

# Hood Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve

## *Lawson Expansion Master Plan*

## Community Workshop #2

Thursday, May 19th, 2016

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Kenwood Firehouse

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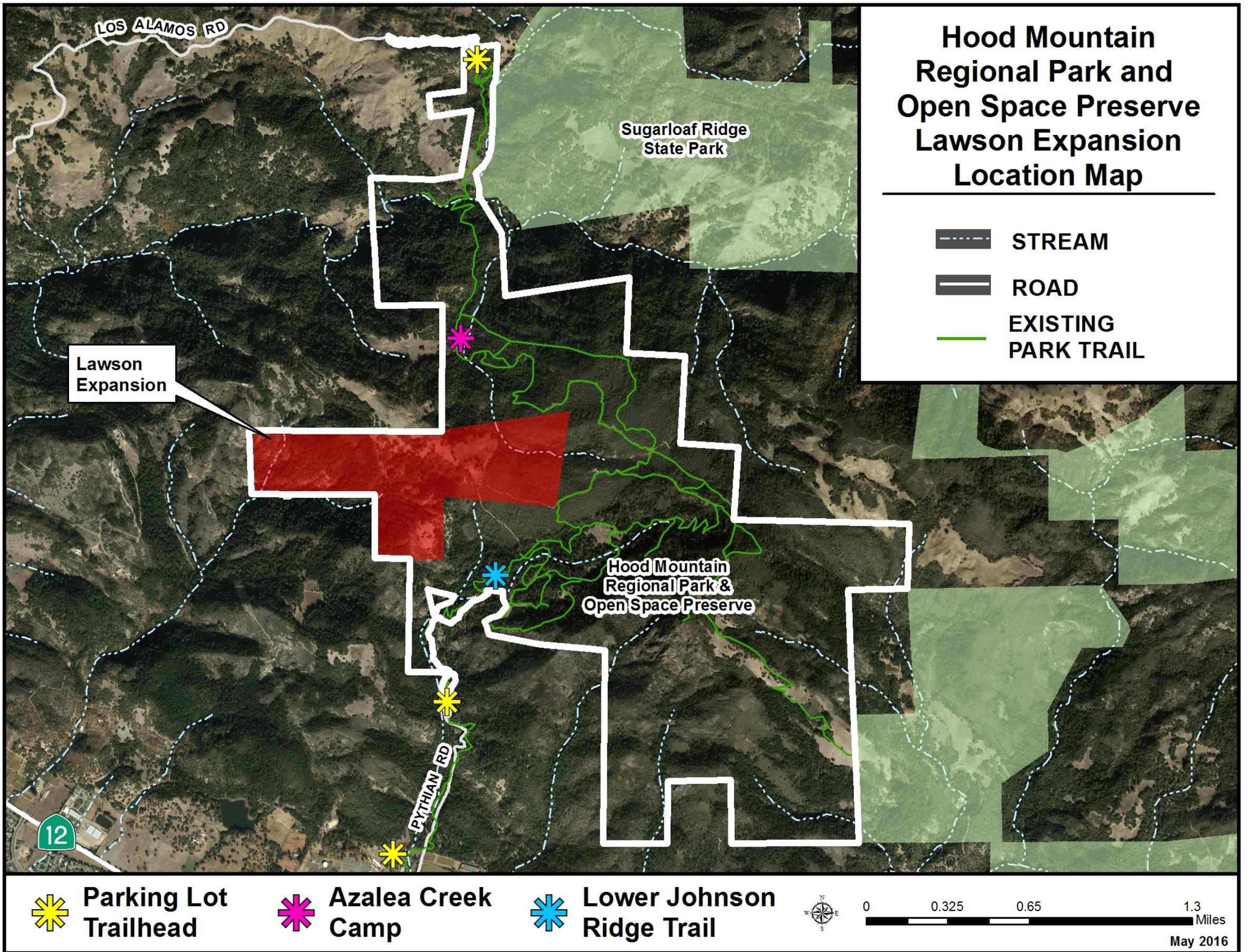
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# Agenda

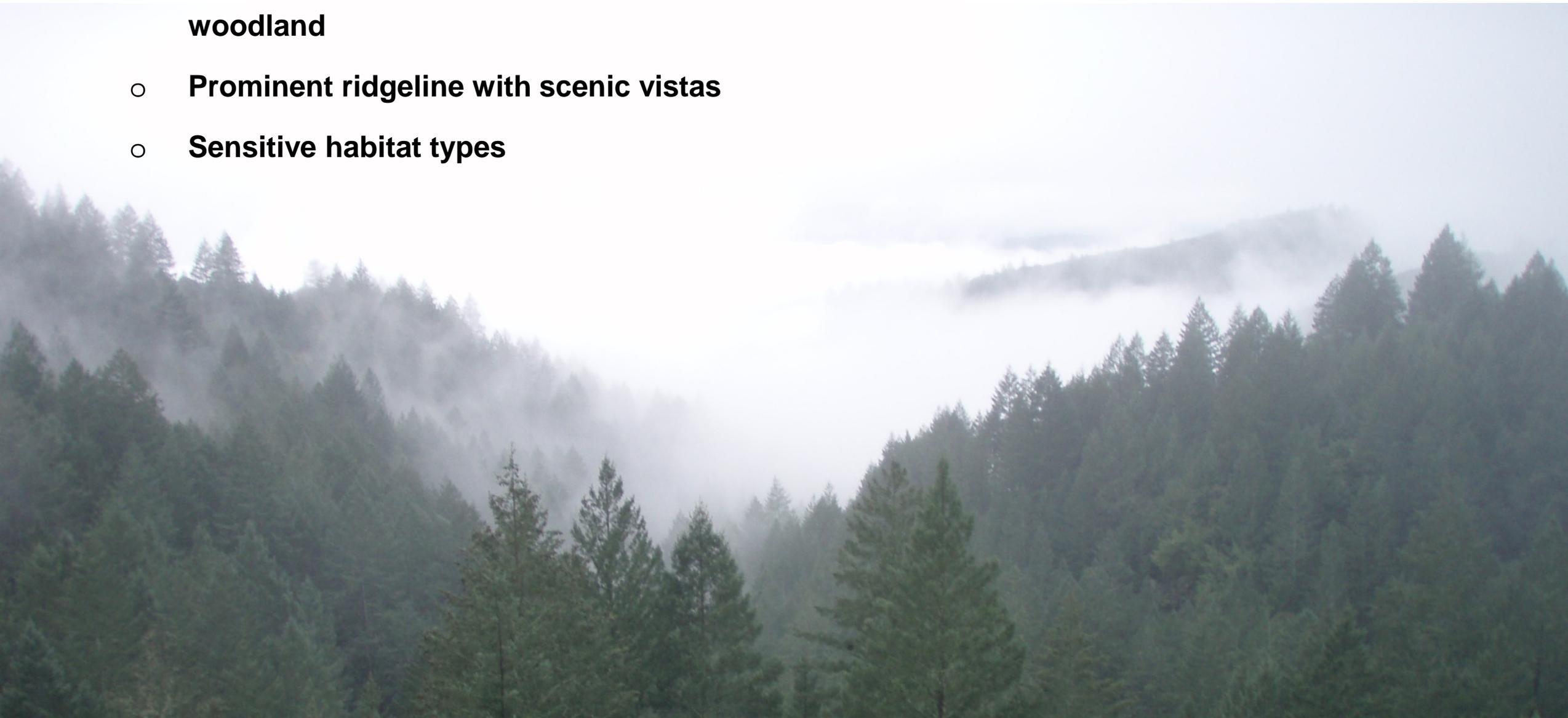
- Introduction
- Presentation
  - Project summary
  - Community input
  - Draft master plan
  - Project schedule
- Question, answer and discussion
- Project next steps and meeting close





# Property Information

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



# Planning Summary

- Project Goals
- Inventory
- Community Input & Ideas
- Draft Master Plan Development

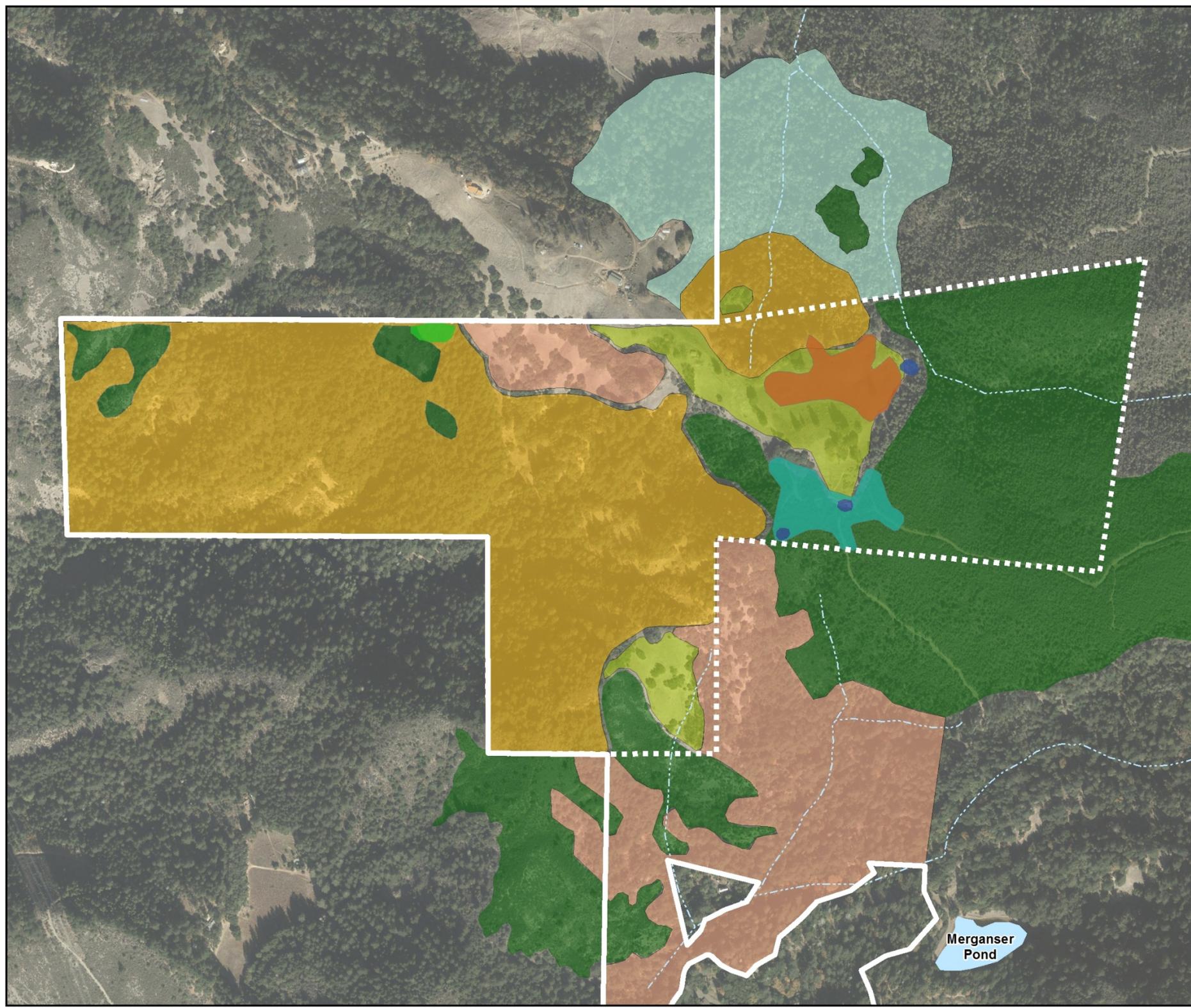


# Project Goals

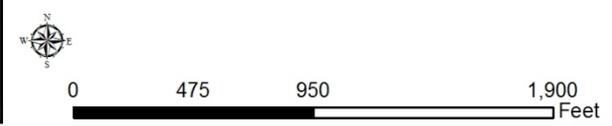
- **Accessible facility and trails for a variety of users and user abilities**
- **Develop facilities sensitive to the unique environment**
- **Develop a master plan that provides a**
  - **range of recreational opportunities**
  - **balances recreation with natural resource protection**
  - **protects unique natural and cultural resources**
  - **encourages public education and interpretation**
- **Develop Resource Management Plan**



# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Plant Communities Map



-  STREAM
  
-  ST. HELENA MORNING-GLORY
-  NAPA FALSE INDIGO
-  NATIVE BUCHGRASS
-  SONOMA CEANOTHUS
-  CHAPARRAL
-  GRASSLAND
-  MIXED EVERGREEN FOREST
-  OAK WOODLANDS
-  TRANSITION FOREST



Inventory – Plant Communities



**Madrone Oak woodland**



**Native bunch grasses**



**Douglas-fir Oak woodland**



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

# 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**



# Inventory

## Assets

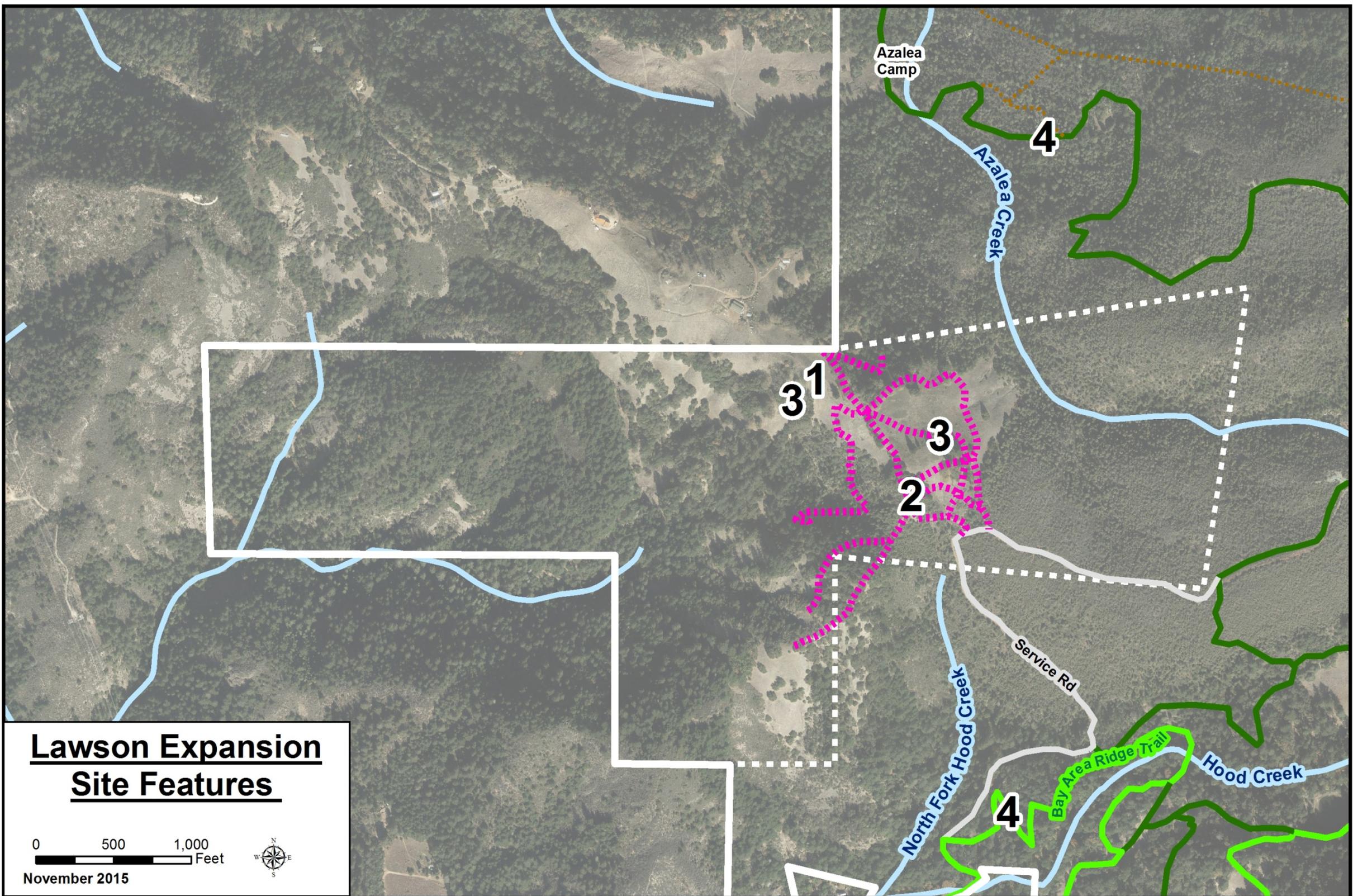
- Preserve Wild-lands
- Preserve Scenic Vistas
- Hike-in Cabin or Ranger / Volunteer Station
- Trails



## Issues

- Sensitive Resources
- Steep Terrain
- Old Fencing and Debris
- Existing Building in Poor Condition





**Lawson Expansion Site Features**

0 500 1,000 Feet



November 2015

**1 Existing Residence**

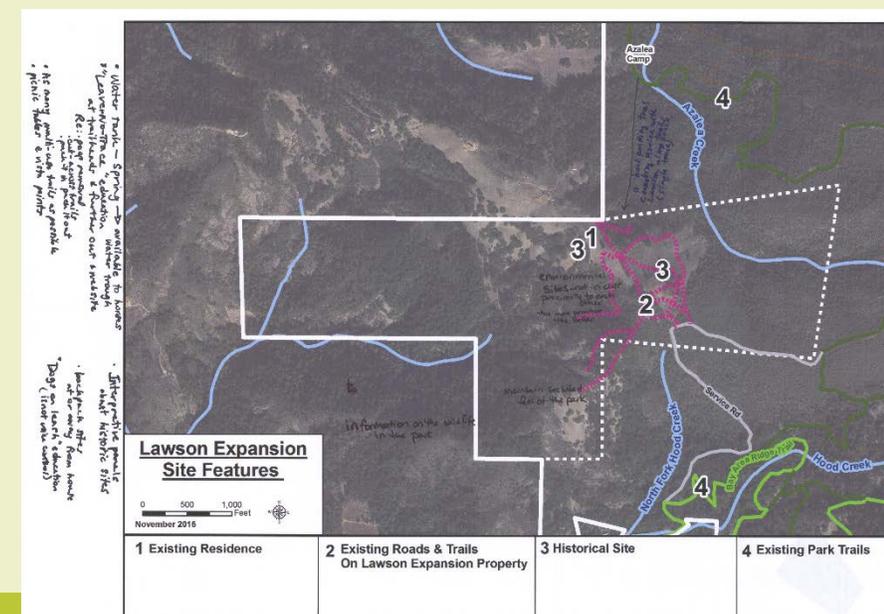
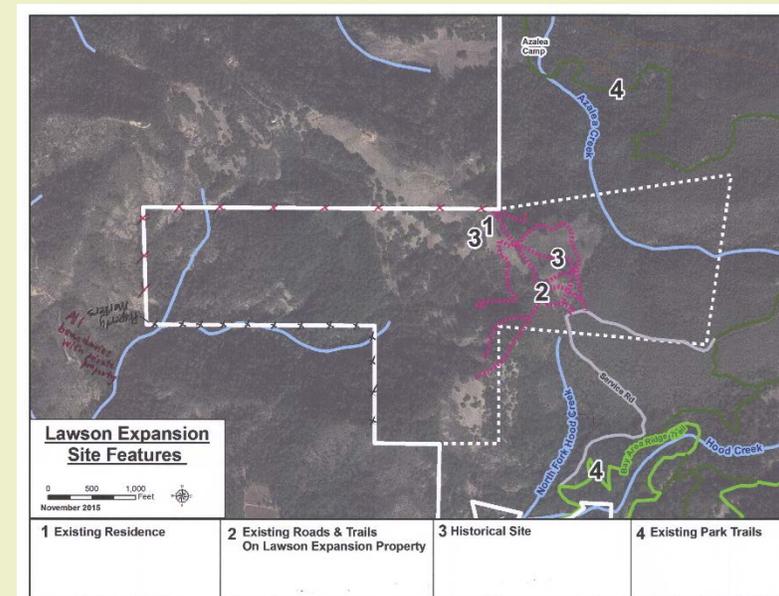
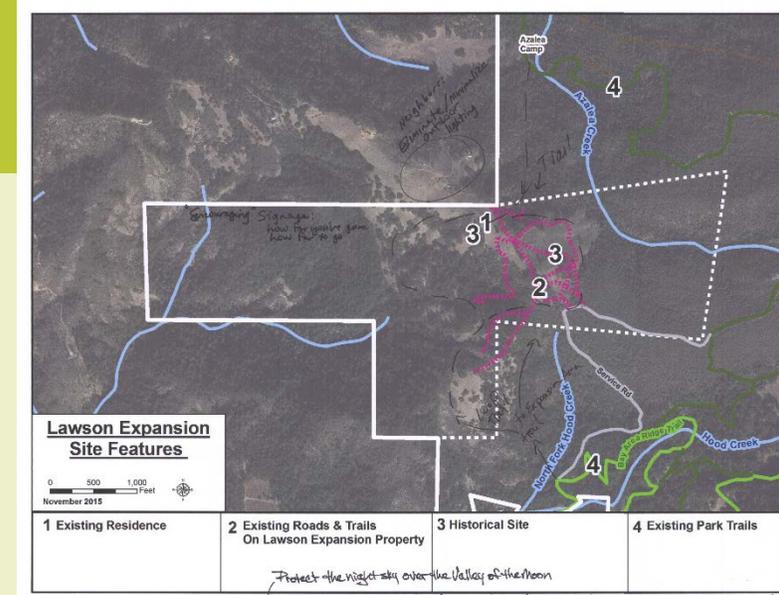
**2 Existing Roads & Trails  
On Lawson Expansion Property**

**3 Historical Site**

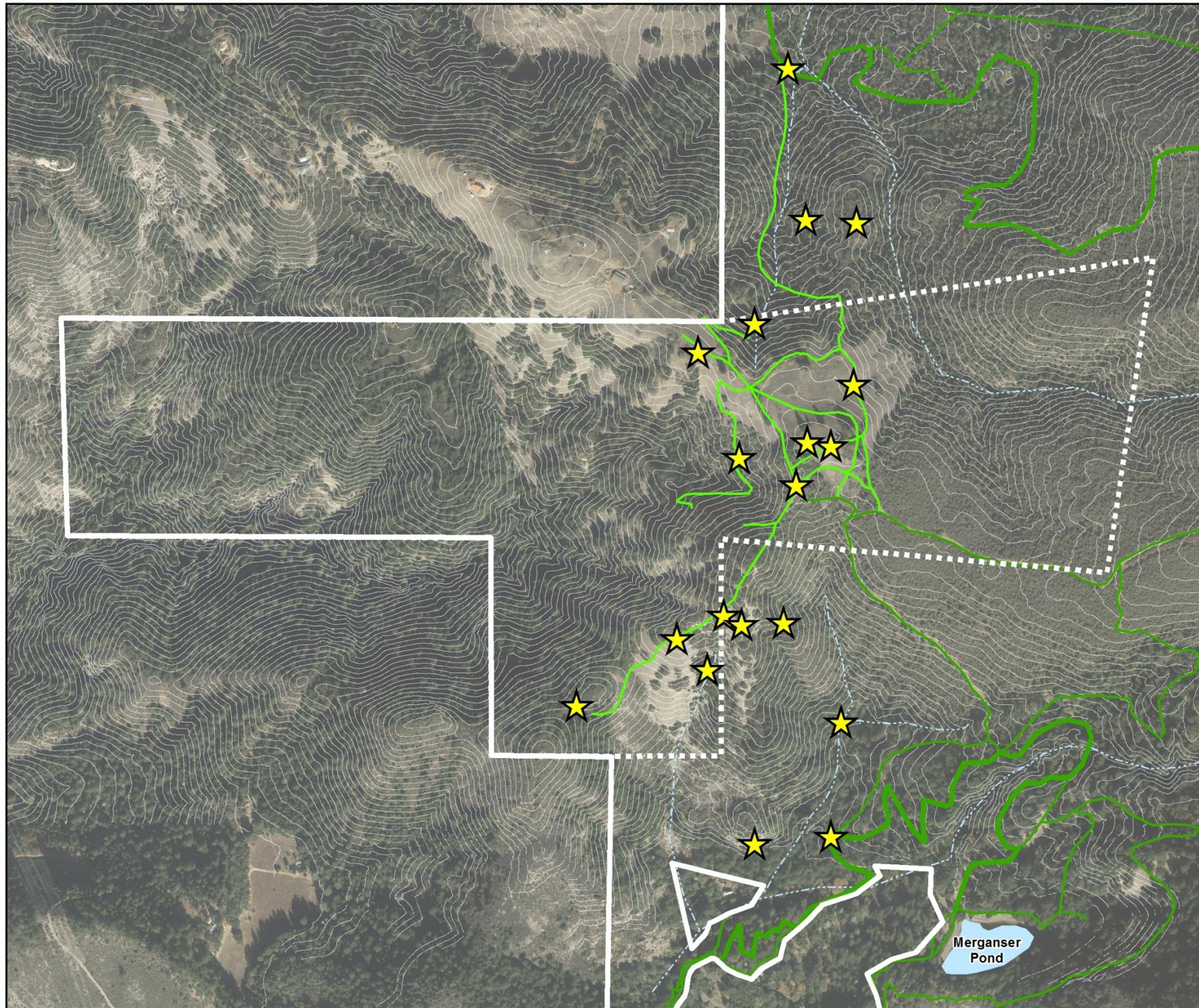
**4 Existing Park Trails**

# Community Input & Ideas

- Additional multi-use trails
- New trail from Lawson property to Azalea Creek Campground
- Additional parking for Pythian trailhead
- Minimize outdoor lighting – International Dark-sky Association compliance
- Property boundary lines clearly marked
- Interpretive panels and wildlife information
- ‘Leave no trace’ education at trailheads
- Picnic tables at vista points
- Signing for parking could be improved at equestrian parking area



# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Overview

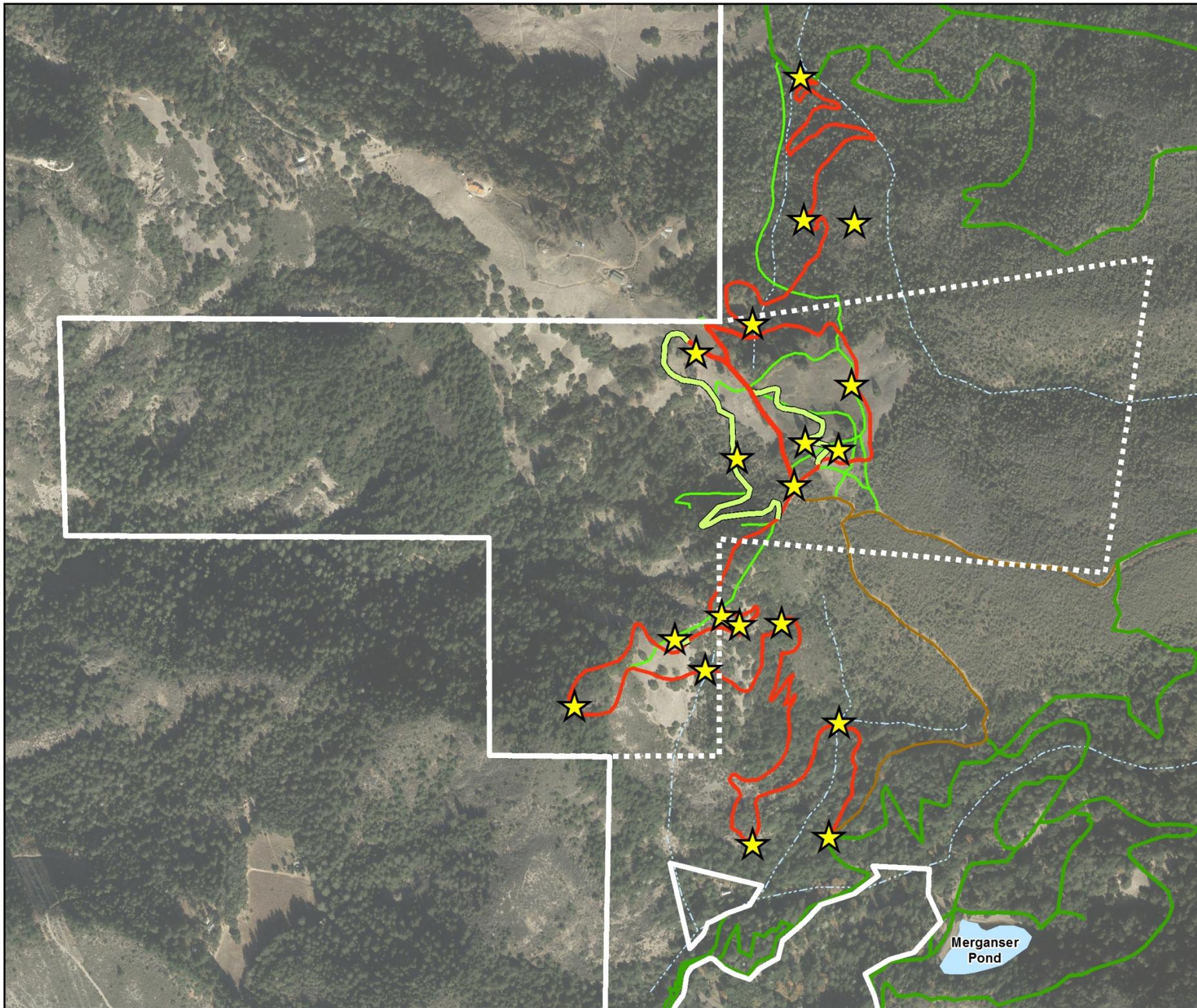


-  STREAM
-  SERVICE RD
-  EXISTING PARK TRAILS
-  EXISTING LAWSON ROAD/TRAIL
-  POINT OF INTEREST

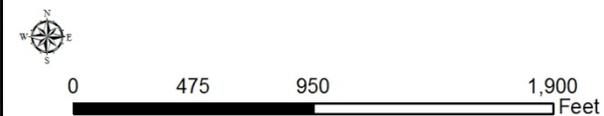


Site Overview

# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Proposed Trails

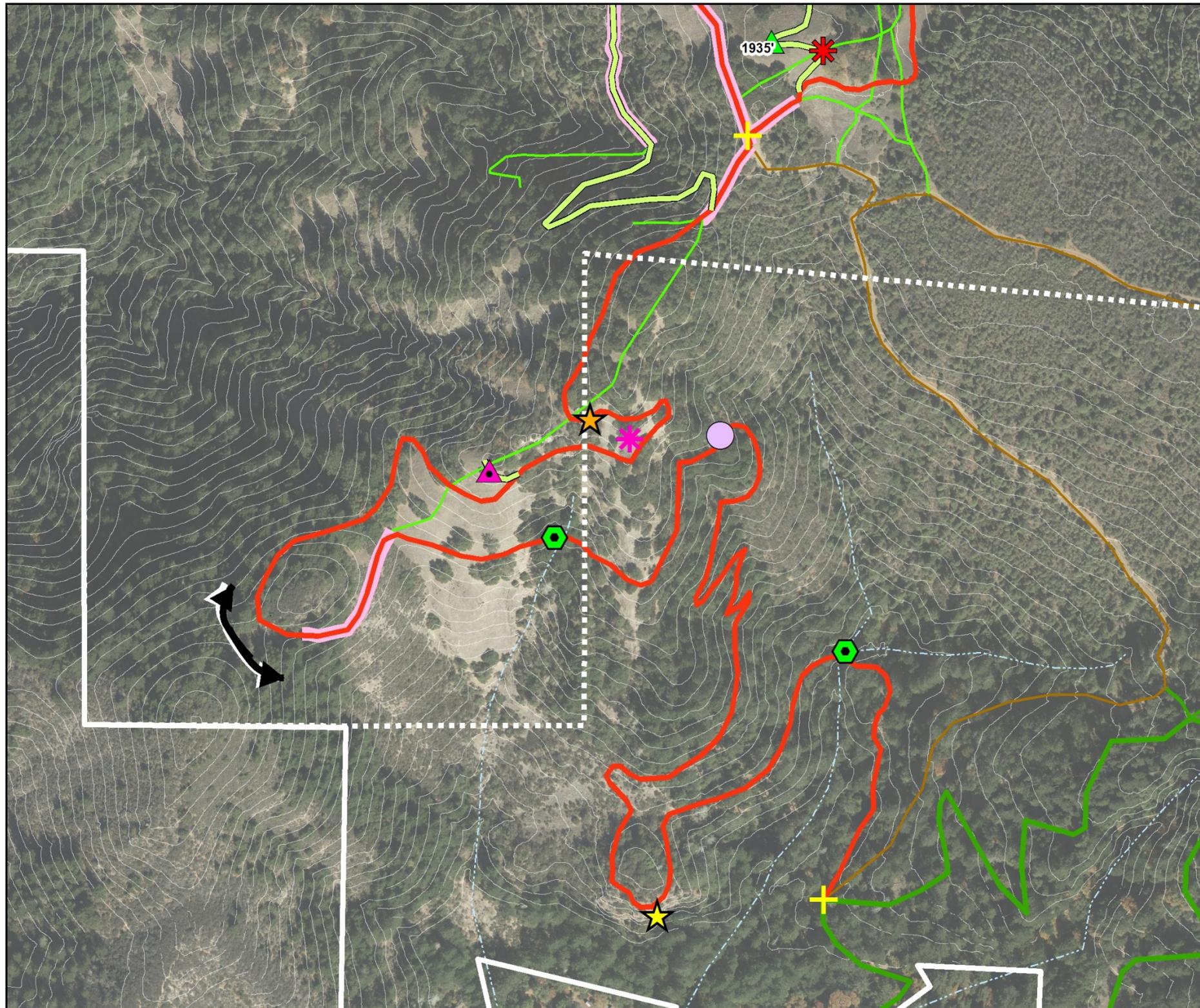


-  STREAM
-  SERVICE RD
-  EXISTING PARK TRAILS
-  EXISTING LAWSON ROAD/TRAIL TO BE DECOMMISSIONED
-  PROPOSED MULTI-USE TRAIL
-  PROPOSED HIKER ONLY TRAIL
-  POINT OF INTEREST



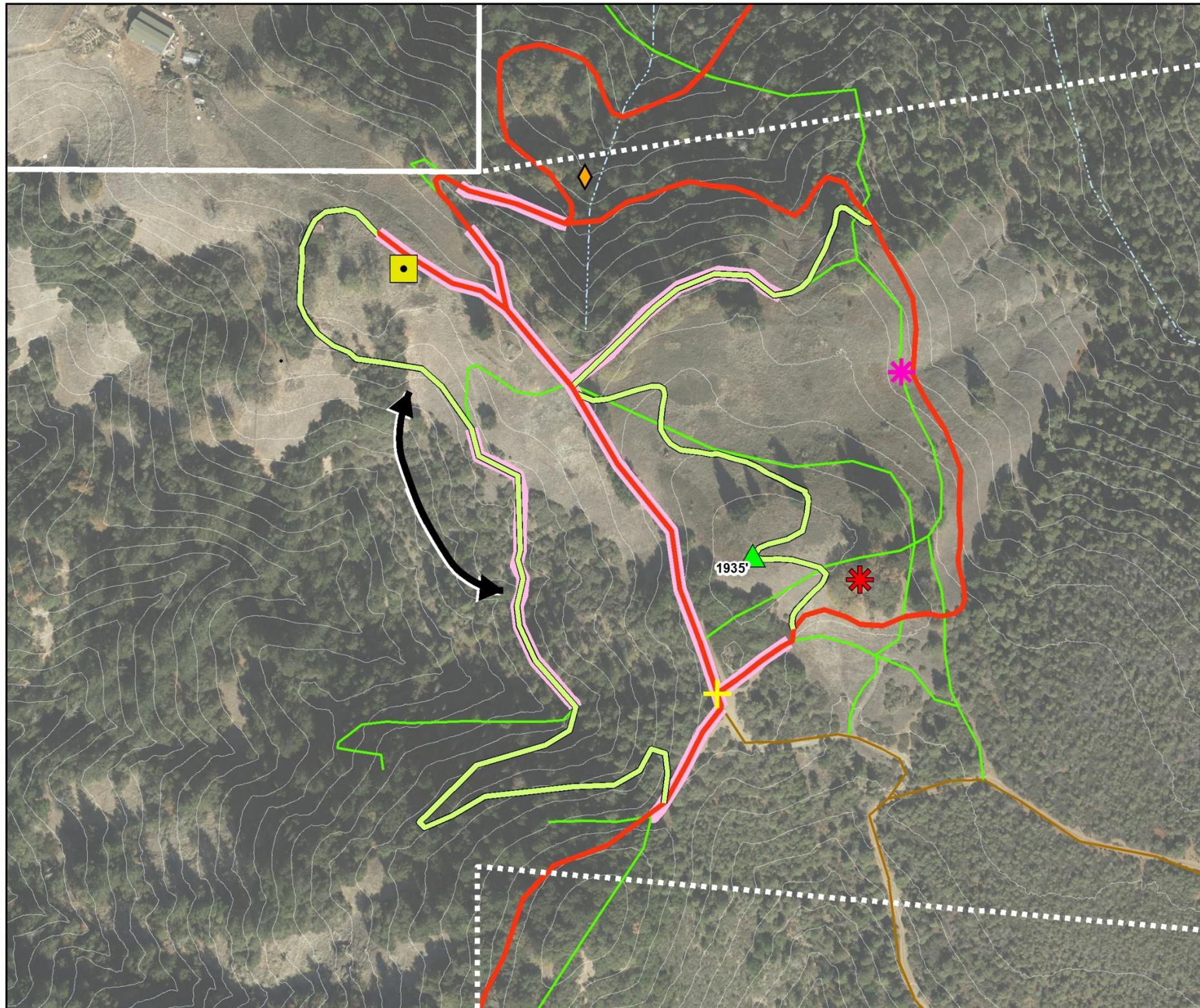
## Proposed Trail Plan

# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Lower Johnson



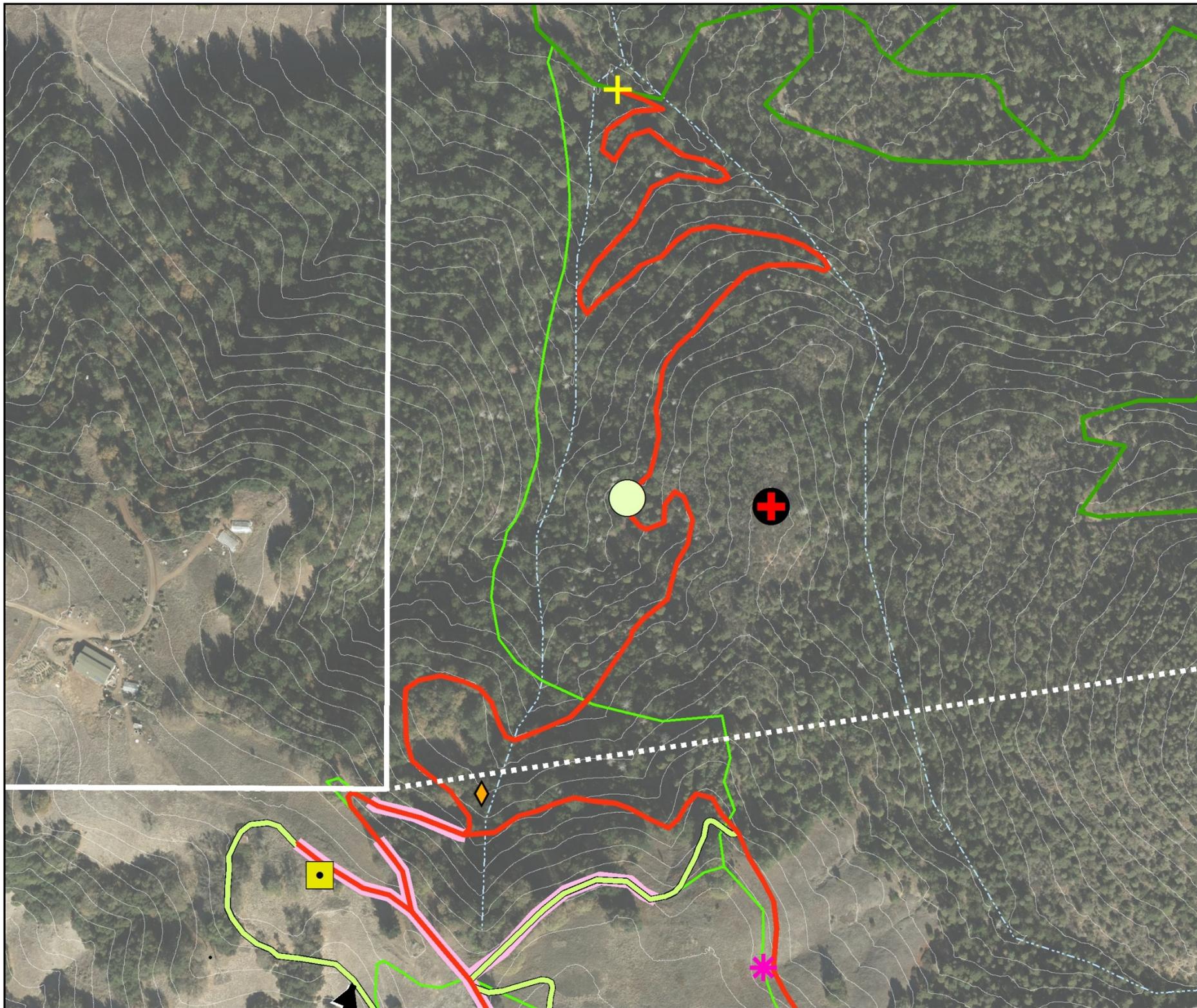
Proposed Trails - Lower Johnson

# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Center



Proposed Trails - Center

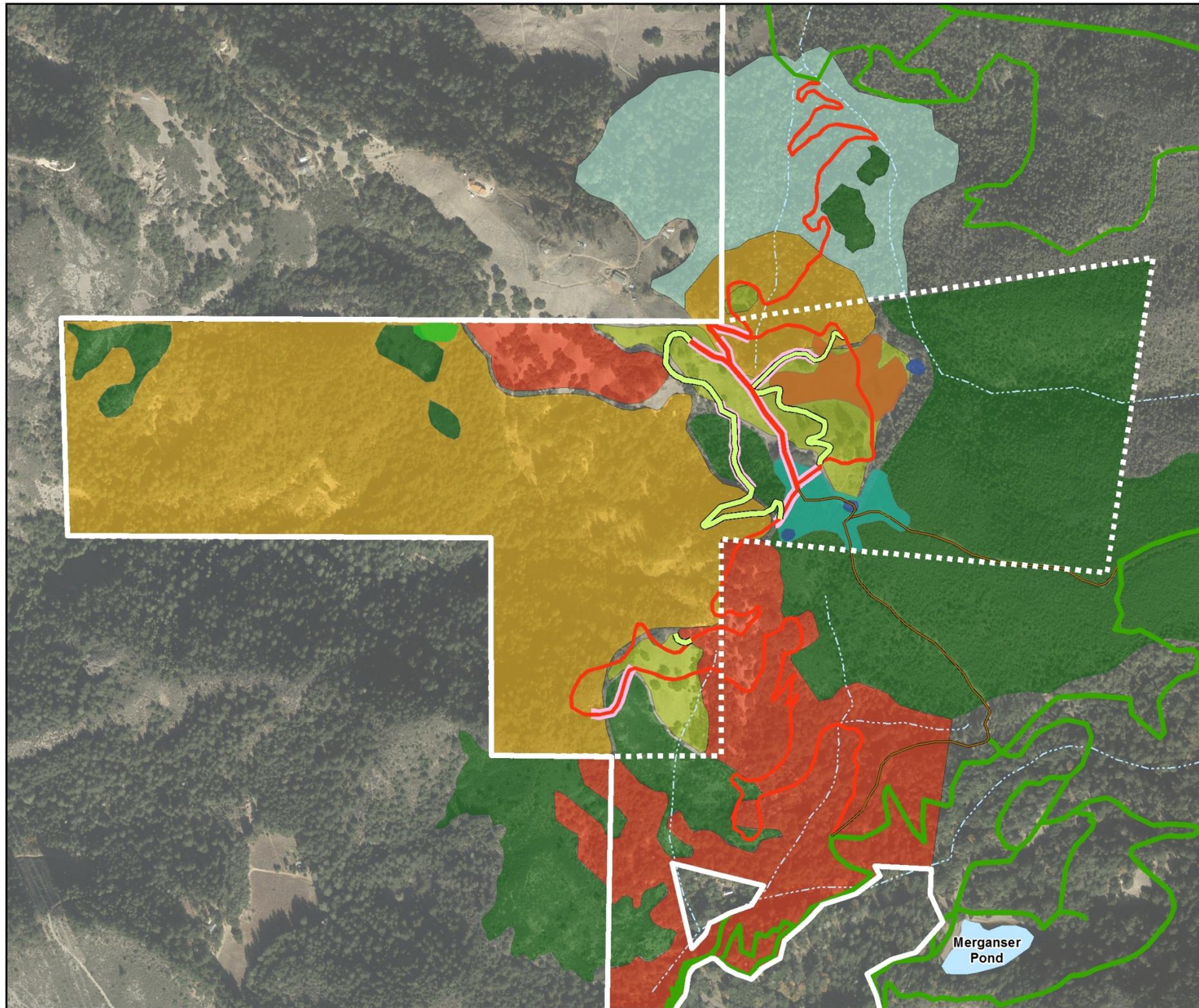
# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Azalea Creek



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  -  SERVICE RD
  -  EXISTING PARK TRAILS
  -  EXISTING LAWSON ROAD/TRAIL TO BE DECOMMISSIONED
  -  PROPOSED MULTI-USE TRAIL
  -  PROPOSED HIKER ONLY TRAIL
  -  PROPOSED TRAIL ON EXISTING ALIGNMENT
  -  TRAIL INTERSECTION
  -  VIEW
  -  WATER SOURCE
  -  RESIDENCE
  -  AVOID CHAPARRAL
  -  MADRONE LANDING
- 0 165 330 660 Feet

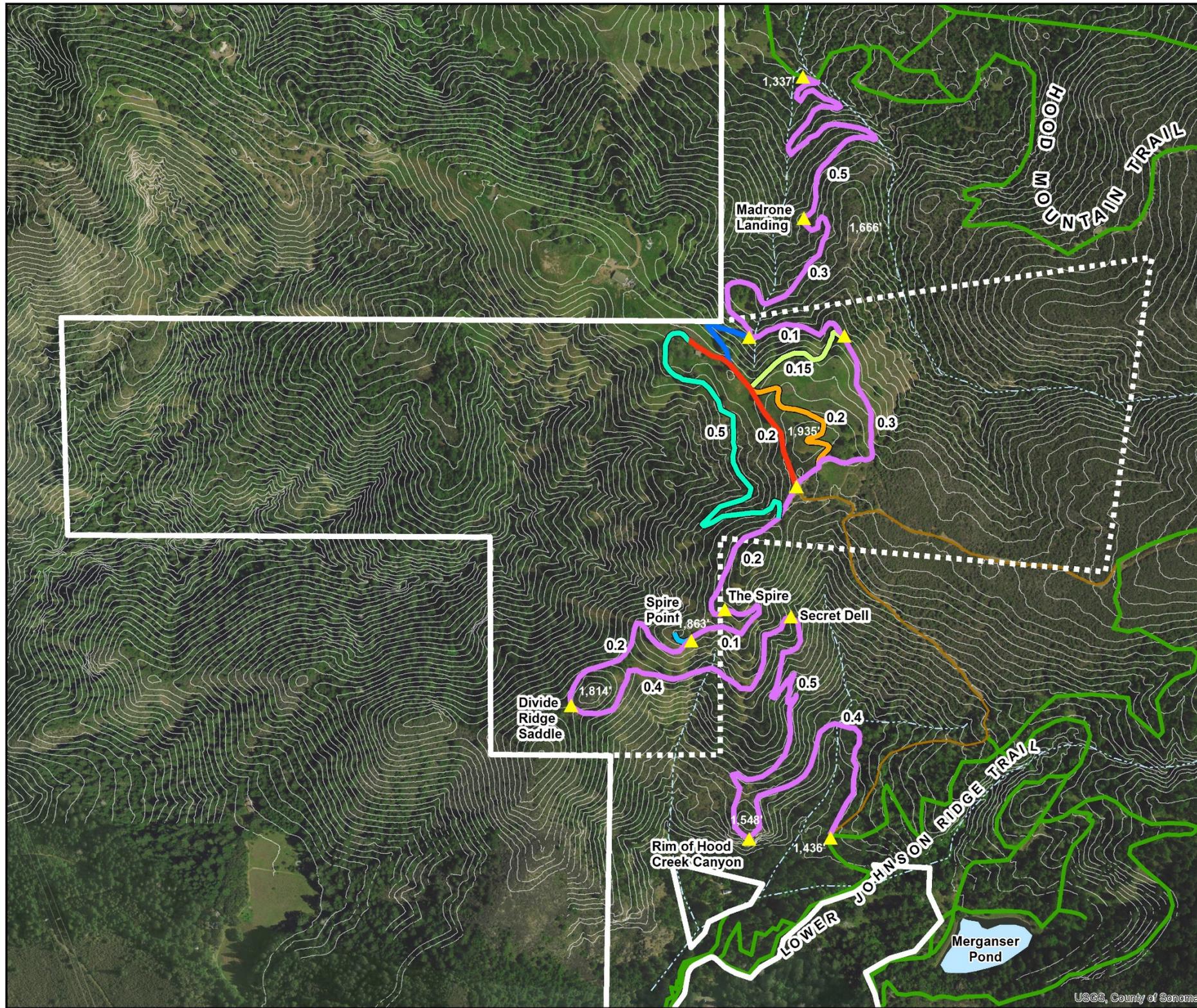
Proposed Trails - Azalea Creek

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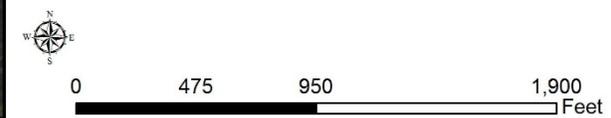


Proposed Trails - Plant Communities Overlay

# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Final Draft Trail Plan



-  STREAM
-  SERVICE RD
-  EX. PARK TRAILS
-  WILD LILAC MULTI-USE TRAIL - 3.0 mi
-  LAWSON CAMP MULTI-USE TRAIL - 0.2 mi
-  LAWSON PEAK HIKER ONLY TRAIL - 0.2 mi
-  LAWSON SPRINGS MULTI-USE TRAIL - 0.1 mi
-  LAWSON CAMP LOOP HIKER ONLY TRAIL - 0.5
-  WILD LILAC SPUR HIKER ONLY TRAIL - 0.15 mi
-  SPIRE POINT HIKER ONLY TRAIL - 300 ft



Final Draft Trail Plan



View of Spire Point



The Spire



View from Rim of Hood Creek Canyon



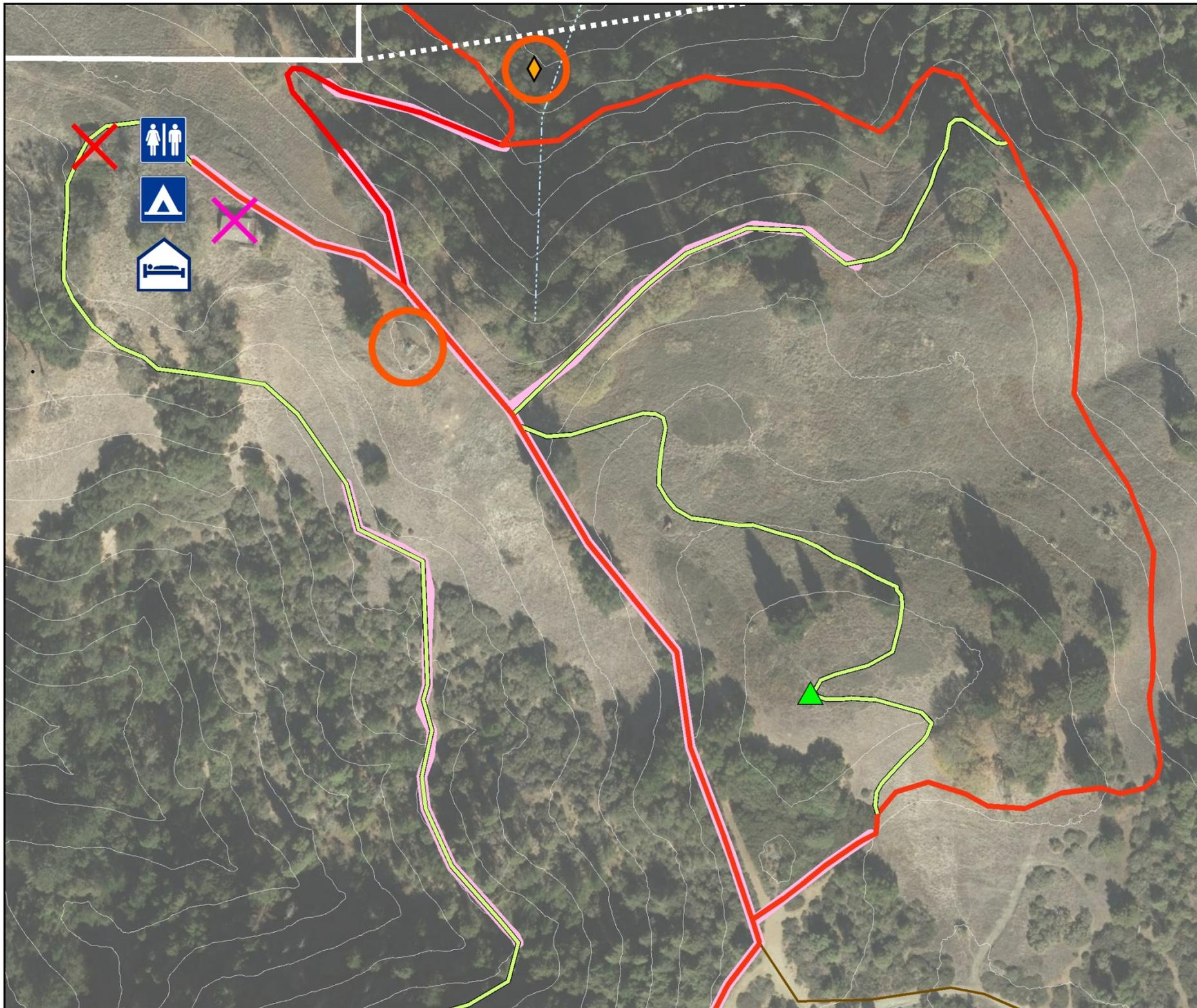
View near Lawson's Peak



View from Lawson's Peak

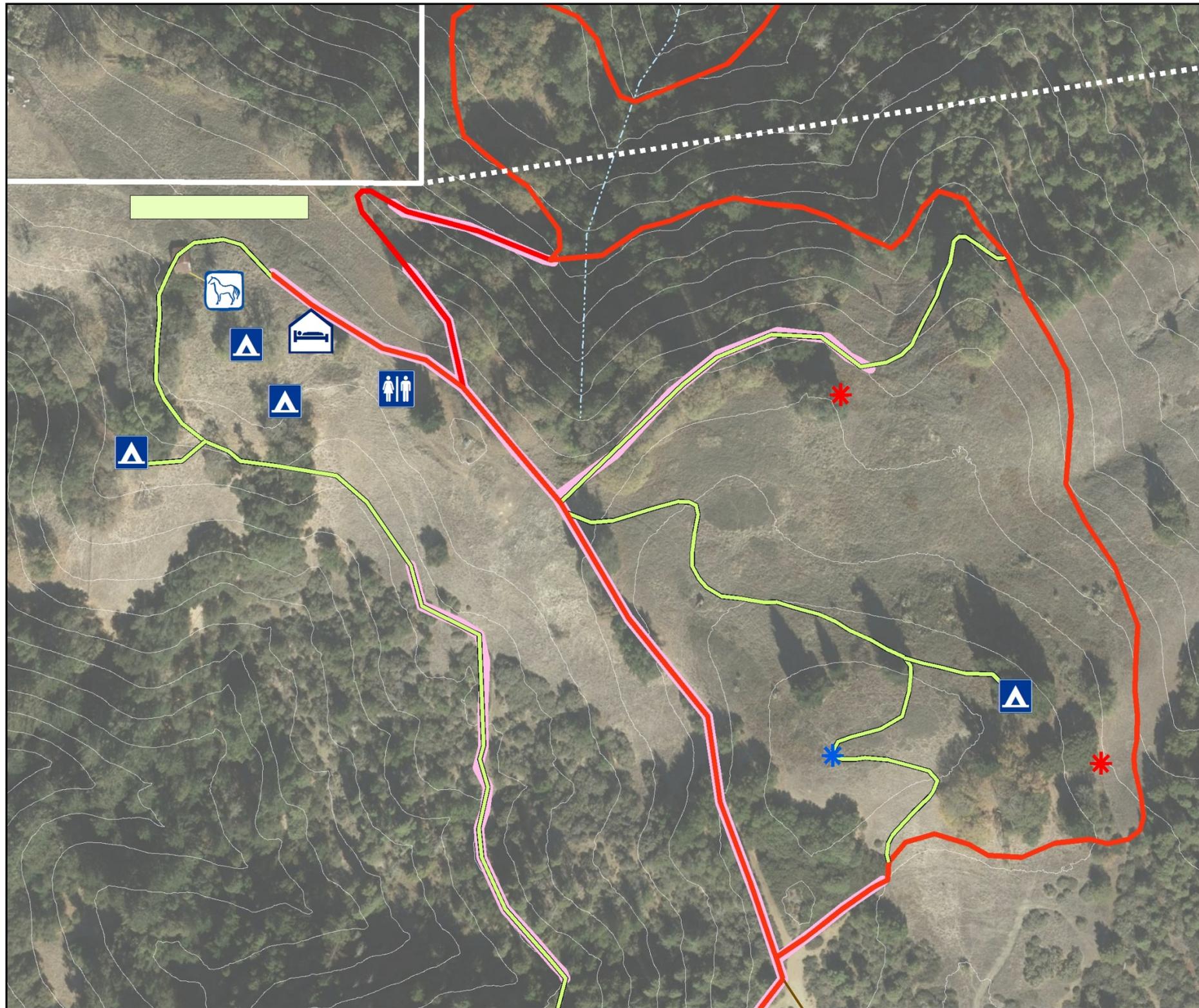
# Trail Views

# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Facilities Development



Site Development Overview

# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Facilities Development Final Draft Plan



	STREAM
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	EX. PARK TRAILS
	PROPOSED MULTI-USE TRAIL
	PROPOSED HIKER ONLY TRAIL
	PROPOSED TRAIL ON EXISTING ALIGNMENT
	RESTROOM PUMP-OUT
	SINGLE FAMILY CAMPSITE
	TWO ROOM BUNK HOUSE WITH COMMUNAL FRUGAL KITCHEN FACILITIES
	BACKCOUNTRY HORSE - TROUGH, HIGHLINE, HITCHING POST
	INFORMAL PICNIC AREA
	INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
	NATIVE VEGETATION SCREEN PLANTING

0 100 200 400 Feet

Facilities Development Final Draft Plan

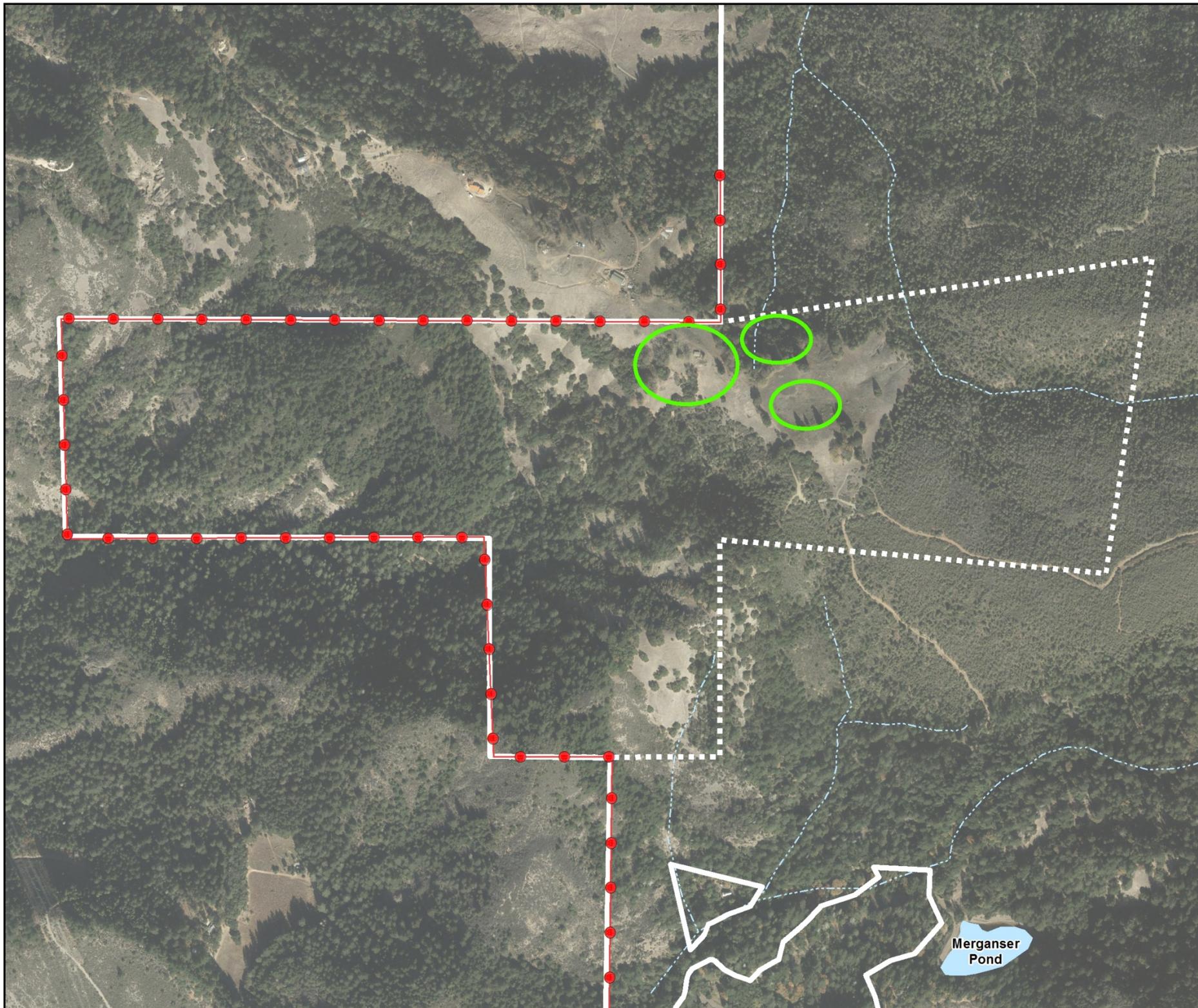


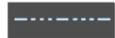
Conceptual Overnight Camping



Conceptual Overnight Cabin

# Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Lawson Expansion Land Management

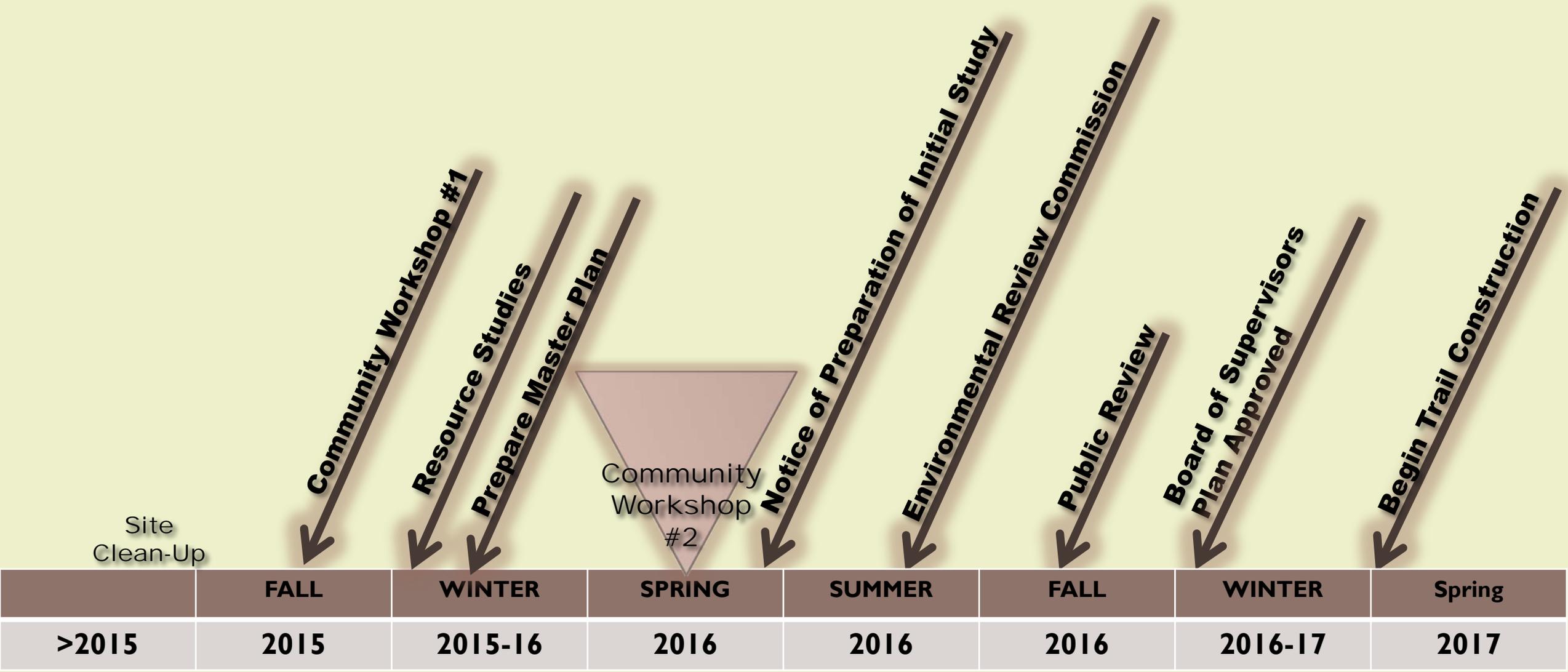


-  STREAM
-  DEBRIS REMOVAL
-  MARK PROPERTY BOUNDARY  
\* Where feasible
-  REMOVE EXISTING FENCING



0 475 950 1,900 Feet

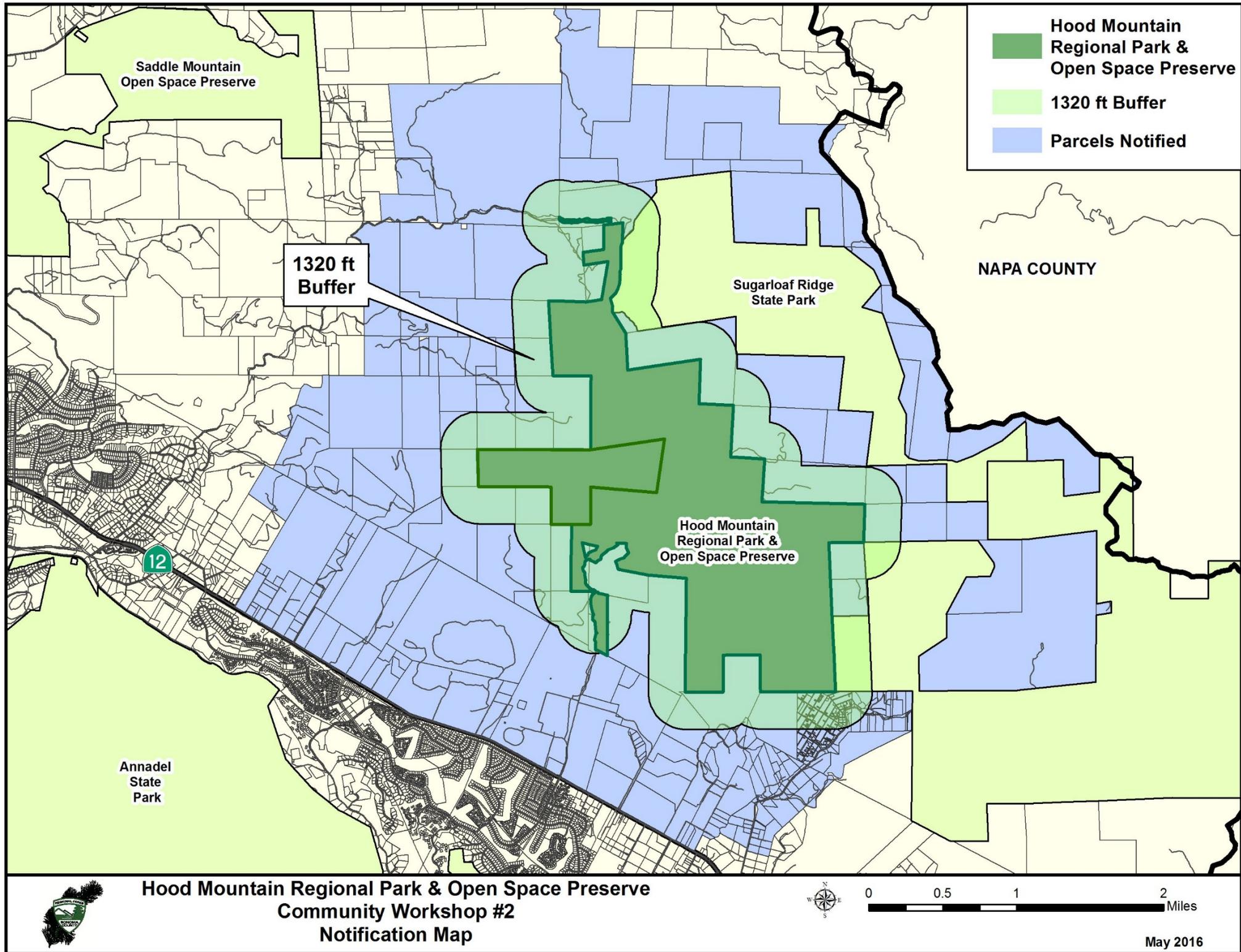
## Land Management



# Project Schedule



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# CONTACT MAP