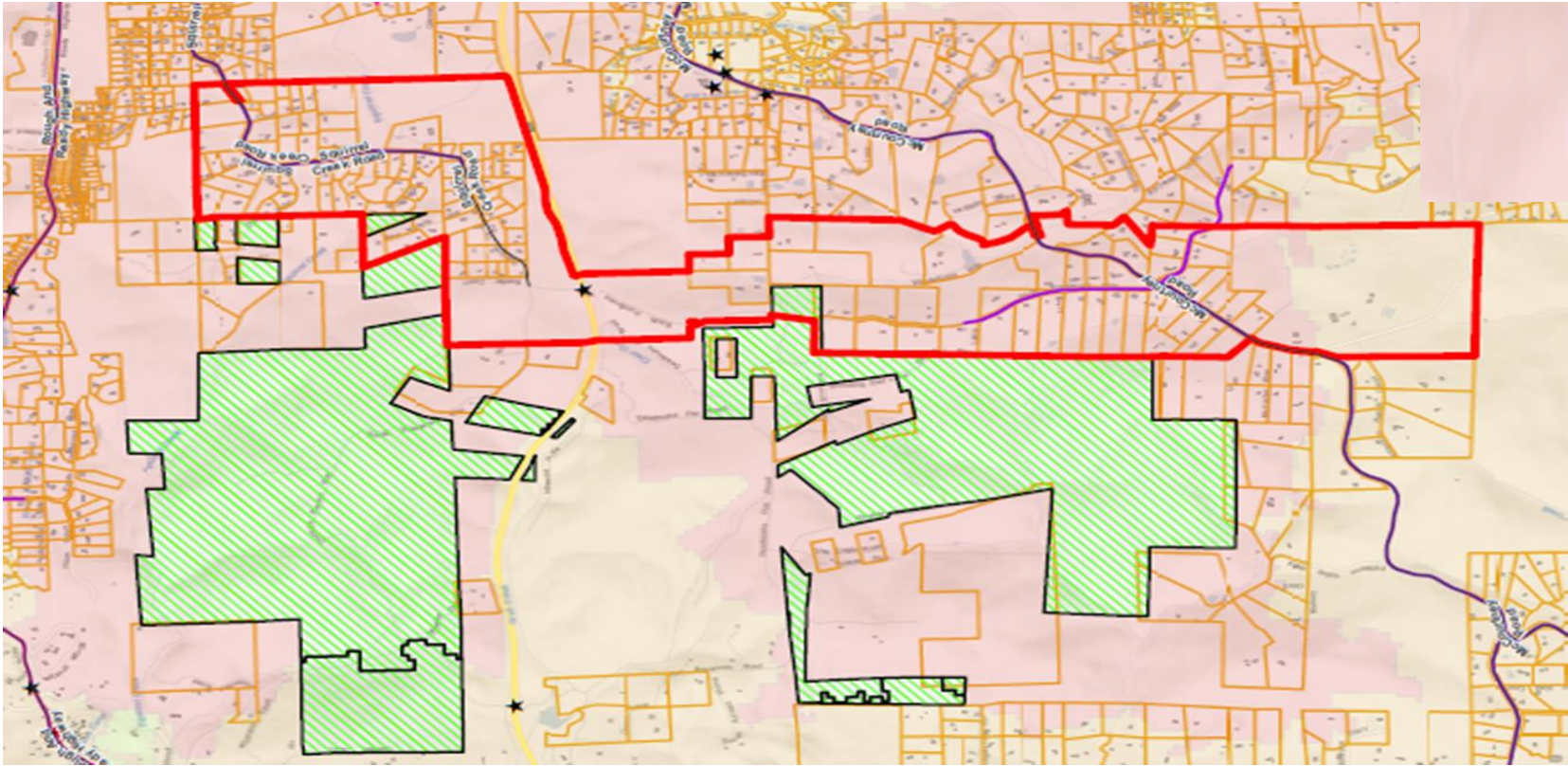


# Office of Emergency Services

## Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone



**July 9, 2019**

# Background

- **Board of Supervisors 2019 “A” Level Objective**
  - *Reduce the risk of local wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment by providing leadership and support to community partners, pursuing State and Federal funding, implementing county policies and programs, and assisting the public to be "wildfire ready." Explore other ways to reduce the threat and damage from wildfires.*



# Background

- Following Board Direction the Office of Emergency Services sought strategic partnerships and outside funding sources to mitigate hazardous conditions that could contribute to wildfire.
- December 2018, Nevada County submitted a (\$3.5M) Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone grant application to CAL FIRE.
- March 2019, Governor Newsom proclaimed a “State of Emergency” and issued funding for 35 CAL FIRE recommended projects.



# Objective

- Implement a shaded fuel management defense zone amongst homes and along roads, thinning trees, shrubs, brush and other vegetative growth.
- In total the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project will treat approx. 1,200 acres.



# Ponderosa Project Items

- **SR 19-0646** refers to a priority project that is 300 acres within the 1,200 acre project area of the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project.
  - Pursuant to Governor Newsom's March 22, 2019, Proclamation of a State Emergency and allows for some CEQA exemptions.
  - The 300 acres priority project is estimated to be completed at \$1M with no matching funds required.



# Ponderosa Project Items

- **SR 19-0651** refers to the remaining 900 acres regarding the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project.
  - This project involves a full environmental impact assessment on the remaining 900 acres, within the 1200 acre project footprint before a shaded fuel management defense zone is implemented.
  - This project is estimated to be completed at \$2.5M with \$30k matching requirement.



# Ponderosa Project Items

- **SR 19-0652** refers to proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to dangerous fire risk conditions within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project Area.
  - Designates the Director of Emergency Services as the authorized project representative.
  - Waives regulations to reduce delays and expedite fuels reduction efforts within the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project area during the local emergency.





# Ponderosa Map

