

## **FEE TITLE DONEE RECOMMENDATION LAKE ALMANOR PLANNING UNIT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Stewardship Council was created to oversee Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) Land Conservation Commitment, as set forth in the Settlement and Stipulation,<sup>1</sup> to protect over 140,000 acres of land and to preserve and enhance, on an overall basis, the following six beneficial public values (BPVs): protection of the natural habitat of fish, wildlife, and plants; preservation of open space; outdoor recreation by the general public; sustainable forestry; agricultural uses; and historic values. The Stewardship Council is responsible for developing a land conservation plan and recommending qualified organizations to become involved in the future stewardship of these lands.

The Lake Almanor planning unit, located in Plumas County, consists of 205 parcels encompassing approximately 30,000 acres of land, of which approximately 1,629 acres have been identified as available for fee title donation (see attached map). Stewardship Council staff received land stewardship proposals (LSPs) from two organizations interested in receiving a donation of fee title to lands located in this planning unit – the Maidu Summit Consortium (MSC) and Plumas County.<sup>2</sup>

In November 2014, the Stewardship Council Board (Board) approved of a fee title donation of 441 acres in the Lake Almanor planning unit to the MSC. The 441 acres were comprised of all of the acres within parcel 373 (183 acres) and portions of parcel 375 (15 acres), parcel 377 (150 acres), parcel 426 (72 acres), and parcel 457 (21 acres).

Subsequent to this recommendation, the MSC requested the donation of the additional lands available for donation within two of the parcels - parcel 375 (131 acres) and parcel 426 (69 acres). Together, this additional acreage totals 200 acres.

Based on a review and evaluation of the MSC's request for an additional donation of 200 acres within parcel 375 and parcel 426, Stewardship Council staff has developed the following recommendation, which has been endorsed by the Watershed Planning Committee (Planning Committee) for this planning unit:

1. **The Maidu Summit Consortium** is recommended to receive an additional fee title donation to approximately 200 acres of land available for donation within two parcels (parcels 375 and 426) subject to compliance with all of the requirements of the Land Conservation Commitment, including the following terms:

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<sup>1</sup> California Public Utilities Commission Decision 03-12-035, December 18, 2003 (the "Settlement") and the Stipulation Resolving Issues Regarding the Land Conservation Commitment dated September 25, 2003 (the "Stipulation").

<sup>2</sup> The acreage Plumas County and the Maidu Summit Consortium have interest in are distinct and their respective fee title interests do not overlap.

- The MSC agrees to enter into a legally binding agreement to ensure that the conservation easement and other agreements executed pursuant to the Land Conservation Commitment remain enforceable in perpetuity; and
- Prior to the Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) for the Lake Almanor planning unit being adopted by the Stewardship Council Board of Directors (Board), the MSC successfully completes certain initial milestones that were established pursuant to the capacity-building grants awarded by the Stewardship Council.

2. This recommendation, if approved, would reduce the number of acres that would be retained by PG&E in this planning unit by 200 acres. The acreage that the Board recommended be retained by PG&E is in addition to the approximately 28,041 acres originally designated by PG&E for retention.

Donation of the additional 200 acres of land located immediately adjacent to lands previously recommended for donation to the MSC would enable the MSC to manage all of these lands for the preservation and enhancement of the beneficial public values, with a focus on sustainable forestry, cultural resource protection, and habitat protection..

If this recommendation is approved by the Board, MSC and the recommended conservation easement holder, the Feather River Land Trust, would negotiate the terms of the conservation easements over the subject parcels. Stewardship Council staff would work with the MSC on the development of a management and funding agreement for all of the lands recommended for donation to the MSC at the Lake Almanor planning unit. This agreement would be developed in coordination with the development of a Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP). The proposed management and funding agreement and proposed LCCP would then be presented to the Planning Committee and Board for consideration and approval.

The public will have an opportunity to review and provide comment on the draft LCCP and the comments received will be shared with the Planning Committee before the Planning Committee forwards the proposed LCCP to the Board for its review and approval. Adoption of the LCCP by the Board would be the final step in the Stewardship Council's process for selecting donees.

## **I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

### **a. Planning Unit Description**

The Lake Almanor planning unit consists of approximately 30,000 acres of land currently owned by PG&E and is located in Plumas County (see attached map). The planning unit is comprised of 205 legal parcels, most of which are inundated by the 27,000-acre Lake Almanor. The lands that are available for donation are primarily located along the southeastern shore, western shore, and the northern arm of the reservoir, known as Last Chance Marsh.

Lake Almanor is primarily surrounded by United States Forest Service (USFS) land and private property. Adjacent USFS lands on the western and northwestern shores are managed by the Lassen National Forest. Adjacent USFS lands along the southwestern and southeastern shores are managed by the Plumas National Forest. Lake Almanor is adjacent to the towns of Chester and Prattville, as well as several small communities and summer resorts.

The lands along the western and northern shores near Chester, as well as the northernmost arm of the reservoir, are primarily undeveloped and provide the highest habitat values in the planning unit. With habitat that transitions from shallow open water to marsh, these areas are particularly important habitat for waterfowl and other birds, and several rare plants. In addition, the reservoir area supports a gradually increasing number of nesting Bald Eagles and Osprey. The California Audubon Society has designated the entire reservoir area an Important Bird Area due to its importance to nesting and wintering waterfowl but also for a number of special status species such as Willow Flycatcher, Sandhill Crane, and Yellow Warbler.

Lake Almanor, and the undeveloped forest lands around the reservoir, has additional value as open space by providing a natural and scenic view shed for recreational users on the lake as well as travelers on the Lassen Scenic Byway.

Water-based recreation is a primary use of Lake Almanor by both visitors and residents. Most use occurs during the summer, when area facilities host many boaters, anglers, campers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Recreation needs are served by the many public and private facilities dispersed around most areas of the shoreline. The marsh is popular for waterfowl hunting during the fall and provides good bird watching opportunities. Many of the facilities along the west shore of the lake are linked by the Lake Almanor Recreation Trail (LART), a paved 9.5-mile USFS-managed pedestrian and bike trail that traverses public and private property.

Forested lands within the planning unit encompass approximately 2,400 acres and are located within the boundaries of six PG&E Timber Management Units (TMUs). Five of the TMUs are managed entirely or primarily under a Sustainable Timber Management prescription. This means that sustained timber production is regarded as the highest and best use of the land while emphasis is also placed on protecting water quality, wildlife and fisheries habitat, soils, carbon sequestration, and cultural resources. The sixth TMU encompasses lands immediately on the lake shore and is primarily managed under a salvage prescription, where harvests are primarily conducted for forest and watershed health purposes.

Although grazing does not currently occur on the planning unit, the meadows near Chester and Last Chance Marsh did support grazing under PG&E leases until the late 1990s. Grazing was discontinued due to water quality concerns.

The area now covered by Lake Almanor was once known as Big Meadow, part of the ancestral homeland of the Mountain Maidu tribe of Native Americans, and the location of several Maidu villages. Many cultural sites associated with the Maidu were inundated by the reservoir, but important sites (including burial sites) still exist on and near the shoreline. The Maidu and other Native Americans continue to reside in the area and maintain an active interest in cultural resources and traditional practices in the Lake Almanor vicinity.

***b. Description of Parcels, 375 and 426***

**Parcel 375**

Parcel 375 is located on the southeast side of the lake and is divided into three distinct portions by railroad tracks owned and maintained by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, which

has a fee strip passing in and out of the parcel twice. The MSC was previously recommended to receive a fee title donation to the southern portion of the parcel.

The southern portion of the parcel encompasses approximately fifteen acres and is located between the railroad and the highway. It is fairly flat and is accessible by a dirt road directly off the highway. County Road 327 is paved and runs adjacent to the western edge of this portion of the parcel and serves private residences. State Highway 147 runs adjacent to a section of the western side. Part of this portion of the parcel is leased by PG&E to Lake Cove Resort for a recreation site. This agreement would be assigned to the MSC at closing. A tribal cemetery that is fenced and managed by the MSC is also located on this portion of the property. PG&E has an existing electric distribution pole line running through the area for which rights will be reserved by PG&E in an easement.

The northern and western portions of this parcel encompass approximately 131 acres and are characterized by forested habitat. These two portions of the parcel are one of two areas that are the subject of this fee title recommendation.

#### Parcel 426

Parcel 426 encompasses 141 acres of land along the northeast shoreline of Lake Almanor, straddling Last Chance Marsh, of which two acres are located within a FERC boundary. Mud Creek crosses this parcel in a wide, marshy channel with private dirt roads running along both sides of the channel. The parcel is divided into two areas. The northern portion encompasses approximately 72 acres. The MSC was previously recommended to receive a fee title donation to this 72 acre portion... The parcel abuts private timber lands to the east and has a private dirt road running through it. Most of the parcel is moderately steep and moderately timbered. PG&E will reserve water rights along Mud Creek.

The southern portion of parcel 426 encompasses approximately 69 acres and is sloping forested habitat. This portion of parcel 426 is the second area that is the subject of this fee title recommendation.

#### **b. Donee Evaluation Process**

The Stewardship Council received statements of qualifications (SOQs) from seven organizations interested in acquiring fee title to lands available for donation within this planning unit. A list of organizations that submitted SOQs is attached. Of these organizations, the following three organizations were invited to submit LSPs:

- Plumas County
- Maidu Summit Consortium
- Native American Land Conservancy

On November 12, 2010, LSPs were received from Plumas County and the MSC. Plumas County expressed interest in one parcel of land encompassing 57 acres. This parcel was recommended for donation to Plumas County by the Board on February 15, 2011. The MSC expressed interest in receiving a donation of all the lands available for donation within the subject planning unit.

In evaluating the MSC's LSP, the following factors were considered:

- An evaluation of MSC's programmatic, financial, and legal capacity to maintain the property interest so as to preserve and/or enhance the beneficial public values of the planning unit;
- Anticipated funding needs of the MSC;
- The management objectives for the Lake Almanor Planning Unit as set forth in Volume II of the Land Conservation Plan (LCP);
- Public comments received regarding the desired qualifications of potential donees and the future stewardship of the planning unit;
- The requirements of the Settlement and Stipulation; and,
- Other relevant policies, procedures, and goals adopted by the Stewardship Council.
- The capacity of the MSC to receive, own, and manage lands in the Lake Almanor planning unit in addition to 2,235 acres of land previously recommended for donation to the MSC at Humbug Valley.

## II. EVALUATION

The results of staff's evaluation of the MSC's request for a donation of an additional 200 acres at the Lake Almanor planning unit is summarized below.

### a. *Organizational and Financial Capacity*

The MSC is a consortium comprised of nine Mountain Maidu tribes with aboriginal ties to the land within the Lake Almanor planning unit, including federally recognized and petitioning tribes, non-profit organizations, and grassroots groups. The group formed in 2003, and has been operating since that time, although they only acquired 501(c) (3) nonprofit status from the IRS in 2010. The MSC was formed primarily in response to PG&E's Land Conservation Commitment and suggestions by the Stewardship Council for collaboration early in the Stewardship Council's process. Their home office is in Chester, California, which is adjacent to parts of Lake Almanor.

The mission of the MSC is the "preservation and protection of Mountain Maidu prehistoric and historic sites, education, consultation, coordination and cooperation with all interests in our homeland, including Native tribes and organizations, industries, natural resource agencies, conservation groups and residents and the conservation, preservation and protection of land and its natural resources and historic sites." The MSC Board consists of nine representatives of member organizations and six alternates, and is served by two staff and 13 volunteers.

Although the MSC as an organization does not own fee title to any land, the MSC's member organizations have relevant land ownership and/or management experience (e.g., Maidu Cultural and Development Group's National Pilot Stewardship Project, Roundhouse Council Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Camps, Susanville Rancheria's 160 acre Cradle Valley Project and Tasmam Koyom Foundation's agreement with PG&E to implement a fencing site protection project in the nearby Humbug Valley planning unit. The MSC also includes board members, volunteers affiliated with organizations represented on the MSC Board, as well as a community

stewardship team (volunteers that act as stewards of parcels that contain culturally significant sites such as cemeteries and traditional gathering and resource processing areas in Lake Almanor and Humbug Valley). If lands in the Lake Almanor planning unit are donated to the MSC, the MSC plans to institute a volunteer group of scientists and consultants from the region as part of a Resources Advisory Committee, to advise on land management plan development, project design and implementation.

Over the past two years, several actions have been taken by the Stewardship Council to support and enhance the organizational capacity of the MSC as summarized below.

- In November, 2013, the Stewardship Council Board recommended the donation of 2,325 acres of land available for donation at the Humbug Valley planning unit to the MSC subject to certain conditions, including the development of a capacity-building grant agreement with the MSC to ensure that the MSC develops and maintains sufficient capacity for the preservation and enhancement of the BPVs at Humbug Valley.
- In March, 2014, the Stewardship Council Board approved a grant award to the MSC in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for the first phase of capacity building to help ensure that the MSC develops and maintains sufficient organizational capacity for the preservation and enhancement of the beneficial public values at the Humbug Valley planning unit. This phase of work has been completed.
- In October, 2015, the Stewardship Council Board approved a grant award in the amount of \$287,000 to the MSC for the second phase of capacity building involving the MSC. In November, 2015, this grant was augmented by an additional \$35,400, for a total grant amount of \$322,793.

The above described actions and the progress made to date by the MSC support and enhance the MSC's organizational capacity.

MSC member organizations have committed some financial resources (Tsi-Akim Maidu and Tasmam Koyom Foundation have each committed funds to help grow organizational capacity), and members and partners have offered in-lieu contributions to the MSC, including staff time and expertise, grant writing, capacity building, and office supplies.

The MSC member organizations appear to exhibit strong ties to the local community and have worked collaboratively with various organizations in the region (e.g., County of Plumas, Feather River Land Trust; Sierra Institute; the Lake Almanor Watershed Group (formerly the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee); Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group; Ecological Resources Committee, and the Plumas Corporation) and exhibit a commitment to do so in the future. The MSC has established an MOU with the Native American Land Conservancy for capacity-building assistance. The Lassen National Forest has indicated a desire to partner with the MSC on resource management issues and on potential grant opportunities and is currently working to establish a Master Stewardship Agreement with the MSC, paving the way for substantial funding for a network of restoration projects to occur throughout the region.

The MSC has developed a website and initiated the “Friends of Humbug Valley,” which has successfully cultivated approximately 240 private donors and registered members. The MSC has launched a regular newsletter (semiannual) and has begun providing tours and events at the nearby Humbug site to interested parties. In addition, the MSC has created a dedicated “MSC Fundraising Team” and secured the services of a trained grant writer and has established consultation from other successful grant writers with extensive experience in that field.

The MSC has identified a number of potential funding sources, some of which have already been secured as partners. Letters of interest were sent out to over 30 potential funders. In 2010, the MSC followed up on this work with targeted outreach to three potential funders: 7th Generation Fund, the Christensen Fund, and the Lannan Foundation. Each has since awarded funding to the MSC.

**c. *Management Objectives***

Volume II of the LCP established certain management objectives for the Lake Almanor Planning Unit (see Volume II Planning Unit Report with attachments). The MSC is proposing to undertake activities that would be consistent with these management objectives. The subject lands would be managed pursuant to these objectives, with a focus on sustainable forestry, cultural resource protection, and habitat protection.

**d. *Funding and Financial Costs***

*Transaction Costs*

The MSC requested a total of \$14,000 in funding from the Stewardship Council to pay for support staff to assist the MSC director in the transaction process for the lands previously recommended for donation to the MSC at Lake Almanor. This \$14,000 is in addition to the transaction costs that the Stewardship Council would pay for title report and insurance, escrow and recording fees, and a boundary survey/lot line adjustment. No additional funding request specific to the additional acreage being recommended is anticipated.

*Baseline Land Management and Enhancement Project Funding*

No additional funding request for baseline land management and enhancement projects specific to the additional acreage being recommended is anticipated.

*Tax Neutrality*

The estimated annual property tax amount on the parcels that were previously recommended for fee title donation to the MSC was approximately \$18,000. The estimated additional annual property tax amount associated with the donation of the additional 200 acres is \$1,500. Stewardship Council staff would work with PG&E, the MSC, and Plumas County to determine the final payment methods and amounts necessary to satisfy the property tax neutrality obligation.

**e. Requirements of the Settlement and Stipulation**

A recommendation for the MSC to receive fee title to lands available for donation within this planning unit would be subject to compliance with all the requirements of the Land Conservation Commitment. Several of these requirements are highlighted below.

- The Stewardship Council would work with PG&E and Plumas County to ensure the conveyance of these parcels to a tax exempt entity achieves property tax neutrality.
- The grant deed and conservation easement would include an express reservation of right for continued operation and maintenance of hydroelectric facilities and associated water delivery facilities, including project replacements and improvements required to meet existing and future water delivery requirements for power generation and consumptive water use by existing users, compliance with any Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license, FERC license renewal, or other regulatory requirements.
- The conservation easement will honor existing agreements for economic uses and protect reasonable public access.
- The Summit must enter into a legally binding agreement to ensure that the conservation easement and other agreements executed pursuant to the Land Conservation Commitment remain enforceable in perpetuity

**f. Conservation Partners**

The permanent protection of the Lake Almanor planning unit, and the future preservation and enhancement of the BPVs, may involve, and benefit from, the participation of land conservation partners. Land conservation partners are defined as organizations other than PG&E or the conservation easement holders that become involved in future activities on the donated lands that contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the BPVs. Land conservation partners may be organizations that expressed interest in enhancement activities on the properties via a land stewardship proposal or organizations otherwise identified during or after the development of the LCCP. Such organizations and activities may be eligible for Stewardship Council funding, depending on the type of organization, proposed activities, availability of funds, and other factors. Staff would work with the recommended donees and the holders of the conservation easements and evaluate opportunities for land conservation partners.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Stewardship Council has implemented a public outreach program to engage stakeholders and solicit public input on the development and implementation of the land conservation plan. A summary of key public outreach activities and public comments associated with the Lake Almanor planning unit is attached.

**V. NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

If the Planning Committee approves this recommendation on December 10, 2015, the recommendation would be brought forward for consideration by the Board in early 2016. If the recommendations is approved by the Board, staff would invite the MSC to negotiate specific

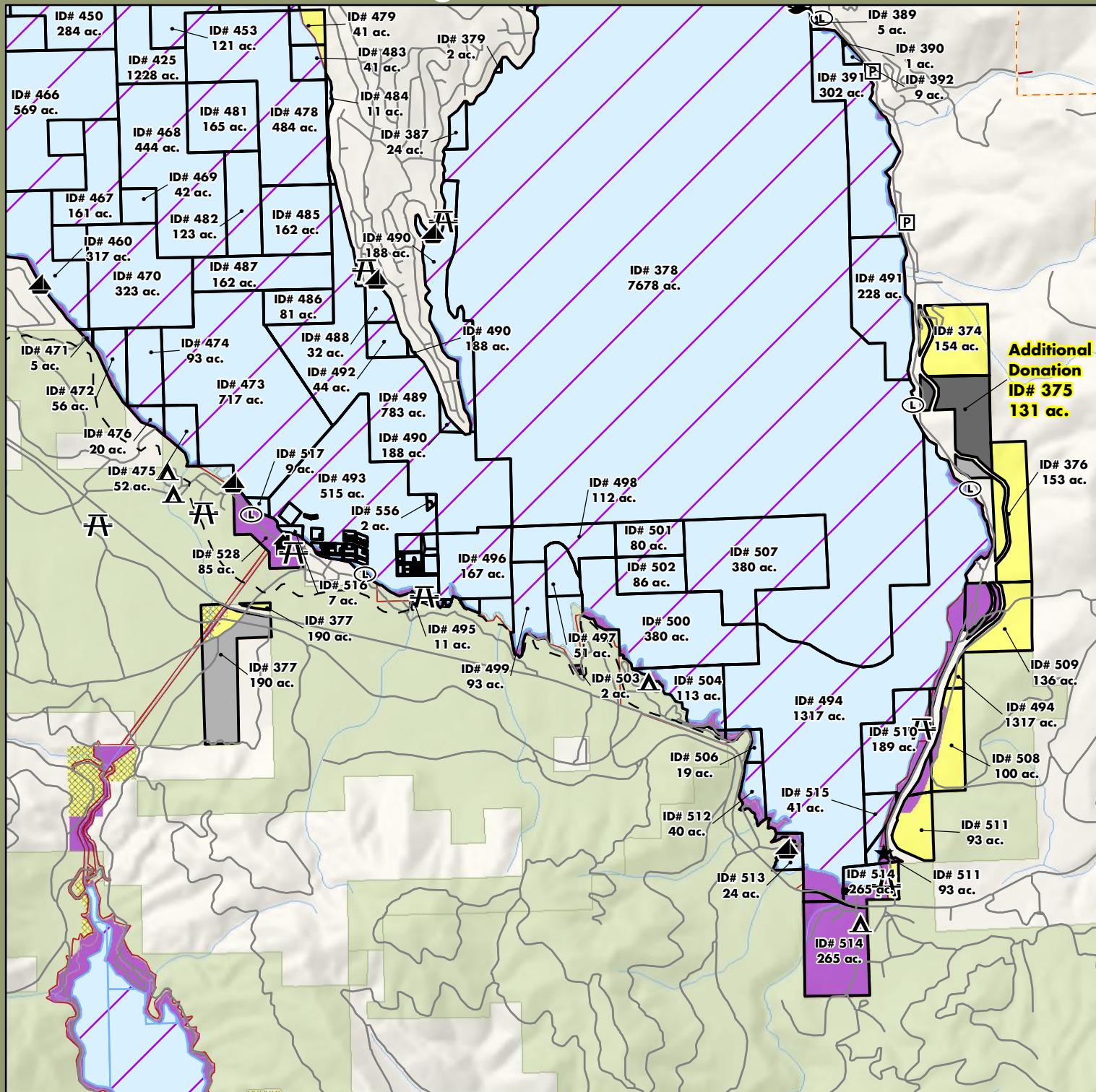
terms of the transaction with PG&E, and the Feather River Land Trust, the prospective easement holder.

After review by the Stewardship Council, the proposed conservation easements will be incorporated into a Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan (LCCP) developed for the planning unit. The public will have an opportunity to review and provide comment on the proposed LCCP. Comments received will be shared with the Planning Committee before the Planning Committee forwards the proposed LCCP to the Board for its review and approval. Adoption of the LCCP by the Board would be the final step in the Stewardship Council's process.

## **ATTACHMENTS AND REFERENCE MATERIAL**

- Lake Almanor Planning Unit Maps
- LCP Volume II Planning Unit Report for Lake Almanor Planning Unit
- List of Registered Organizations That Submitted SOQs for Lands Available in the Lake Almanor Planning Unit
- Summary of Key Public Outreach Activities and Public Comments Associated with the Lake Almanor Planning Unit

## Lake Almanor Planning Unit



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FERC Boundary

- BLM
- Private
- State
- USFS

Boat Launch

Campground

Day Use Area

Dam

Feature of Importance

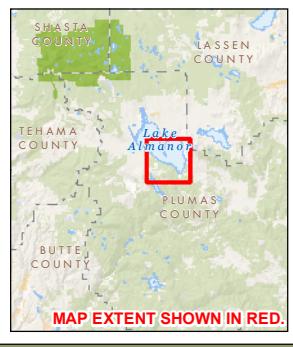
Fishing

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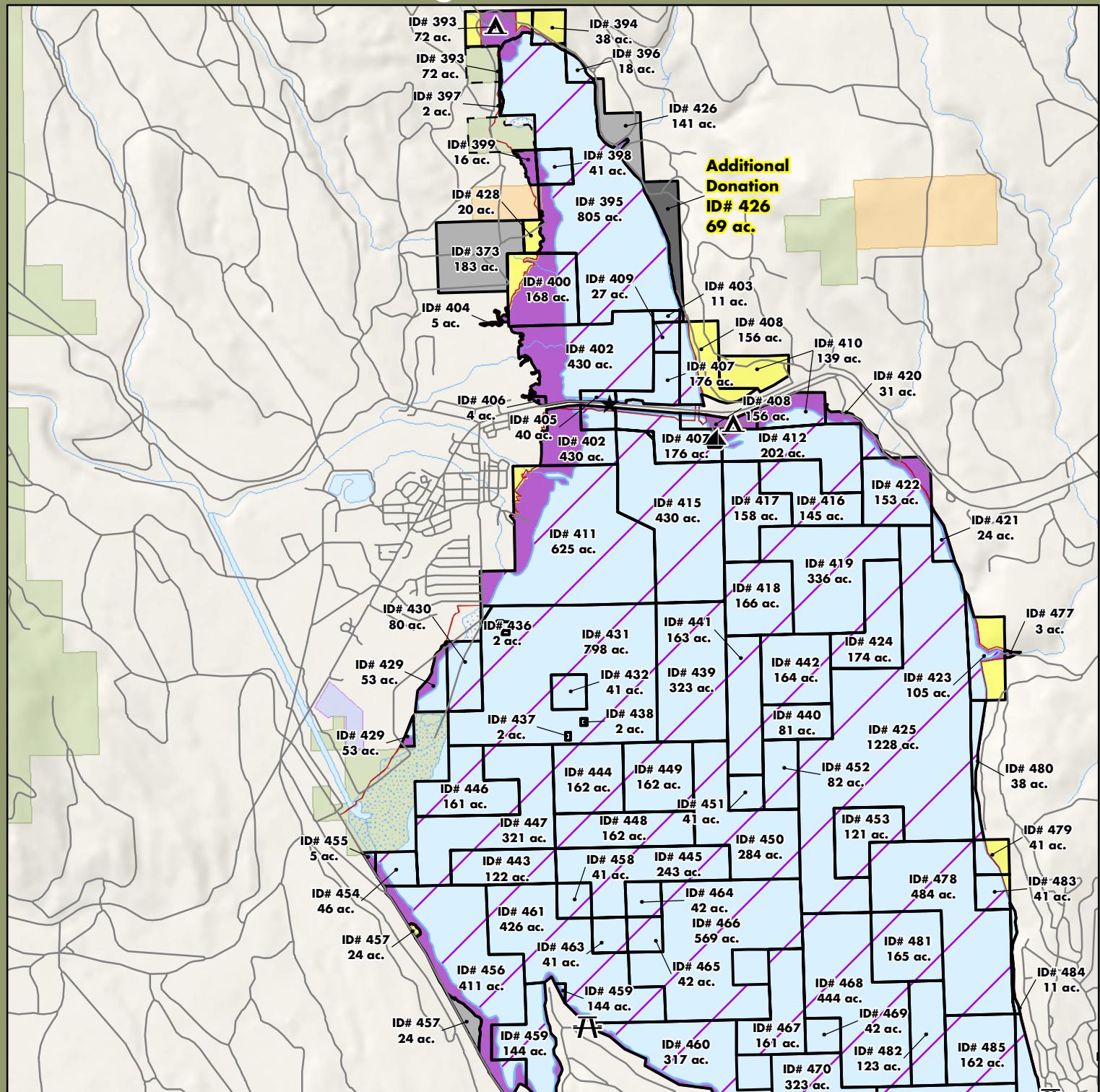
Parking

Powerhouse

Private Camp



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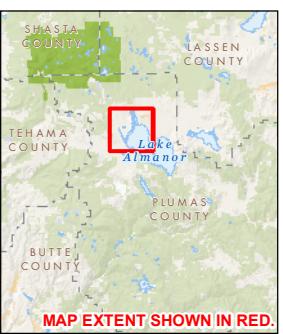
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- Boat Launch
- Campground
- Day Use Area
- Dam
- Feature of Importance

- Fishing
- Lodge
- Parking
- Powerhouse
- Private Camp





## **Lake Almanor Planning Unit**

### Organizations That Submitted a Statement of Qualifications for Fee-Title Interests

County of Plumas  
Environmental Education Council of Marin  
Feather River Land Trust  
Maidu Summit Consortium  
Native American Land Conservancy  
Plumas Corporation  
US Forest Service – Lassen National Forest

## **SUMMARY OF KEY PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAKE ALMANOR PLANNING UNIT**

### **PUBLIC REVIEW OF VOLUMES I AND II OF THE LCP**

The Draft Land Conservation Plan (LCP) Volumes I and II were released in June 2007 for a 60-day public comment period. During this time, the Stewardship Council held ten public meetings to publicize the availability of the Draft LCP and to encourage public comment. During public review of Volumes I and II of the LCP, thirteen comments were submitted concerning the Lake Almanor Planning Unit. Comments were received via email, the Stewardship Council website, and hardcopy letters. The comments were reviewed and responded to individually, and the text in the Draft LCP was revised as appropriate.

Public comments emphasized the following regarding the future management of the property:

- Prohibit unauthorized uses on the watershed lands, particularly on wetland areas and critical habitat.
- The tribes should be notified first, before the museums or collection agencies, when Native American remains are discovered.
- All forestry activities should be planned in collaboration with the community specific prescriptions in the Almanor Basin Fire Plan.
- The timbered acres should be managed in ways to enhance carbon sequestration.
- Ensure that the extension of the Lake Almanor Recreation Trail is completed on the west side and easements are provided for trail access on non-FERC lands.
- Concern that land donations and conservation easements will impact Plumas County's economic future.
- Provide accessible restroom facilities at the proposed parking area and wildlife viewing platform, preferably on the east side of Chester where it would be used more.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE LAKE ALMANOR PLANNING UNIT**

A public information meeting for the Lake Almanor, Butt Valley Reservoir, Humbug Valley, and Mountain Meadows Reservoir Planning Units was hosted by the Stewardship Council on October 22, 2009 at the Chester Memorial Hall in Chester, California. A total of 61 people attended and participated in the meeting, representing a wide variety of interests, including local and federal governments; community organizations, and community members. The primary purpose of this meeting was to solicit public input on the development of the Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans (LCCP) to preserve and enhance the Lake Almanor, Butt Valley Reservoir, Humbug Valley, and Mountain Meadows Reservoir Planning Units. The Stewardship Council will consider all public input.

During the meeting, participants were invited to provide comments at the four planning unit stations, focusing on two topics: the potential priority measures proposed for the above listed planning units, and important qualifications of future land owners and conservation easement holders. A summary of the public comments concerning the Lake Almanor Planning Unit is provided below.

### **General Comments/Potential Priority Measures to Preserve and Enhance the BPVs**

- Support for the Lake Almanor Recreation Trail to Chester
- Extension of the Lake Almanor Recreation Trail is not a priority since it currently does not get use
- Development of conference center similar to Asilomar (Pacific Grove) at possible locations either near the causeway or near Bailey Creek – emphasis on youth groups focusing on the abundant outdoor activities of the area
- Dock/ramp on east side of lake that would provide public access at no cost
- No OHV [off highway vehicle] use
- Limit hunting access along [southwest] shoreline
- Maintain public access for recreation

### **Important Qualifications of Future Landowners and Conservation Easement Holders**

- Able to work with others in the watershed areas (e.g., forestry, fuels, fish and wildlife)
- Must have a holistic view (not piecemeal or only one concern)
- Must have prior interest in area, and not come from out of the area

### **ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED**

The Stewardship Council also received other public comments and letters from individuals and organizations regarding the Lake Almanor Planning Unit, as summarized below:

- Social justice should be addressed when selecting donees by returning the lands to the Native Americans as just compensation for what they lost.
- Concerns about how cultural resources would be protected on the watershed lands, including inadvertent discoveries.
- Ensure and secure funding for the protection of cultural resources, especially newly discovered sites (such as fencing, monitoring, etc.)
- Interest expressed in implementing needed preservation and enhancements projects on PG&E retained lands.
- Concern about the scope of PG&E's reserved rights and the potential impact the exercise of these rights could have on resource protection.

- Concerns about how the requirements of the PG&E Settlement Agreement and Stipulation could affect tribal interests.
- Concern expressed about water quality impacts to fish and wildlife.

## **Lake Almanor Planning Unit**

**The Lake Almanor Planning Unit Report located in the LCP Volume II can be found at this link:**

**[http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org/lcp/Vol\\_2/pdf/14\\_1\\_Lake\\_AlmanorText.pdf](http://www.stewardshipcouncil.org/lcp/Vol_2/pdf/14_1_Lake_AlmanorText.pdf)**