



RESOLUTION No. 24-104

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR ADDITIONAL CLEAN-UP ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIRECT COMMUNITY SUPPORT TASK OF THE CAL FIRE 5GA21159 WINTER STORM HAZARDOUS VEGETATION CLEAN-UP PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO SIGN AND FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION WITH THE NEVADA COUNTY CLERK RECORDER'S OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH FOR THE DIRECT COMMUNITY SUPPORT TASK

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada was severely impacted by the Winter Storms of 2023, which resulted in significant downed hazardous vegetation posing a wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to support disaster response and relief in counties impacted by severe winter storms, including Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023, President Biden declared a major disaster, "California Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides" (DR-4699); and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services applied for the Wildfire Prevention Grant Program - California Climate Investments on April 5, 2023, submitting the Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project to support community recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 2023, CAL FIRE awarded the grant for the Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Cleanup Project (5GA21159) to the County of Nevada (Res. 23-230); and

WHEREAS, the Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Cleanup Project will reduce the amount of fuels in the Wildland Urban Interface in communities that experienced the greatest impacts of the 2023 Winter Storms; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency services plans to remove storm debris caused by the Winter Storms of 2023 from the sides of private and County-maintained roads in highly impacted communities since this material is a public safety hazard and a fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of this project removed storm debris from approximately 38 miles of private roads included in the Notice of Exemption authorized by the Board on October 10, 2023 (Res. 23-516); and

WHEREAS, additional work is planned for approximately 40 miles of private roads included in this Notice of Exemption; and

WHEREAS, work performed under this Environmental Clearance will be funded by the CAL FIRE Grant Agreement 5GA21159 within the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services budget; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15269(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act projects to maintain, repair, or restore property damaged or destroyed as a result of disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approves the Notice of Exemption and authorizes the Director of the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to sign and file a Notice of Exemption with the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder's Office and the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for the Direct Community Support Task of the 2023 Storm Debris Removal Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 12th day of March 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Hardy Bullock, Chair

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Nevada

From: (Public Agency): County of Nevada
Office of Emergency Services
950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959
(Address)

Project Title: Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project

Project Applicant: County of Nevada, Office of Emergency Services

Project Location - Specific:

See attached Exhibit A for maps of the roads included in Phase 2 of this project.

Project Location - City: Various Locations Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The 2023 Winter Storm Hazardous Vegetation Clean-Up Project will remove storm debris caused by the February-March Winter Storm of 2023 from along private and County roadways in highly impacted communities including North Bloomfield, Cascade Shores, Greenhorn, Lower Colfax, PlaVada, Scotts Flat, and You Bet. Refer to the attached Exhibit A for maps of the roads that are included in Phase 2 of this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Nevada

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[X] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt as it addresses a declared emergency. California, including Nevada County was struck by storm disasters starting on February 21, 2023. On March 1, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to support disaster response and relief in counties impacted by severe winter storms, including Nevada County. On April 3, 2023, President Biden declared a major disaster, "California Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (DR-4699)." County of Nevada was added to the list of impacted counties on June 30, 2023. To reduce the risk of wildfire in the aftermath of the declared emergency (2023 Winter Storm) this project will maintain and restore property impacted by downed hazardous vegetation and vegetative debris. As such, the project falls under a Categorical Exemption per section 15269(a) - Emergency Projects.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Craig Griesbach, Director, Emergency Services Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-265-1583

If filed by applicant:

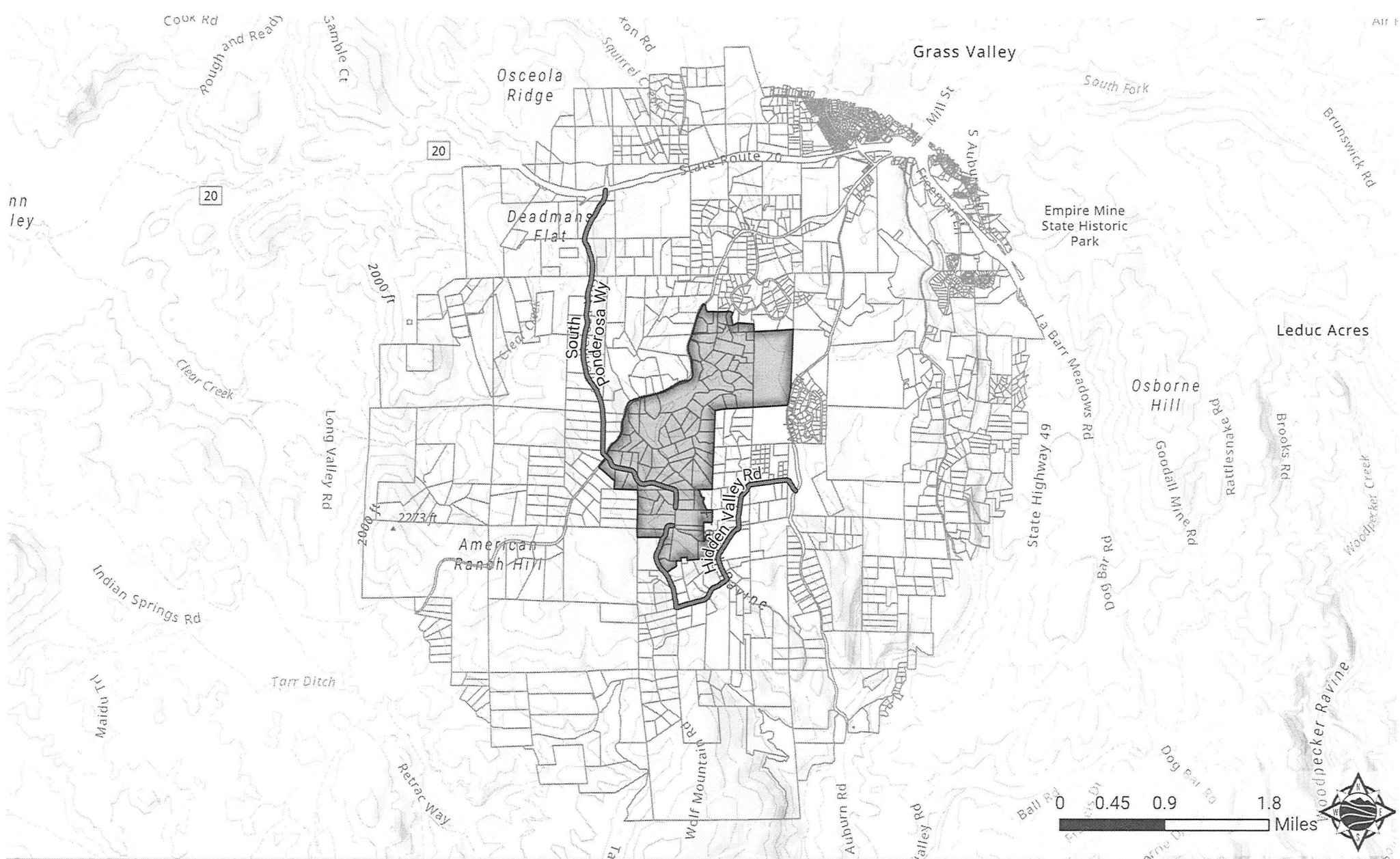
- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Date: 2/19/2024 Title: Director, Emergency Services

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:



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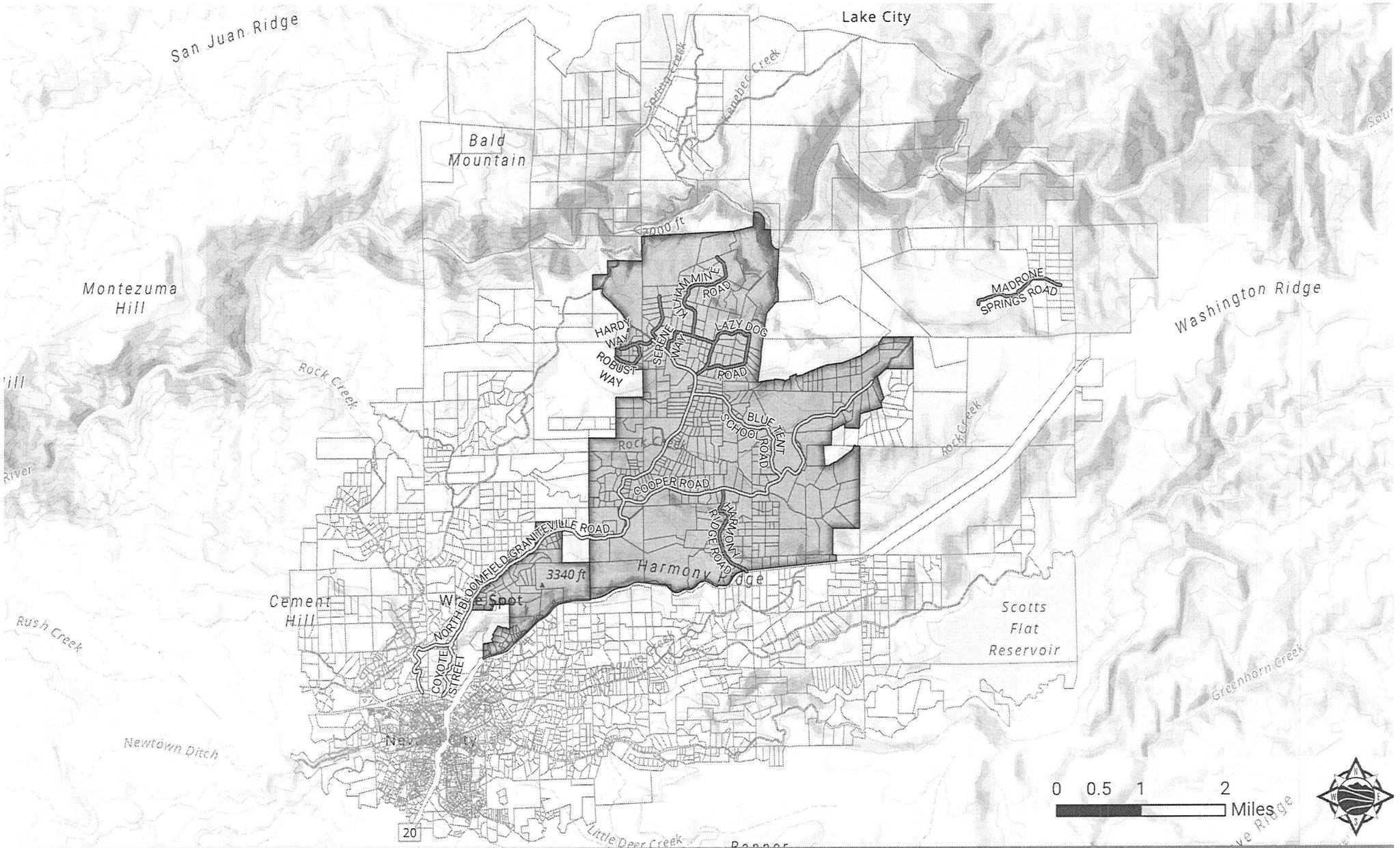
6B & Friends Firewise Community



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Legend

Treatment Roads	Community Boundary
County	Parcels within 2 mi.
Private	

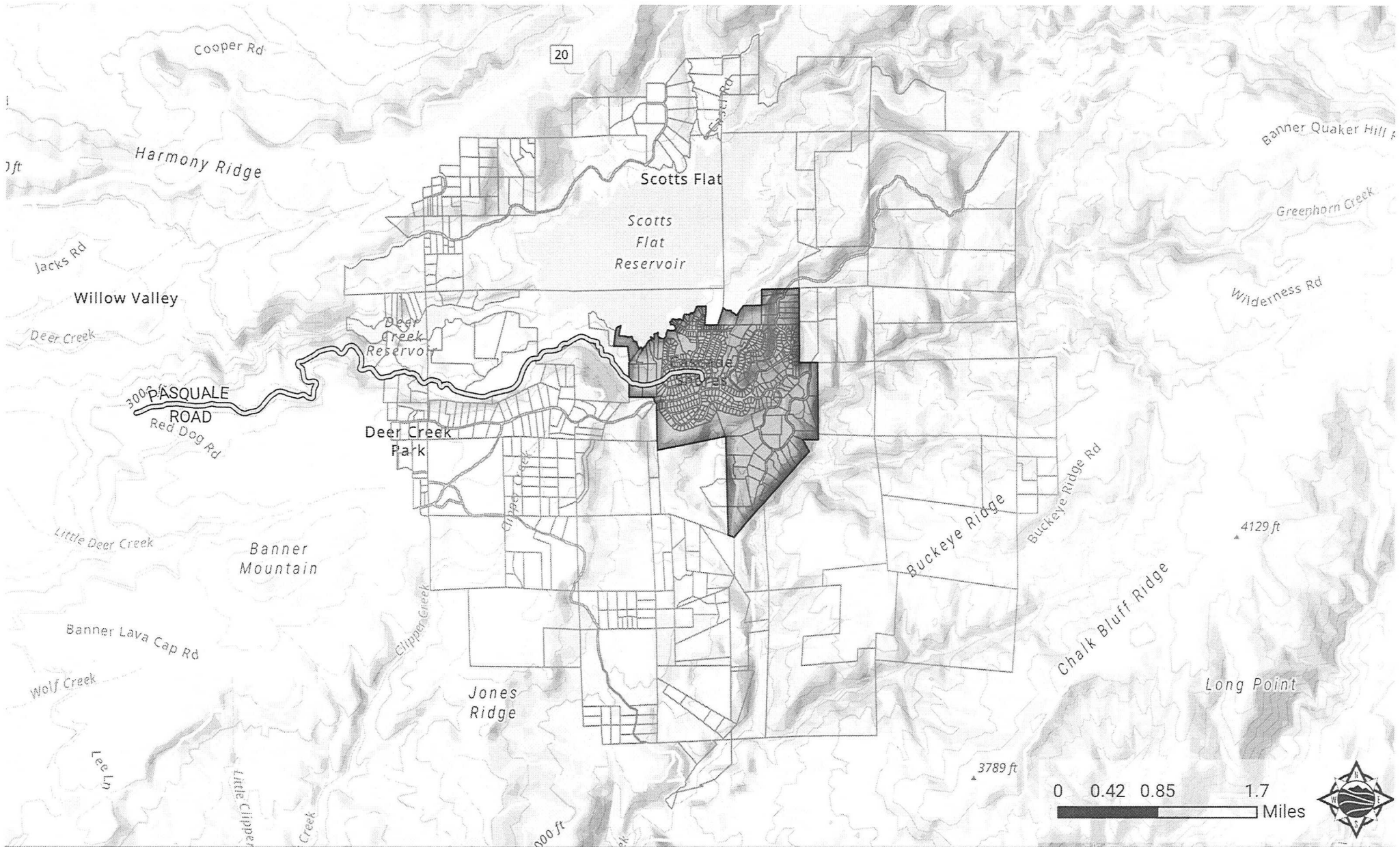


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Bloomfield & Cooper Community Area,
Harmony Firewise Communities

Legend

Treatment Roads		Community Boundary	
County		Parcels within 2 mi.	
Private			





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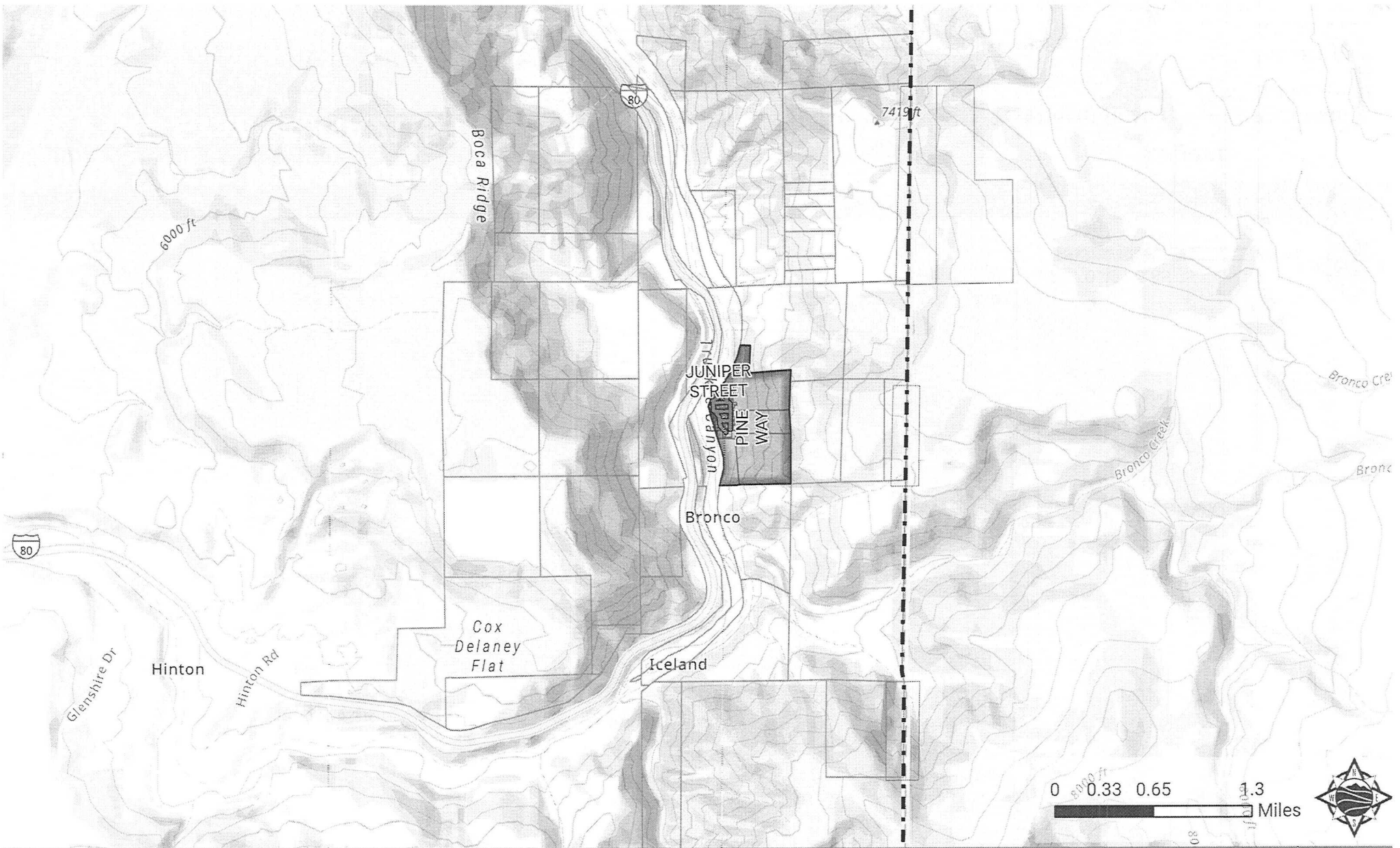
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Cascade Shores HOA Firewise Community



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- County
- Private
- Community Boundary
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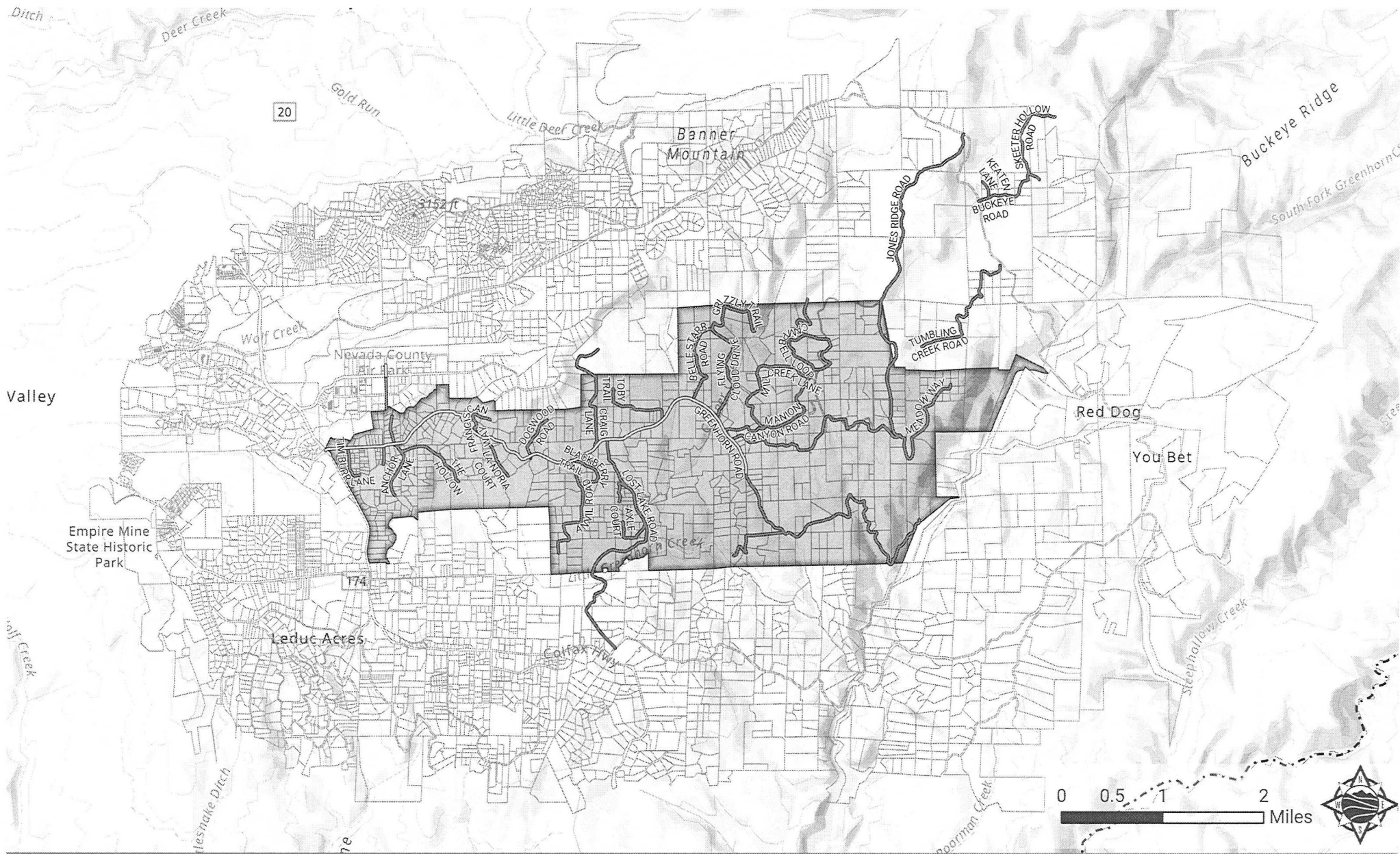
Floriston Firewise Community



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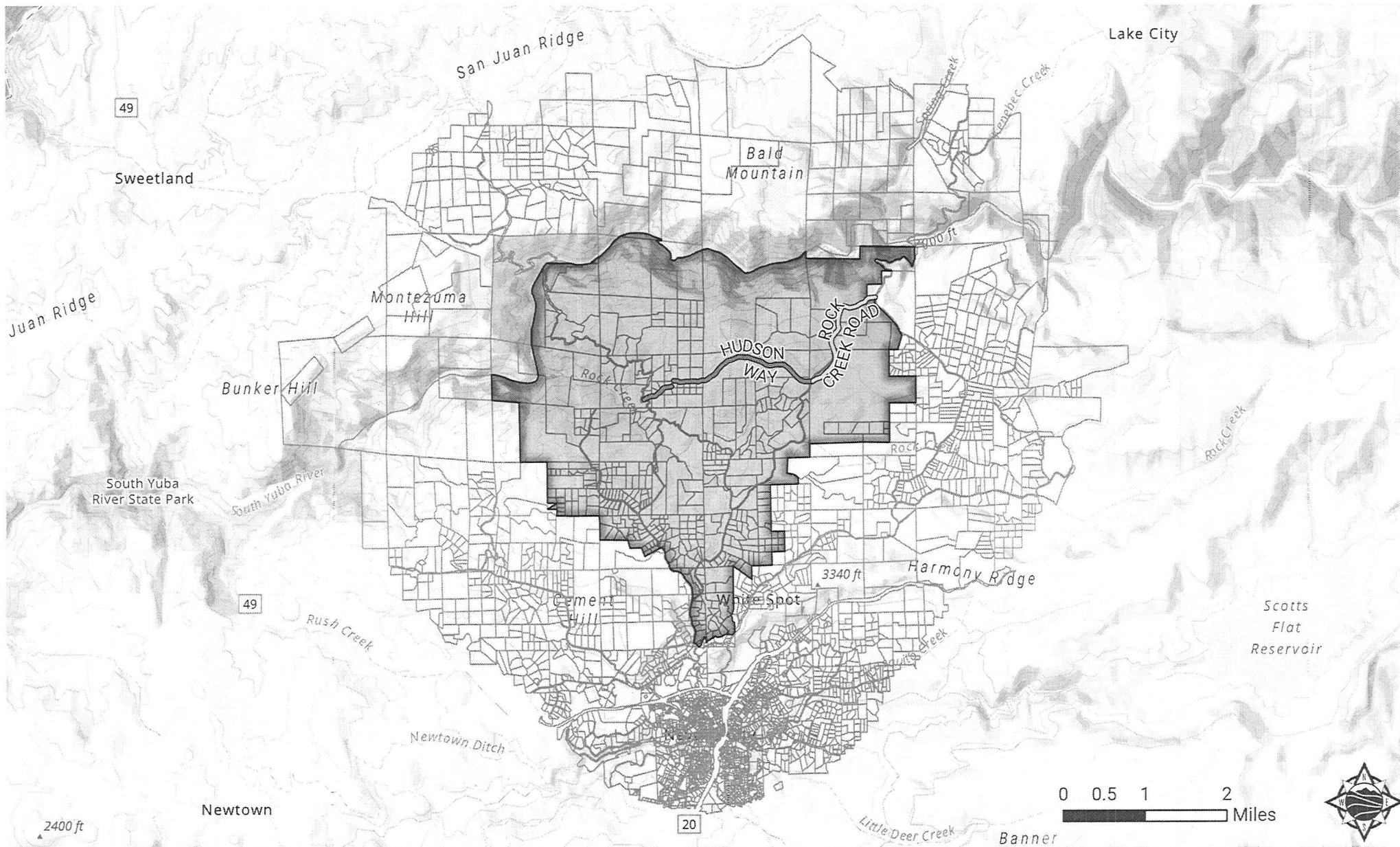
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Greenhorn Road Assoc. Firewise Community



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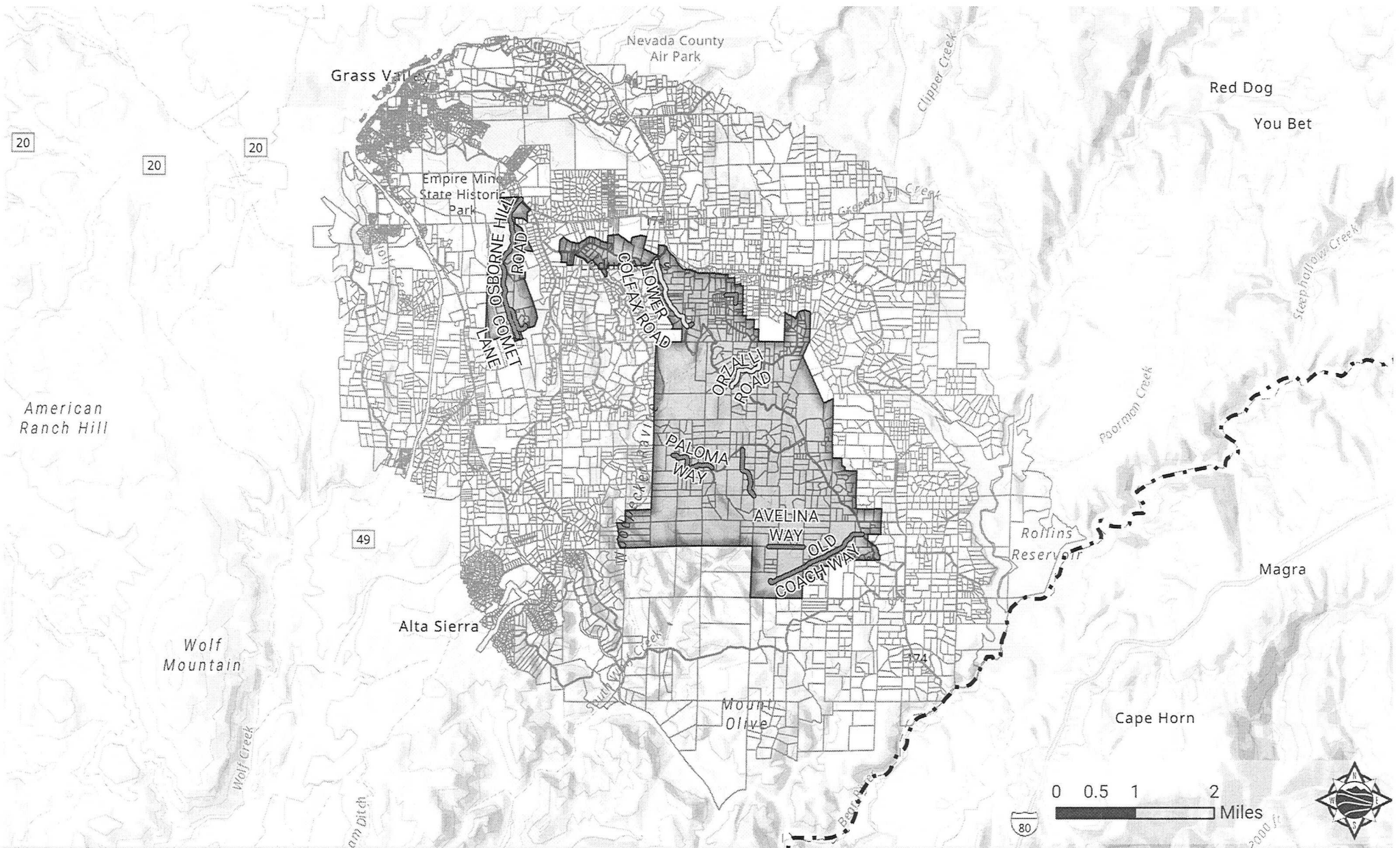
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Lake Vera/Round Mtn. Firewise Community



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Private	



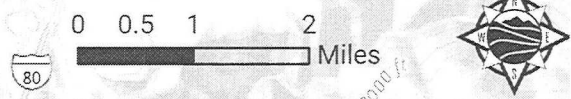
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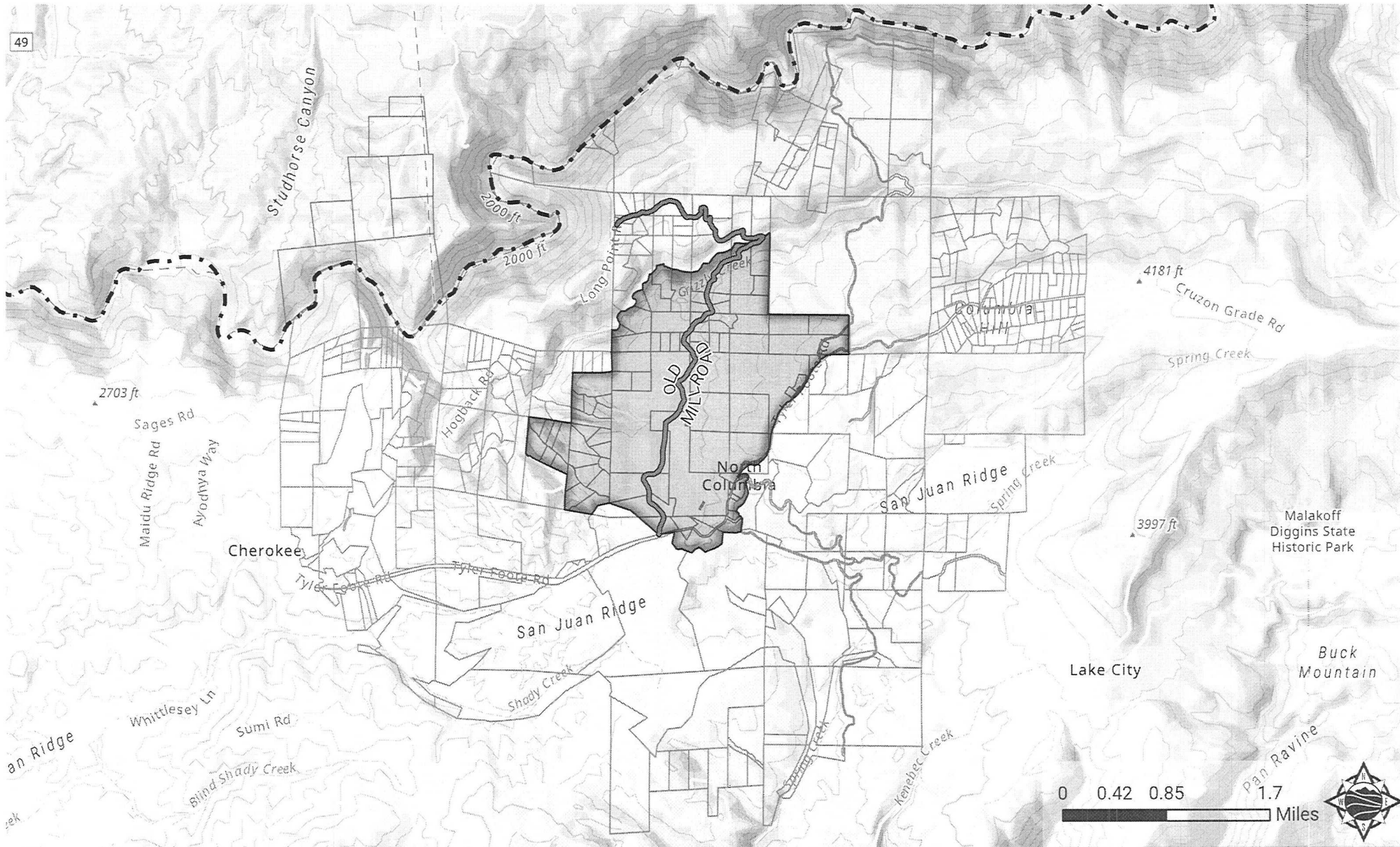
Lower Colfax & Osborne Hill Firewise Communities



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Private	
County Boundary	





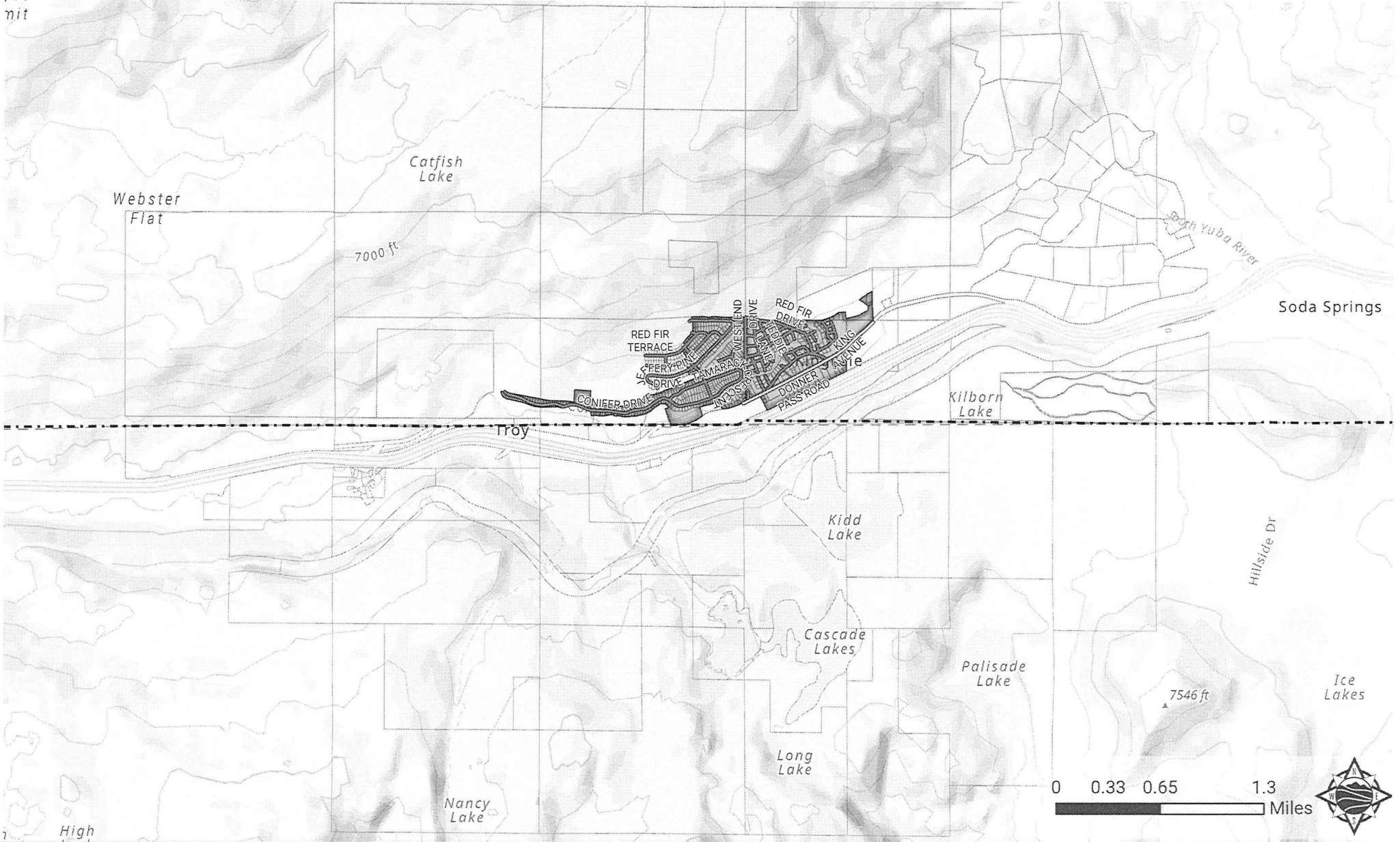
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Old Mill Firewise Community

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County	Community Boundary
Private	Parcels within 2 mi.
County Boundary	





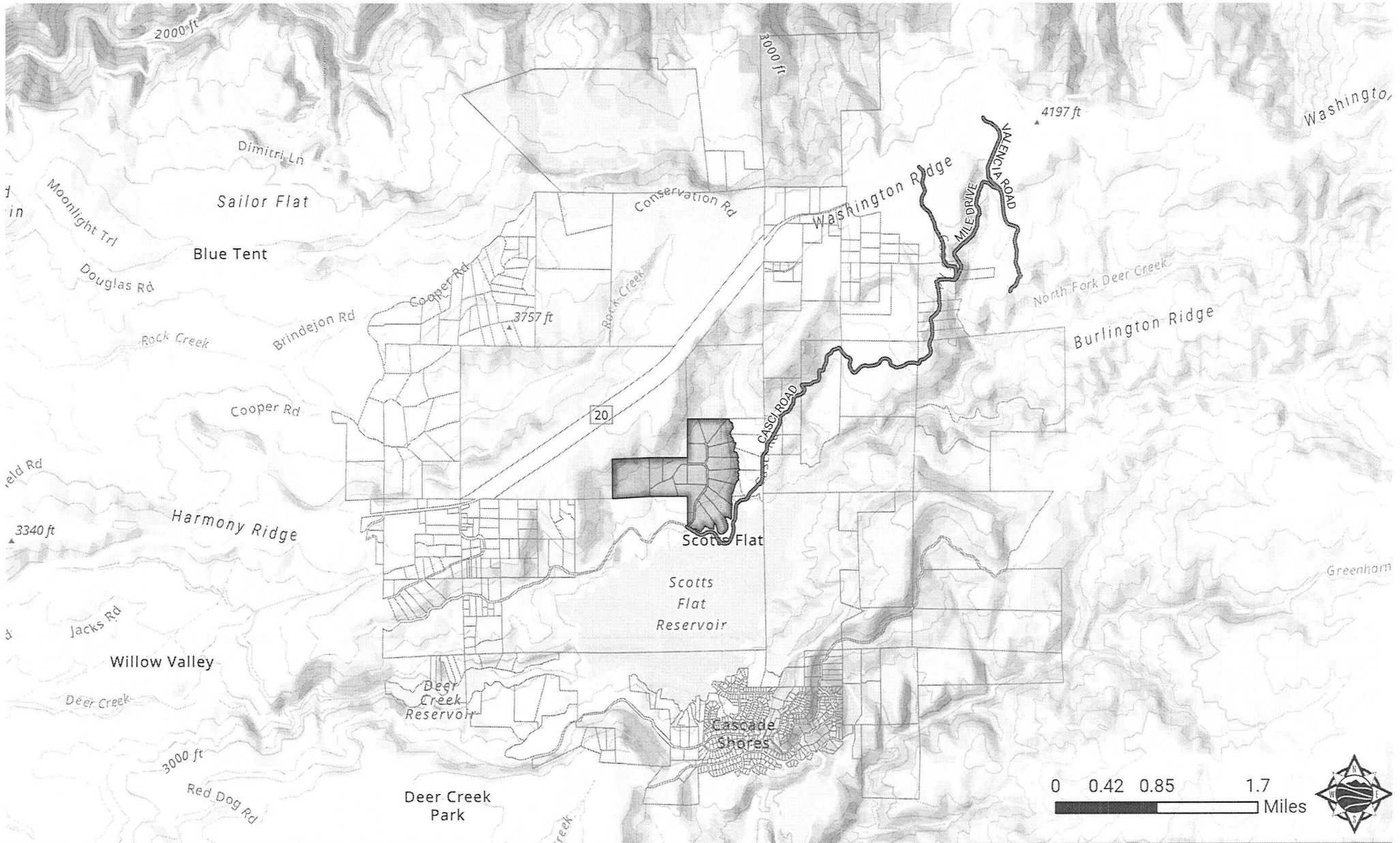
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Pla Vada & Kingvale Firewise Communities



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Private	
County Boundary	



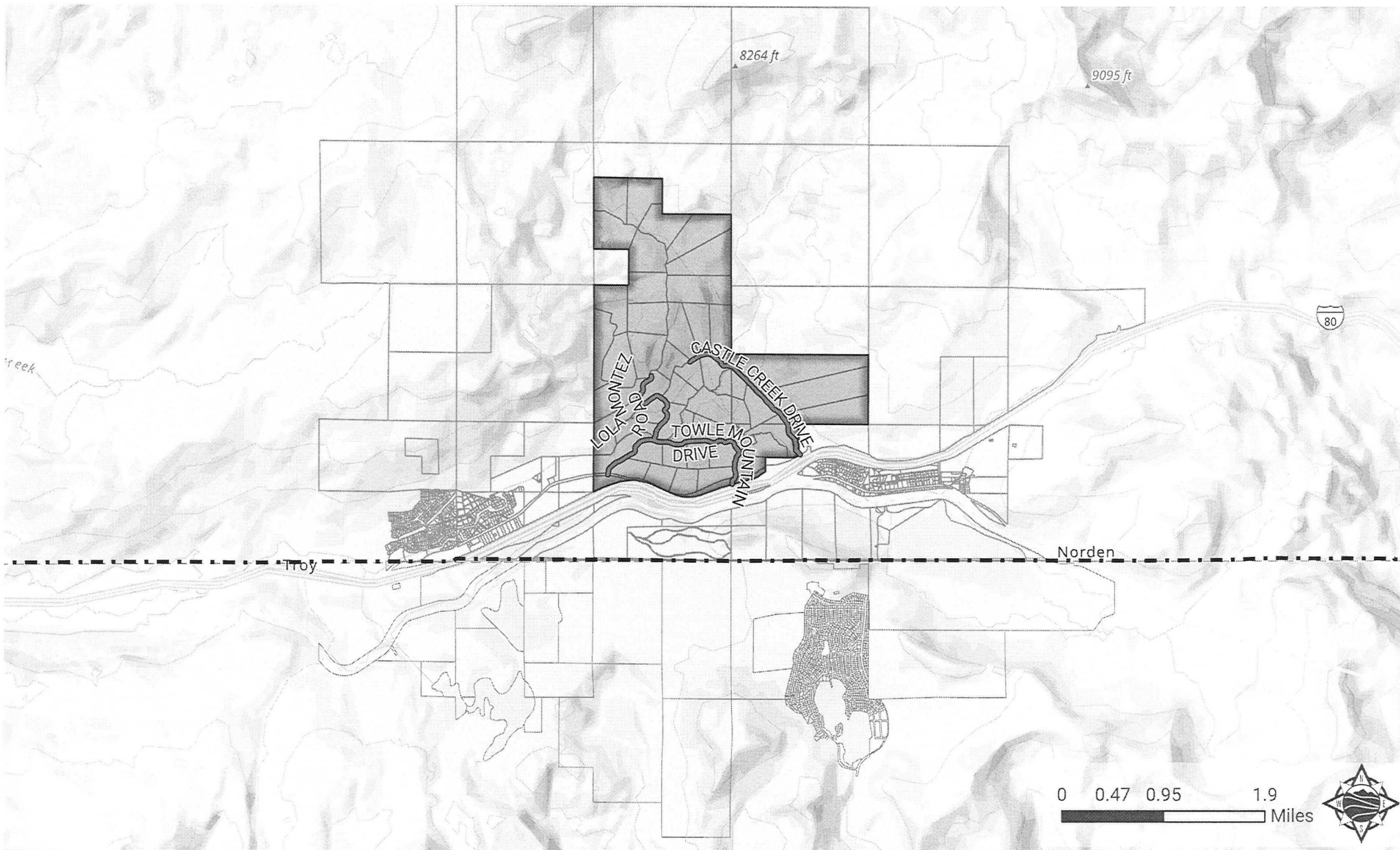
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Scotts Flat Pine Firewise Community

Legend

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Private	





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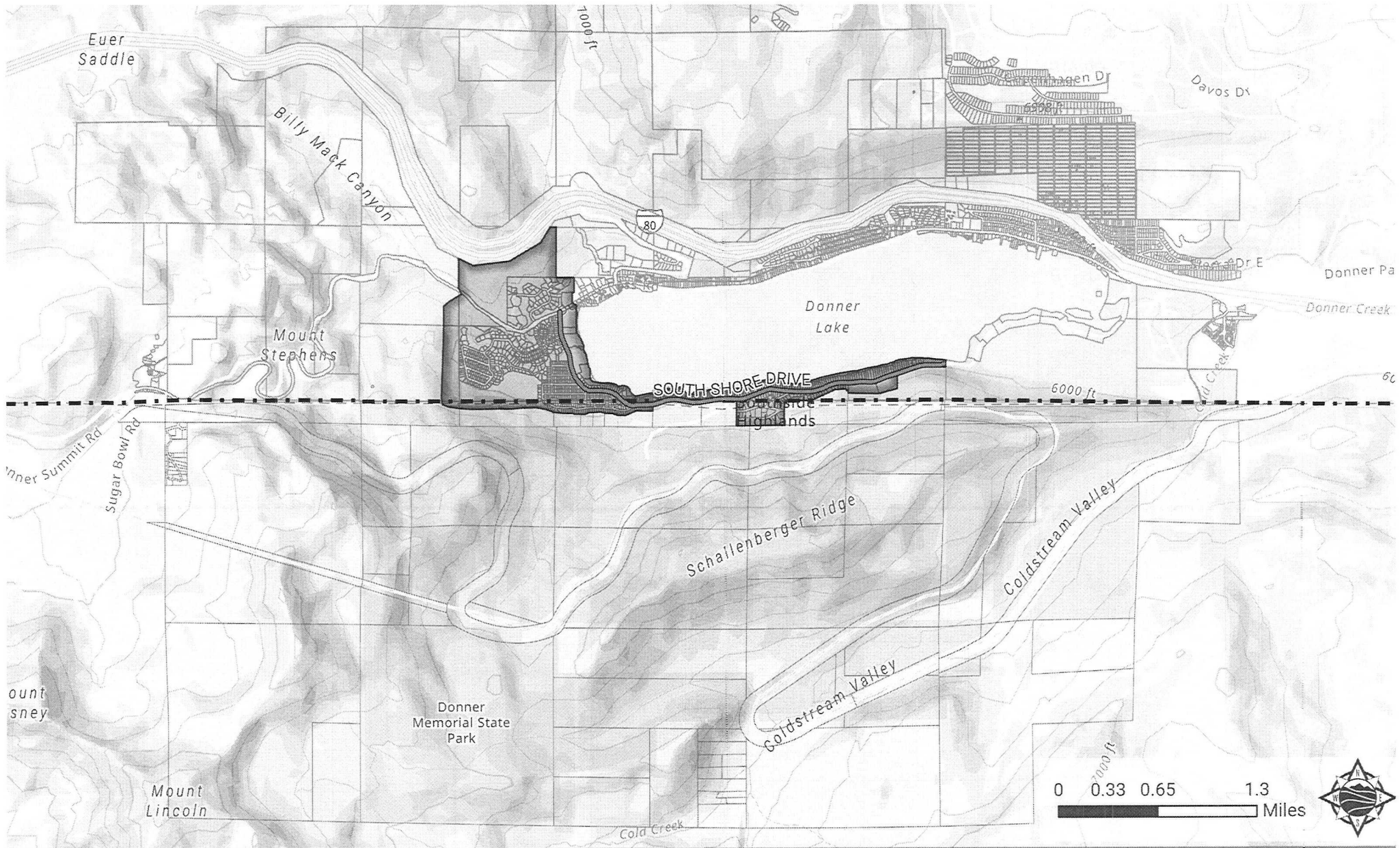
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Towle Mountain Firewise Community



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Private	
County Boundary	



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West End Donner Lake Firewise Community



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Treatment Roads

County

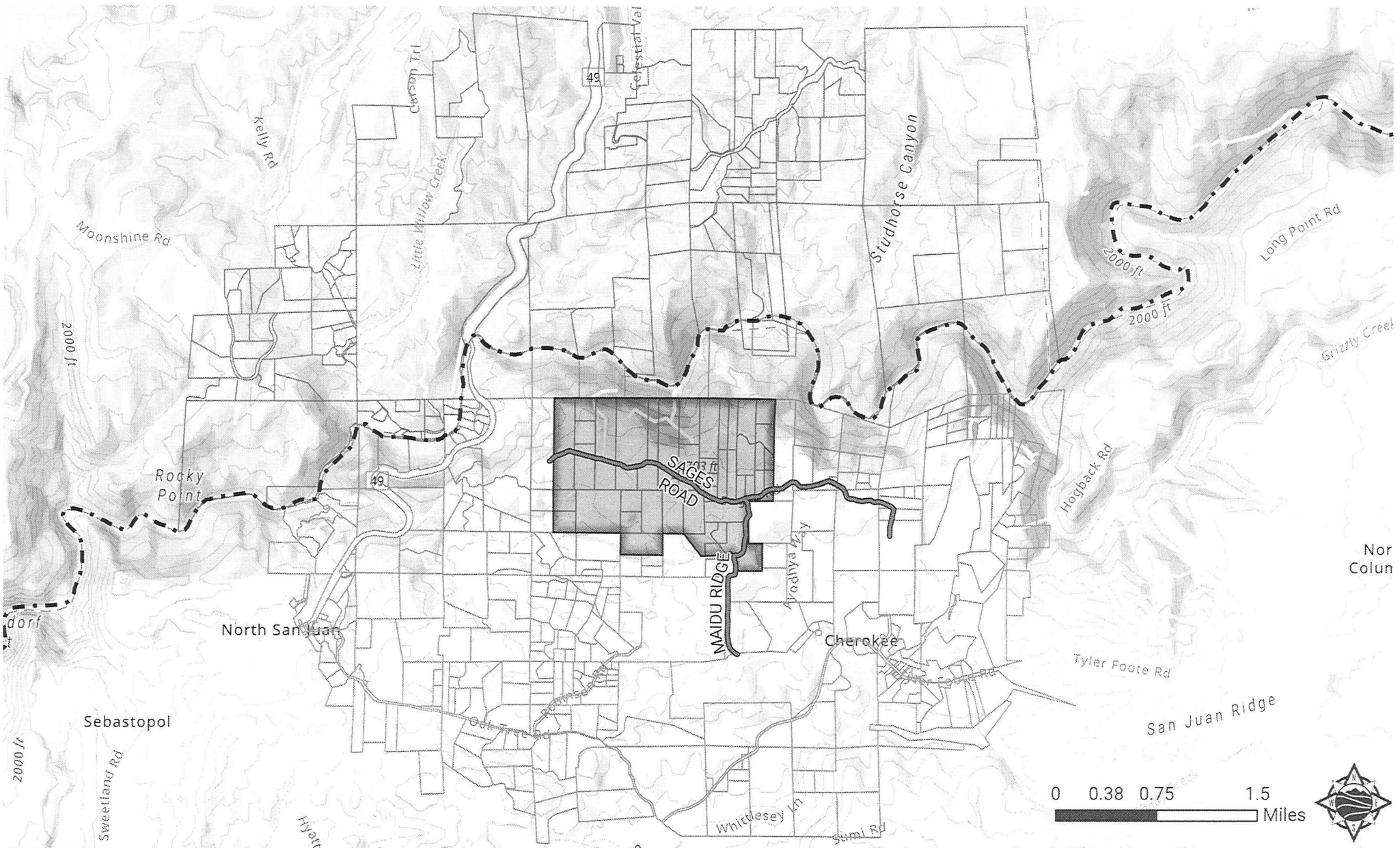
Private

County

Boundary

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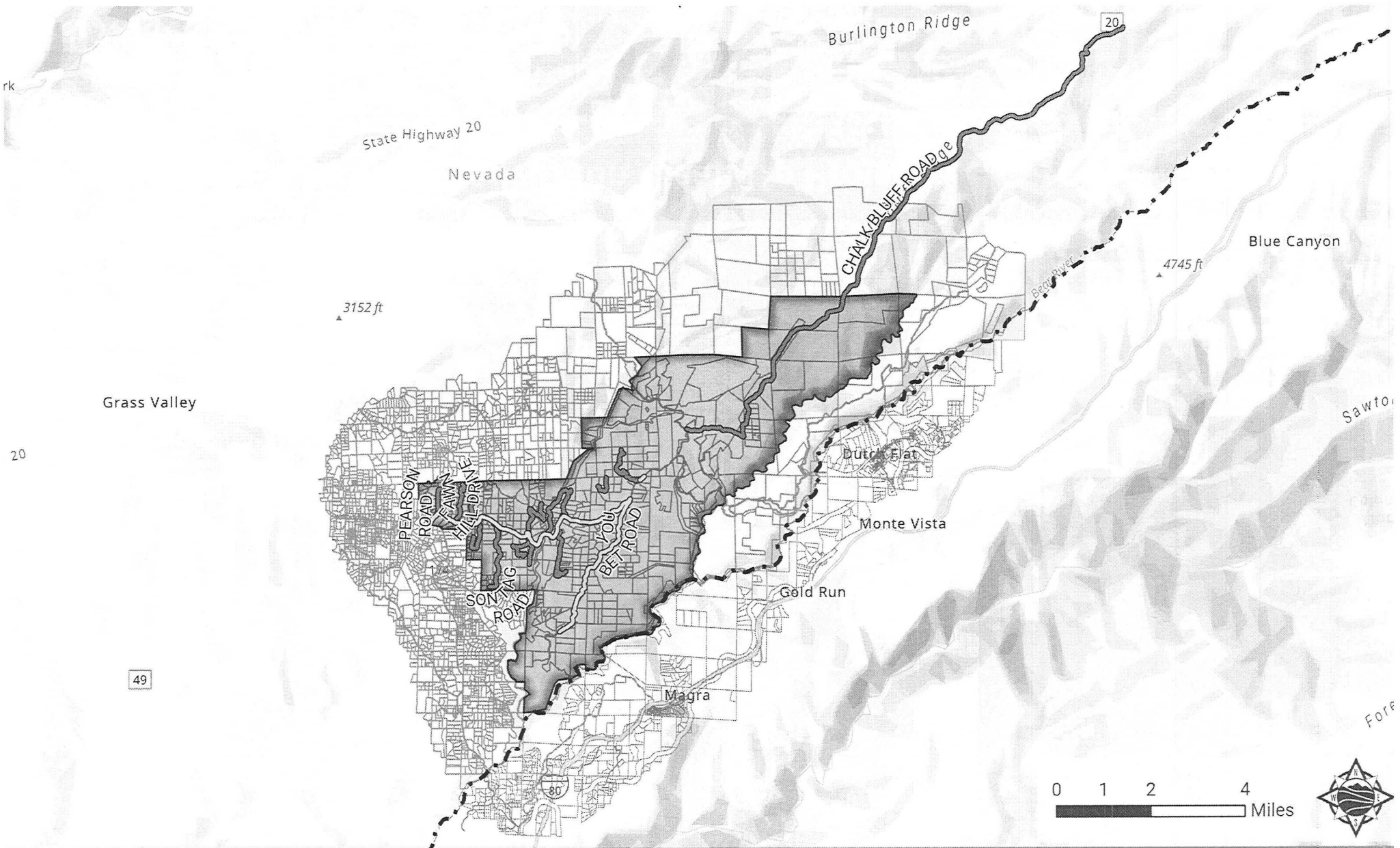
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West Sages Firewise Community

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Private	
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You Bet Firewise Community



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Treatment Roads	Community Boundary
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Private	
County Boundary	