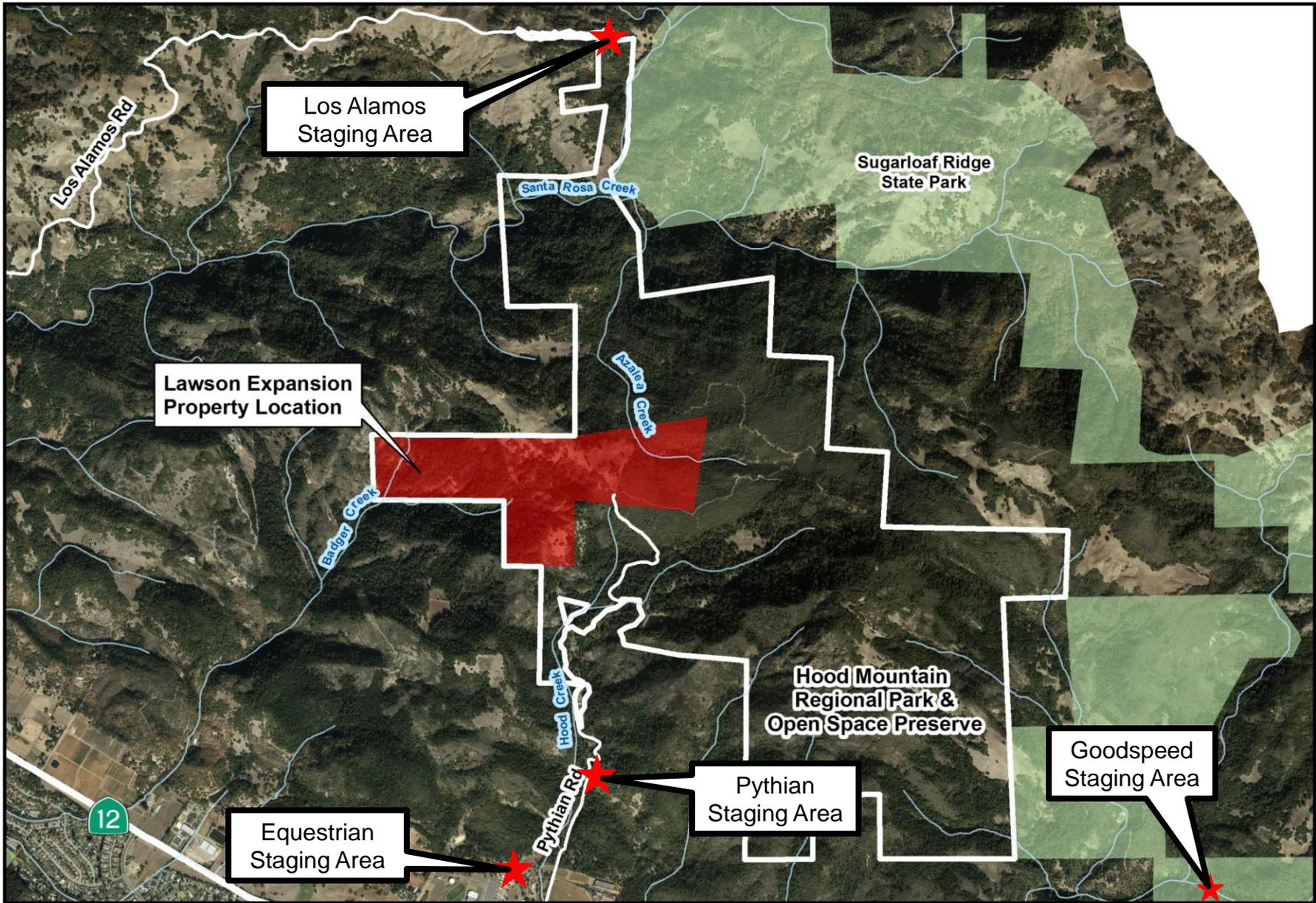




Hood Mountain Regional Park Lawson Expansion Property
Regional Map



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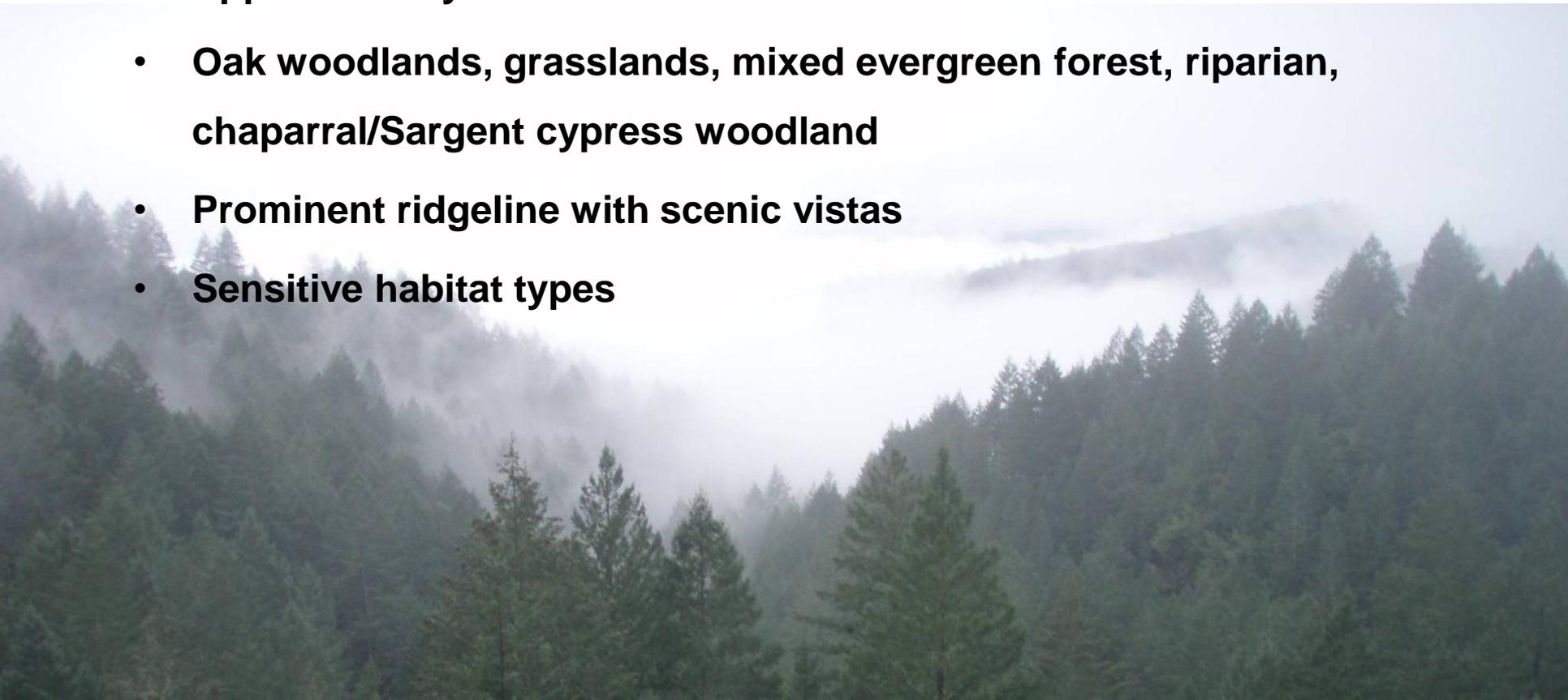
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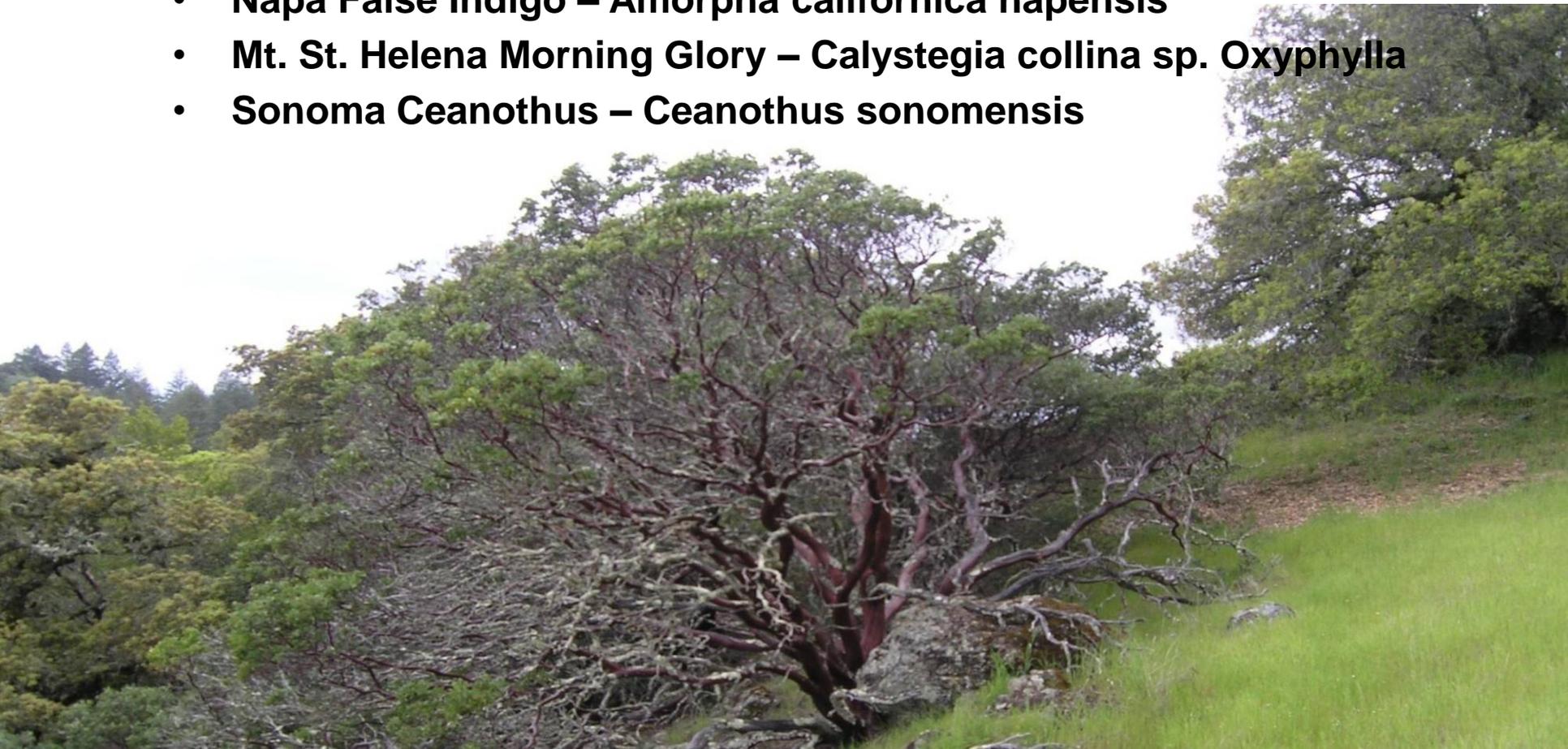
Property Information

- **Purchased by Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District in 2005 – from Lawson Family**
- **Transferred to Sonoma County Regional Parks June 2014**
- **Approximately 247 acres**
- **Oak woodlands, grasslands, mixed evergreen forest, riparian, chaparral/Sargent cypress woodland**
- **Prominent ridgeline with scenic vistas**
- **Sensitive habitat types**



Biotic Resources & Plant Communities

- **Sensitive and Unique Plant Communities**
 - **Serpentine Sargent Cypress/Chaparral**
 - **Native Grassland**
- **Special Status Plant Species**
 - **Napa False Indigo – *Amorpha californica napensis***
 - **Mt. St. Helena Morning Glory – *Calystegia collina* sp. *Oxyphylla***
 - **Sonoma Ceanothus – *Ceanothus sonomensis***





Madrone Oak woodland



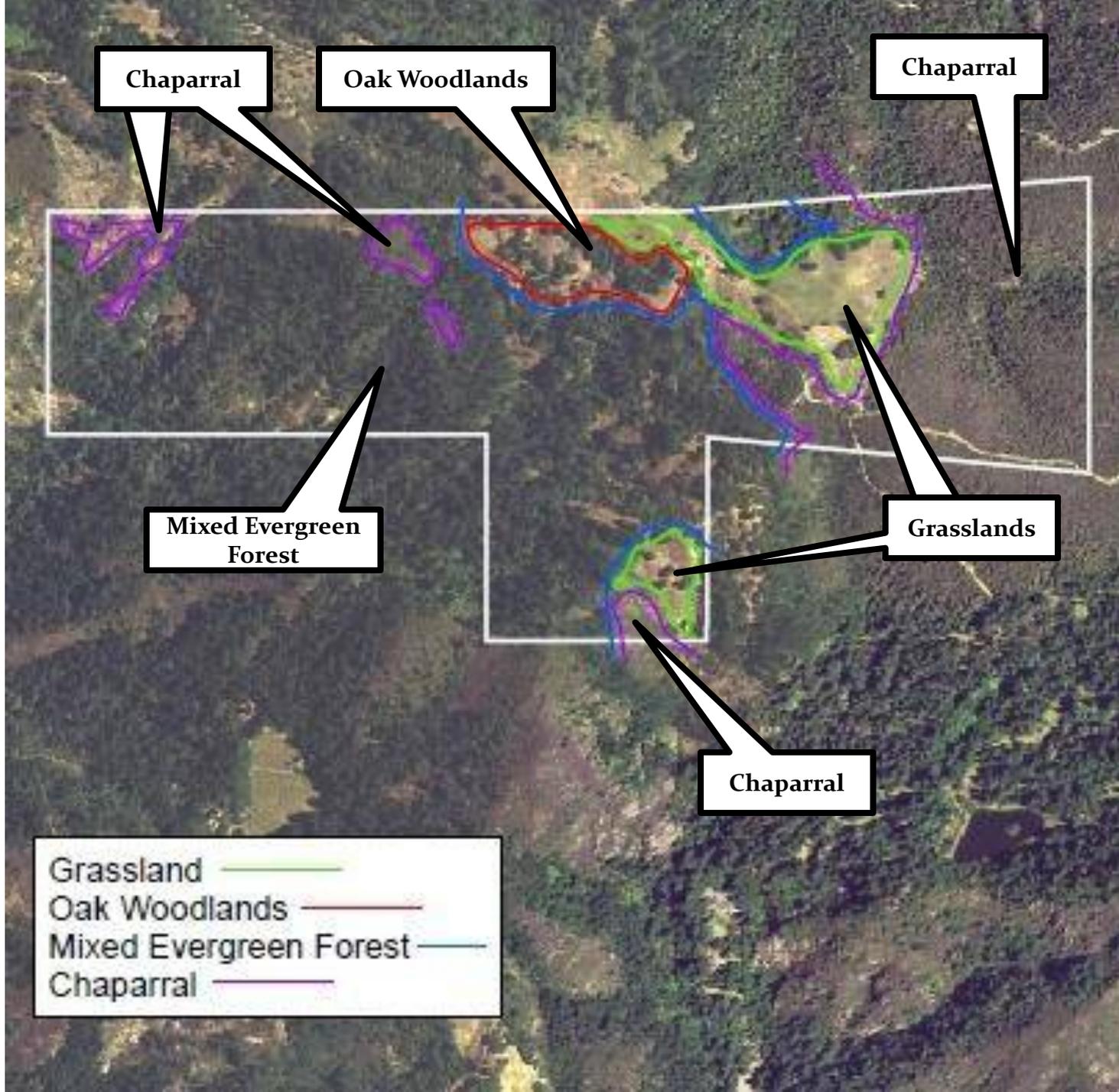
Native bunch grasses

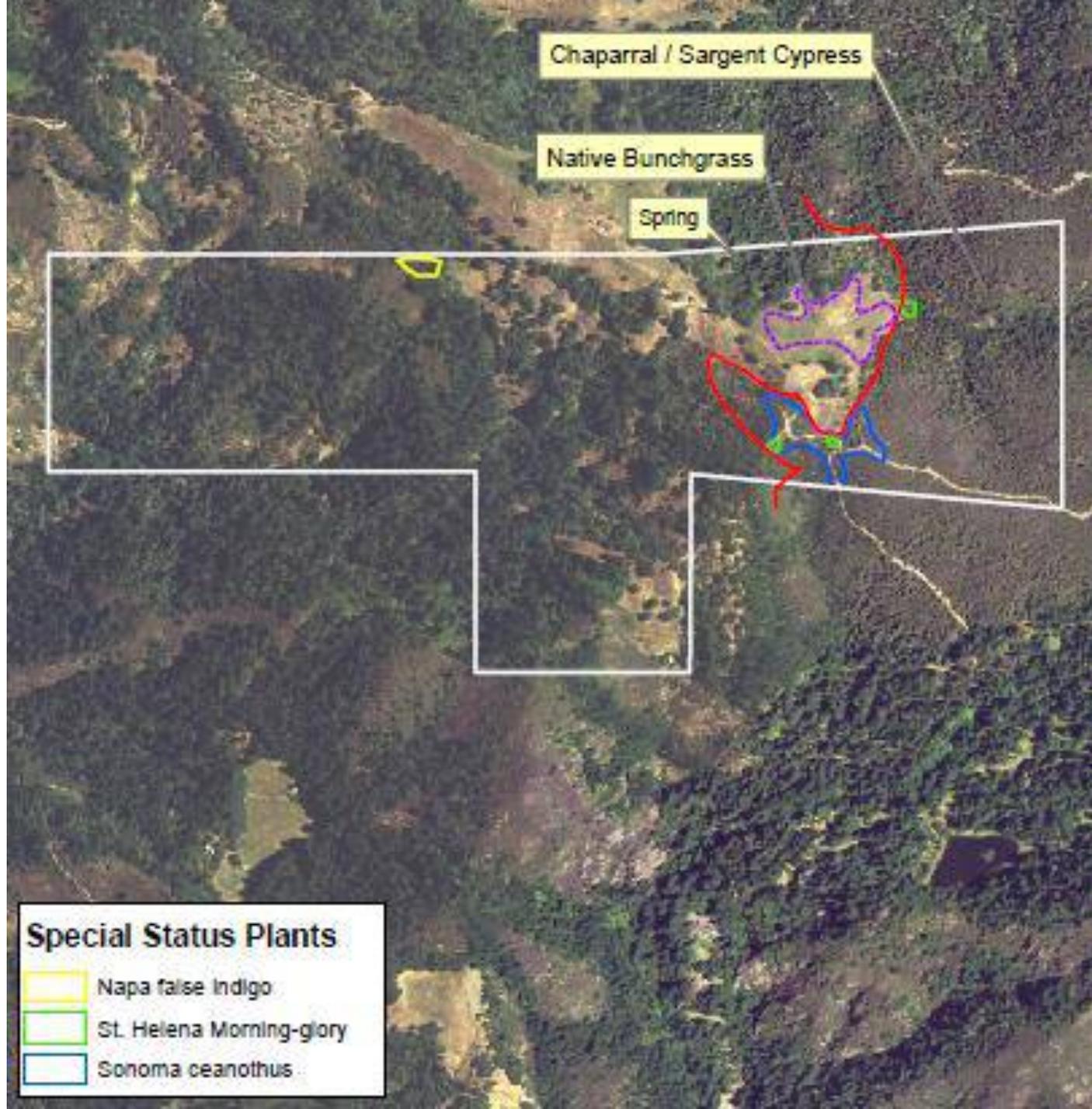


Douglas-fir Oak woodland



**Chaparral transition to
Douglas-fir Oak woodland**





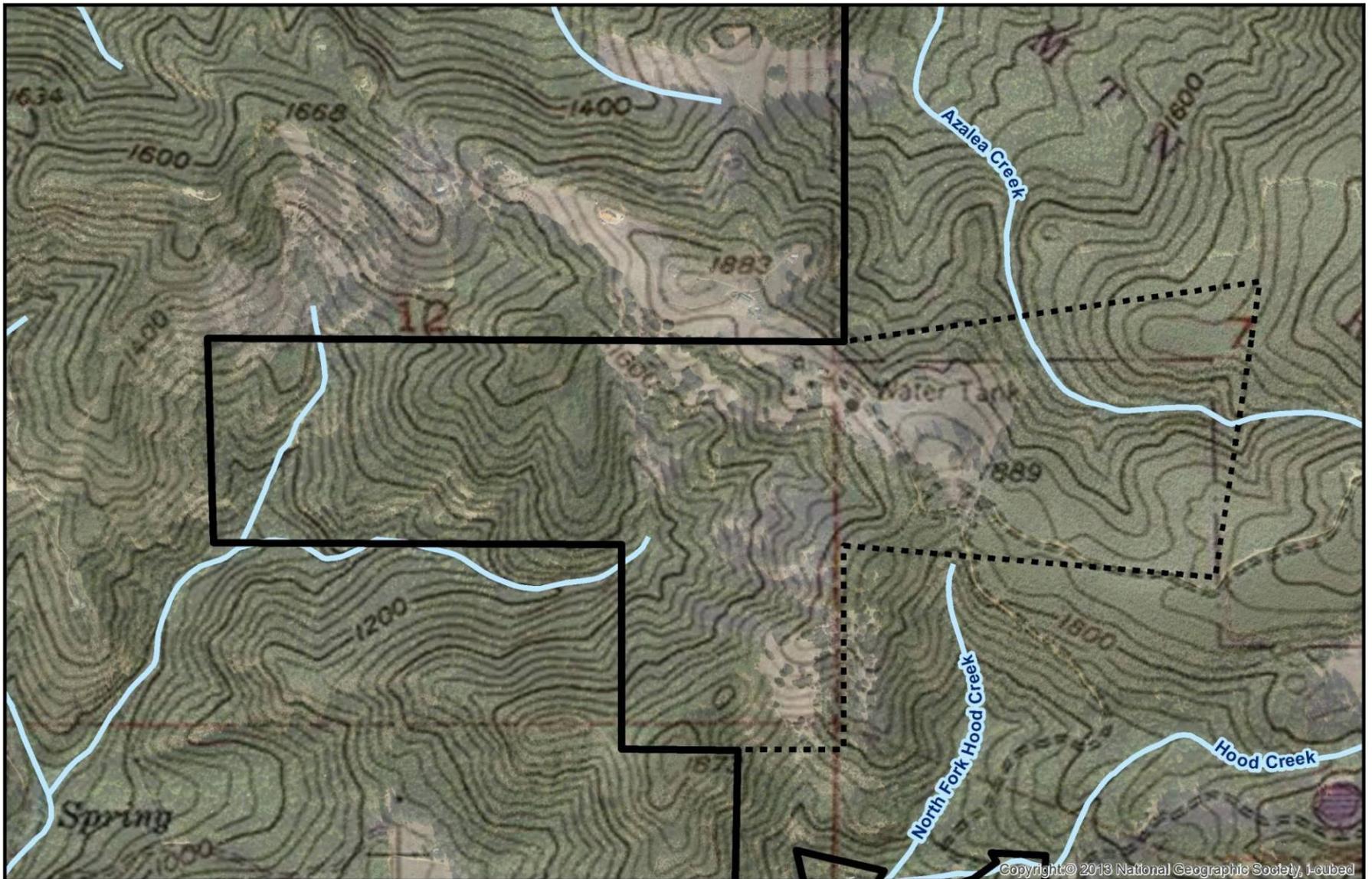
Chaparral / Sargent Cypress

Native Bunchgrass

Spring

Special Status Plants

-  Napa false Indigo
-  St. Helena Morning-glory
-  Sonoma ceanothus



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USGS Topo Map



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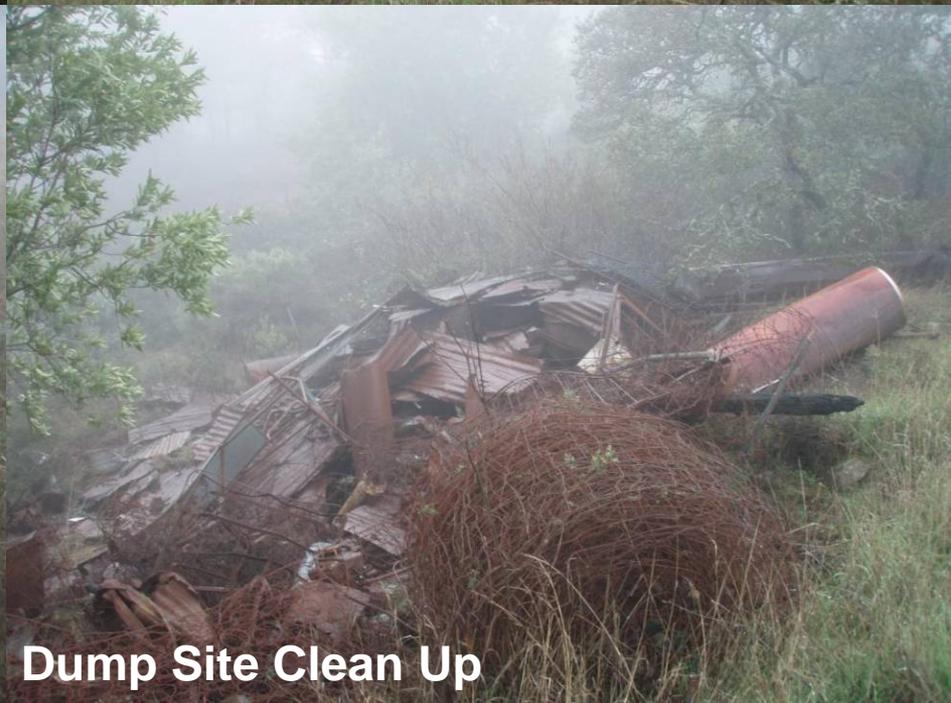
Fence Removal



Dump Site Clean Up



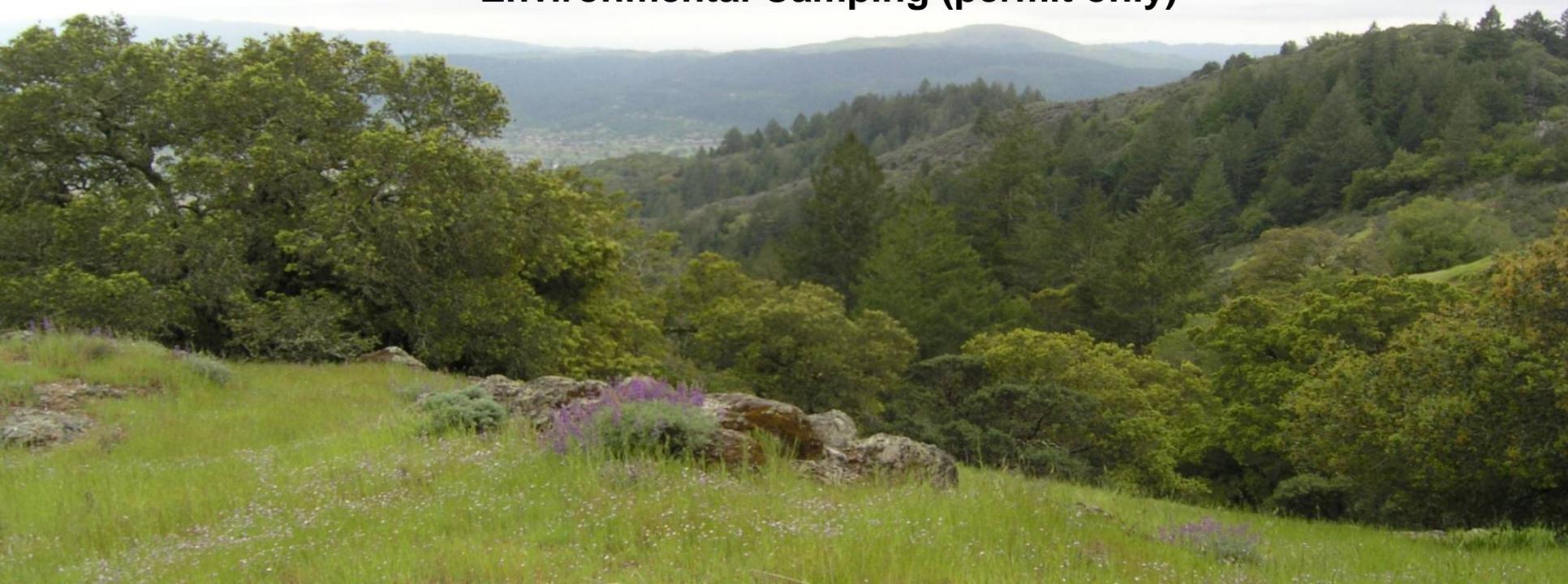
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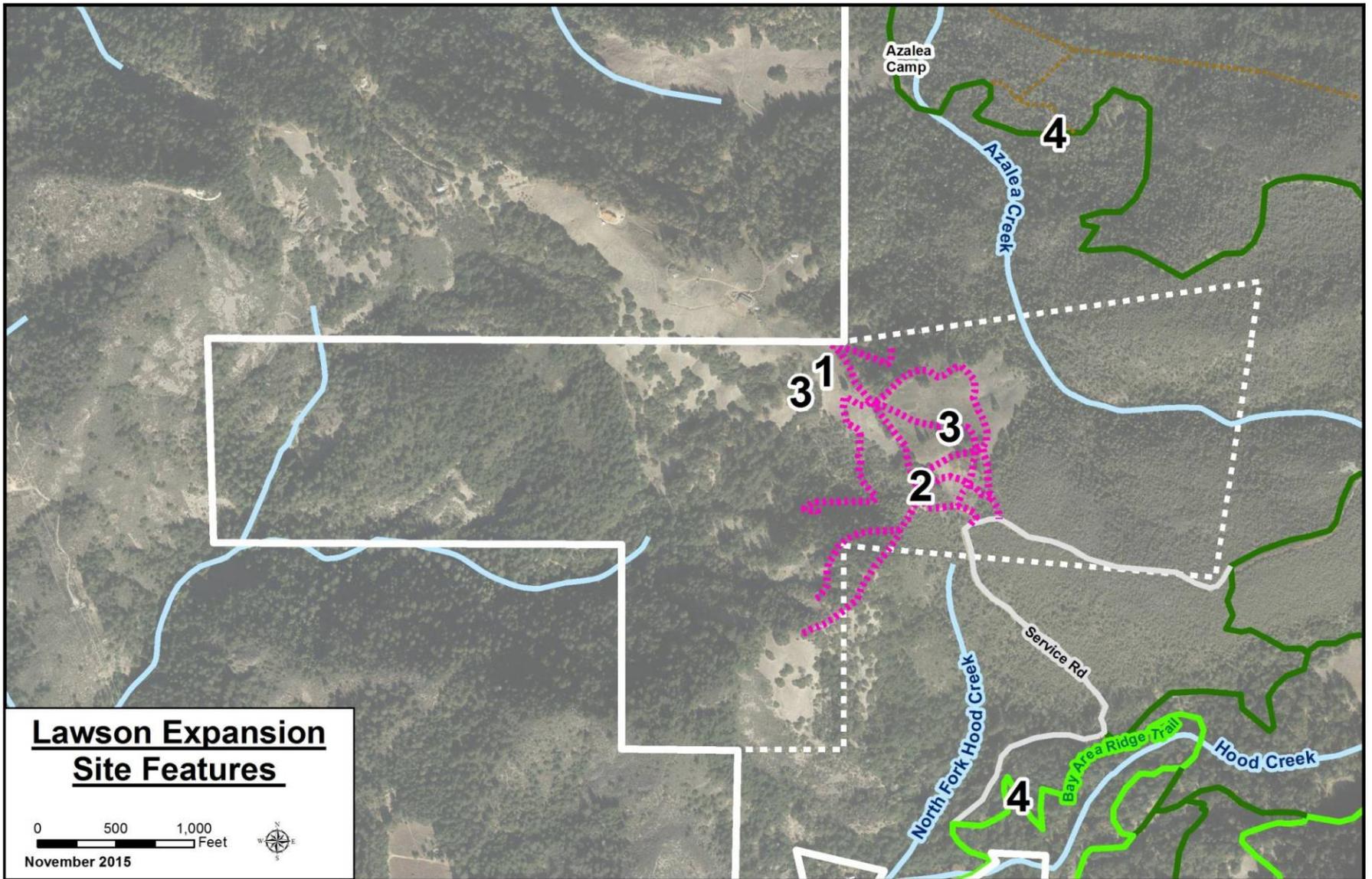
Potential Activities

- **Hiking**
- **Mountain Biking**
- **Horseback Riding**
- **Picnicking**
- **Nature Observation and Photography**
- **Natural Resource Education**
- **Historical Site Interpretation**
- **Environmental Camping (permit only)**



District Conservation Easement and Recreation Covenant

- **Easement and Covenant Values**
 - **Natural Resource Preservation Protection – Perpetual Public Recreation**
 - **Low-intensity public outdoor recreational activities**
 - **Habitat preservation**
 - **Management and conservation of natural resources**
 - **Use of existing former residence in association with low-intensity public outdoor recreational and educational activities**
- **Easement Restrictions**
 - **No public vehicle access or recreational motorized vehicles**
 - **Consistent use with the conservation values**
 - **New structures must get District approval**
 - **Limits signage**
 - **No hunting**

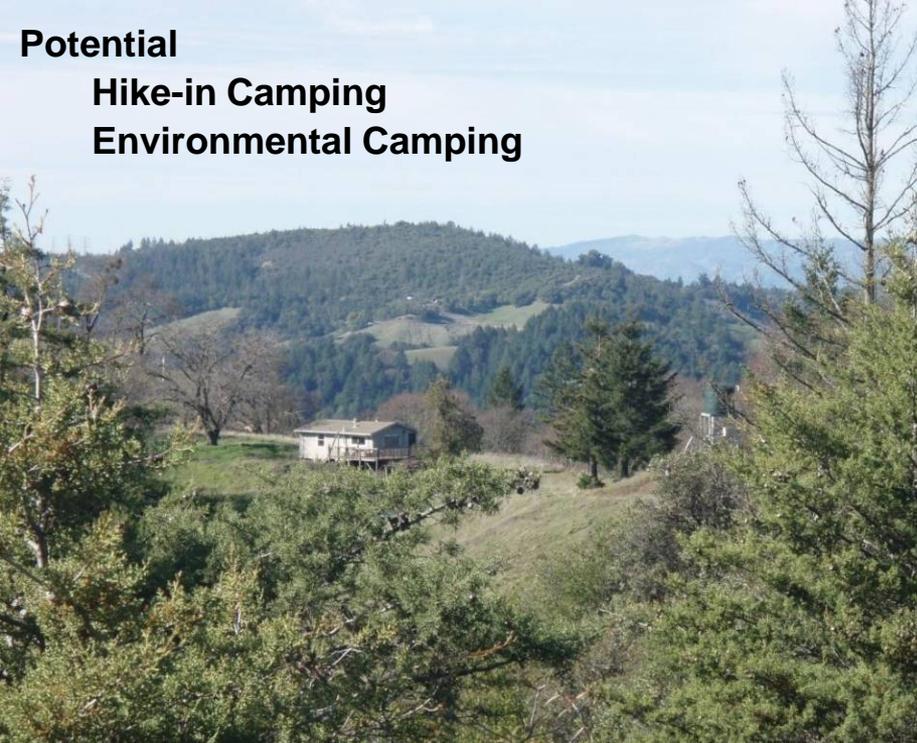


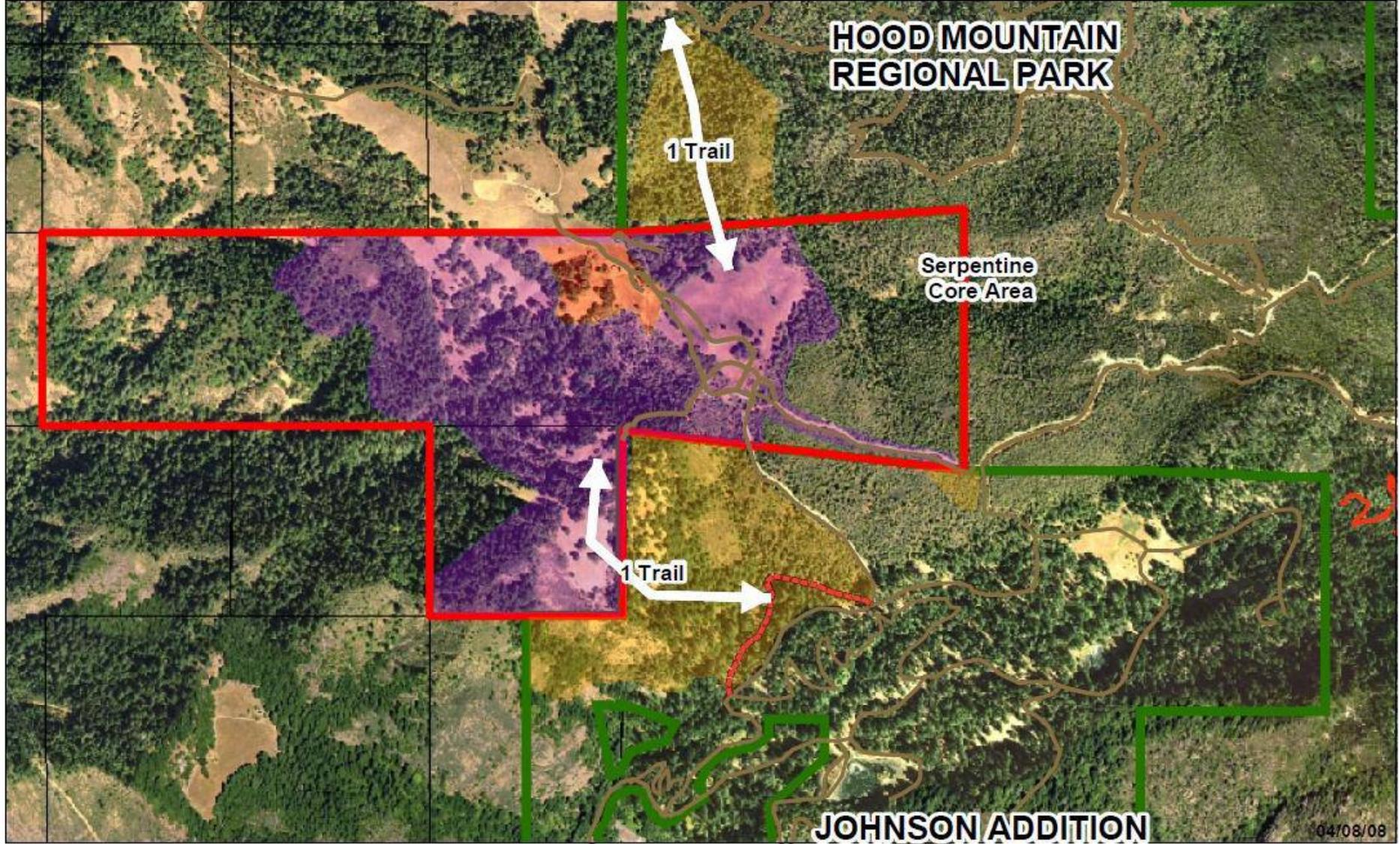
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Site Features**

0 500 1,000 Feet
November 2015

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**Potential
Hike-in Camping
Environmental Camping**





**Lawson Addition
Hood Mountain Regional Park
& Open Space Preserve
Biological Resource Study Zones**

Study Zones

-  Park Feature Zone
-  Trail Review Zone
-  Trail Zone
-  Resource Zone

 Existing Trails/Roads on Lawson

 Other Trails/Roads

 Hood Mtn. Regional Park

 Lawson Addition



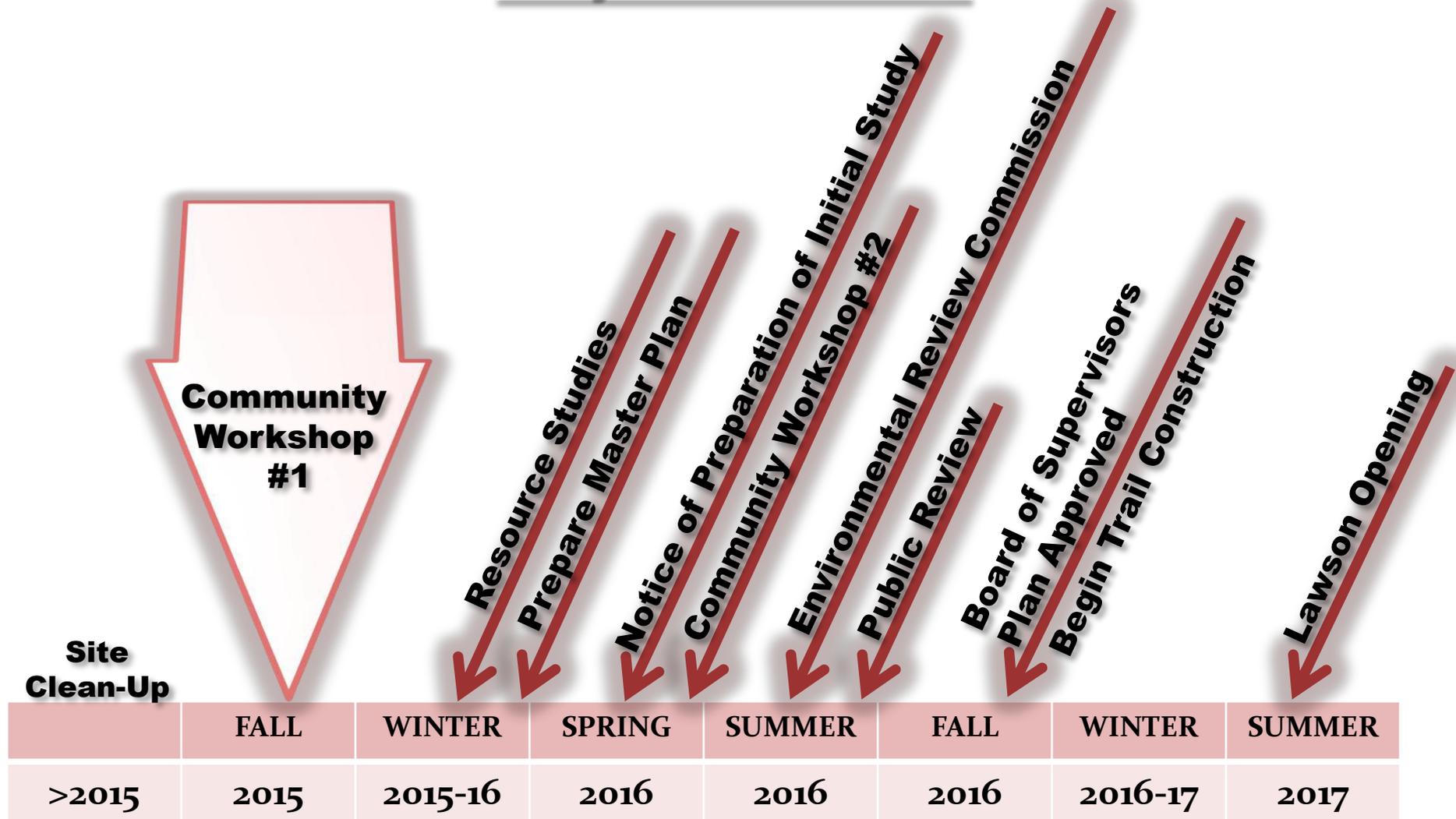
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Trails and Connections



Project Schedule





Project Goals

- **Accessible facility and trails for all users**
- **Access from Hwy 12 to the site**
- **Develop facilities sensitive to the unique environment**
- **Develop a master plan that provides a**
 - **Range of recreational opportunities**
 - **balances recreation with natural resource protection**
 - **protects unique natural and cultural resources**
 - **encourages public education and interpretation**
- **Develop Resource Management Plan**

Preserve Wild-lands



Preserve Scenic Vistas



**Hike-in Cabin or Ranger/
Volunteer Station**



Trails



Assets

Sensitive Resources



Steep Terrain

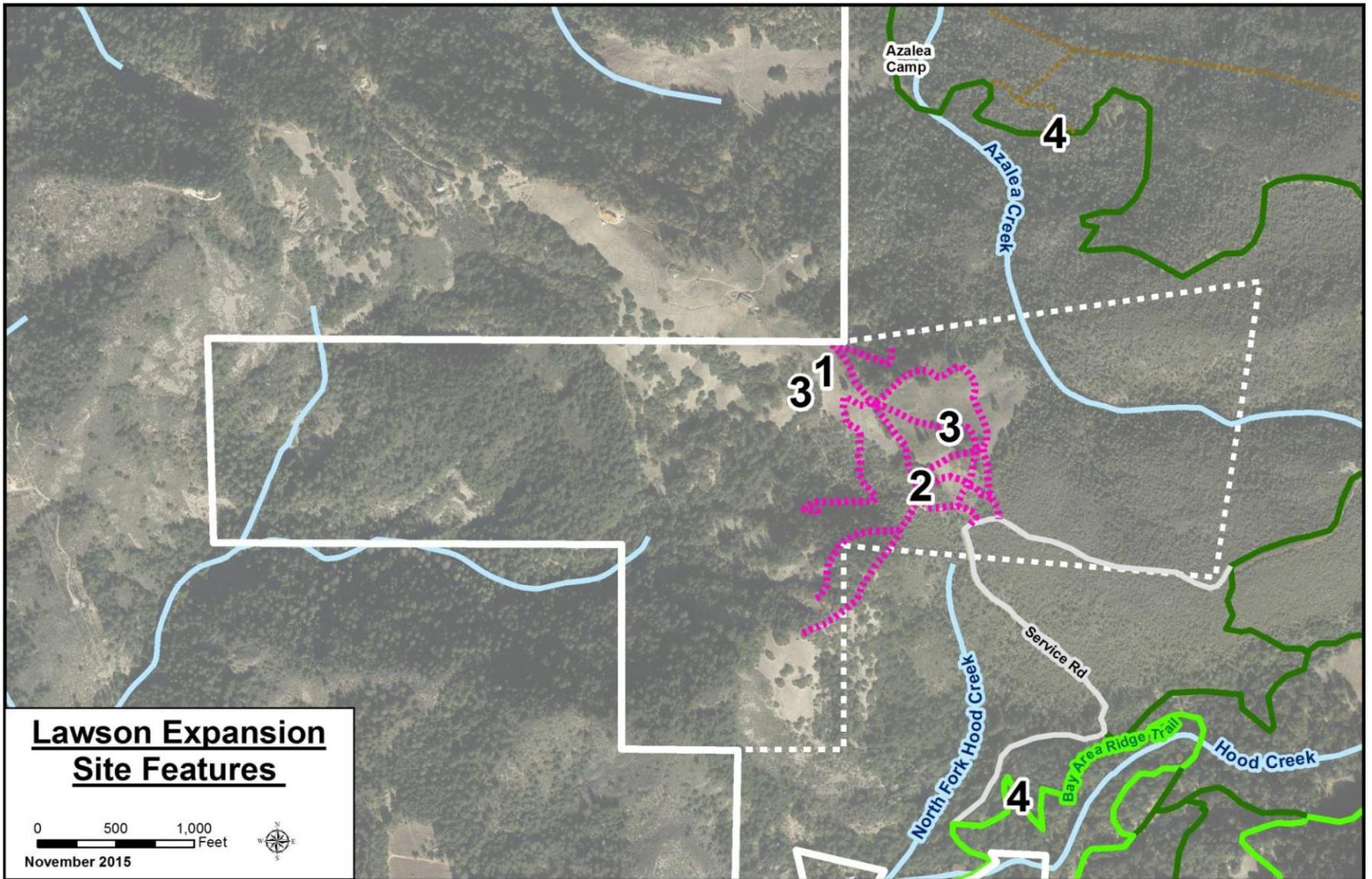


Old Fencing and Debris



Poor Condition

Issues



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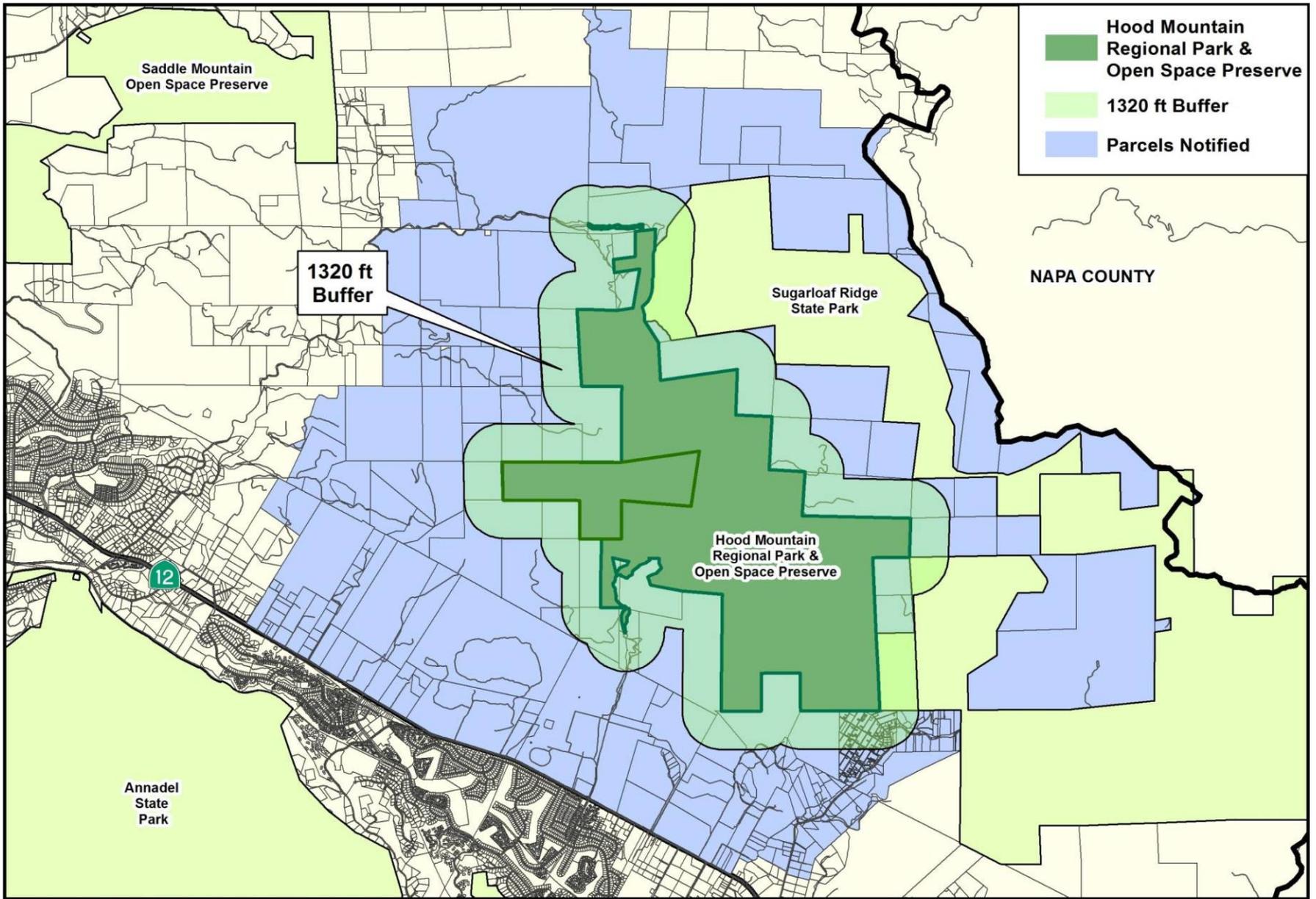
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THANK YOU



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Notification Map**

