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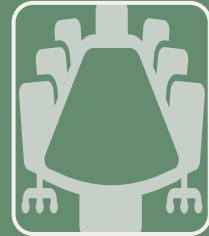
Public Engagement Meeting
Green Creek Wildlife Area Land Management Plan
Mono County, California

Introductions

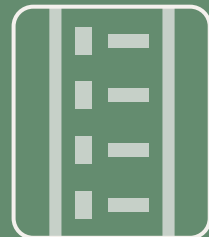
Agenda



“What is a Land
Management Plan”
Presentation



Discussion



Wrap Up and Next
Steps

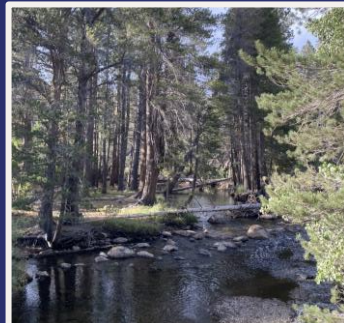


LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING

What is it?

What to expect?

How to engage?



What is a Land Management Plan?



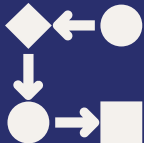
Long term planning document

- Intended lifespan 30-40 years



Multi-year planning process

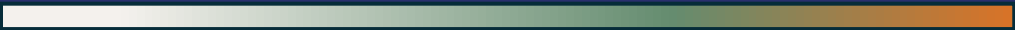
- Interdisciplinary and collaborative
- Bring together diverse internal and external perspectives



Comprehensive Approach

- Infrastructure and Public Use
- Cultural Resources
- Physical and Natural Resources





A Land Management Plan:

- A guidance document
- Defines a property's primary purpose(s)
- Outlines the management issues and opportunities
- Identifies goals and strategies for comprehensively managing the property.



What are CDFW Lands?

Our Mission

To manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public.



Type of Lands

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- Wildlife Area
 - Ecological Reserve
 - Fish Hatchery
 - Public Access
 - Undesignated
 - Conservation Easements

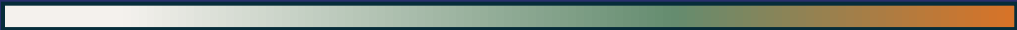


What is a Wildlife Area?

- Designated by the California Fish and Game Commission
- Described in Title 14 FGC 551
 - All wildlife areas are maintained for the primary purposes of developing a statewide program of ecological conservation, restoration, preservation, development and management of wildlife, wildlife habitat, and hunting.
 - Generally open for public use (may have closed areas, seasonal restrictions, etc.)
- Title 14 FGC 550 and 551 relate to public use
- Many other relevant code sections



What is the LMP Process?



There are three components:



Resource
Inventory

1 – 1.5 years



The Land
Management Plan
Document

1 – 2 years



California
Environmental
Quality Act (CEQA)

0.5 – 1+ years



Resource Inventory

- Internal process that creates an inventory of resources present on, or in the vicinity of, the property.
 - Includes the physical, cultural, infrastructure, and public use resources in addition to the biological resources
- Highlights data gaps that need to be filled to better inform the management needs of the property.



Resource Inventory Actions

- Review existing reports
 - Green Creek Wildlife Area 2007 Draft Land Management Plan
- Review existing data
 - CDFW Files
 - VegCamp
 - California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB)
 - Community science (e.g., eBird and iNaturalist)



Contents of a Land Management Plan

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Environmental Setting
and Management Considerations

Chapter 3: Management Plan



Chapter 1: Introduction

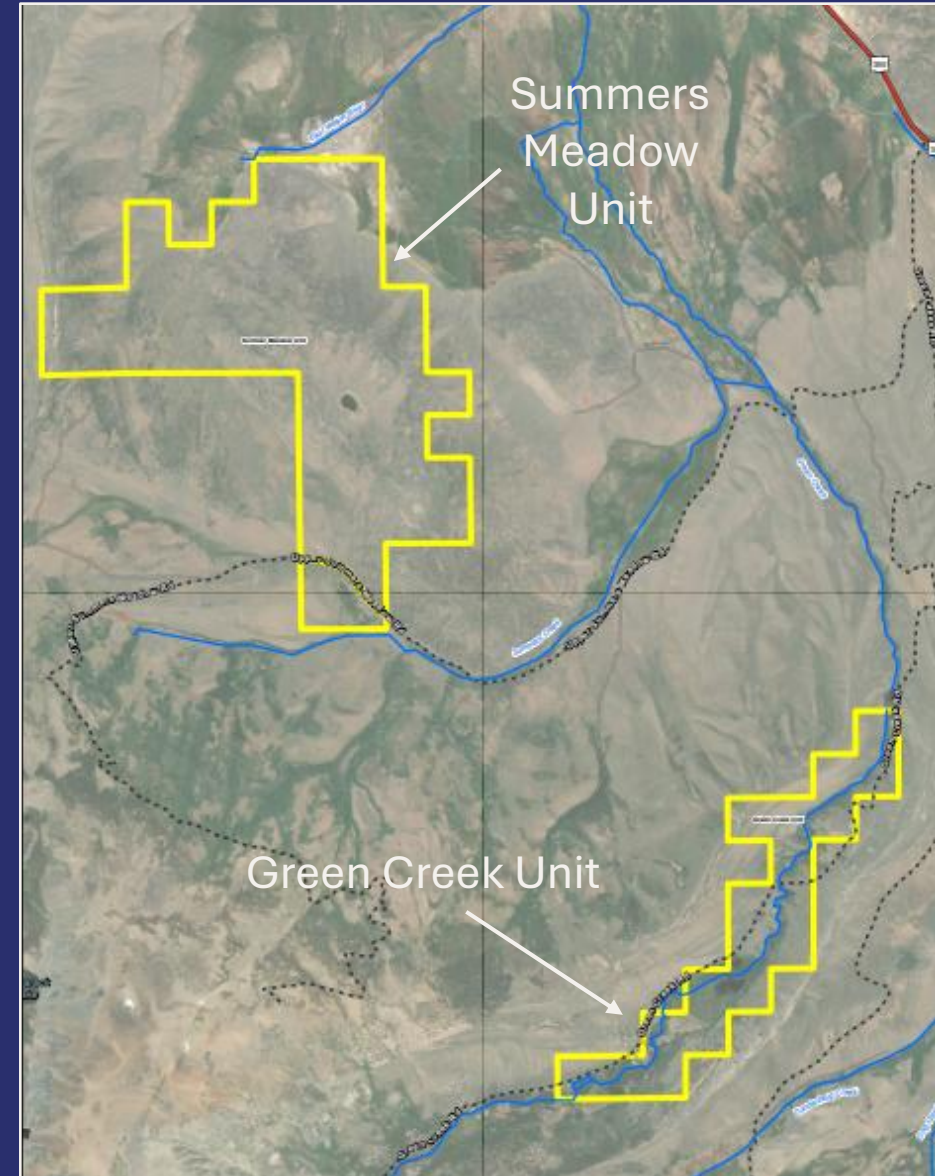
Provides an overview of the property and the planning process

- Where is this property located?
- Why was this property acquired?
- What is the purpose of the Management Plan?
- Are there any relationships to other existing plans?
- Who did we consult with during the planning process?



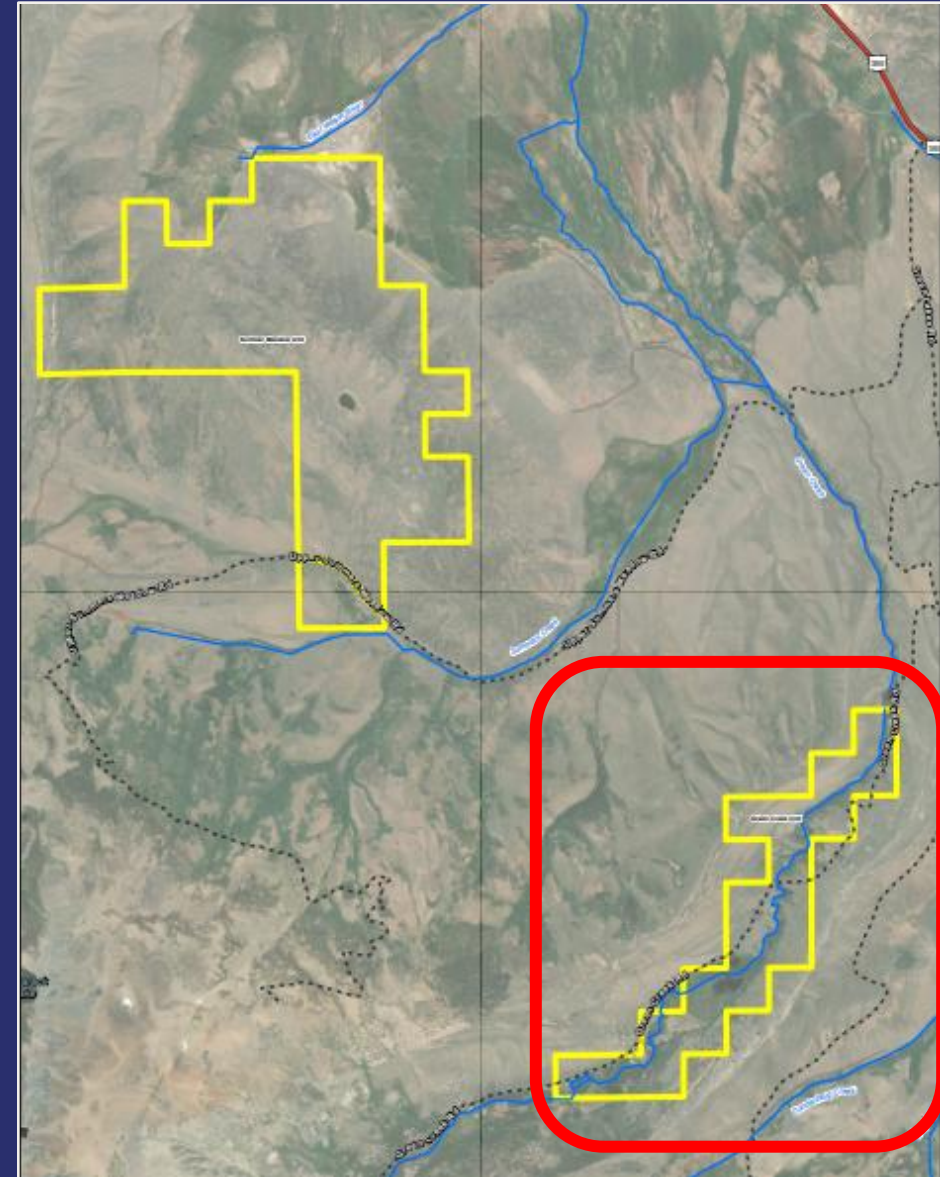
Green Creek Wildlife Area:

- Protect riparian habitat, fishing access, hunting opportunities, and habitat protection for mule deer, mountain lion, Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep, and the bi-state greater sage grouse
- Comprised of two units that total about 2,756 acres
 - Green Creek Unit
 - Summers Meadow Unit
- First land acquired in 1994
- Mono County, south of Bridgeport
- Primarily neighbored by federal public lands



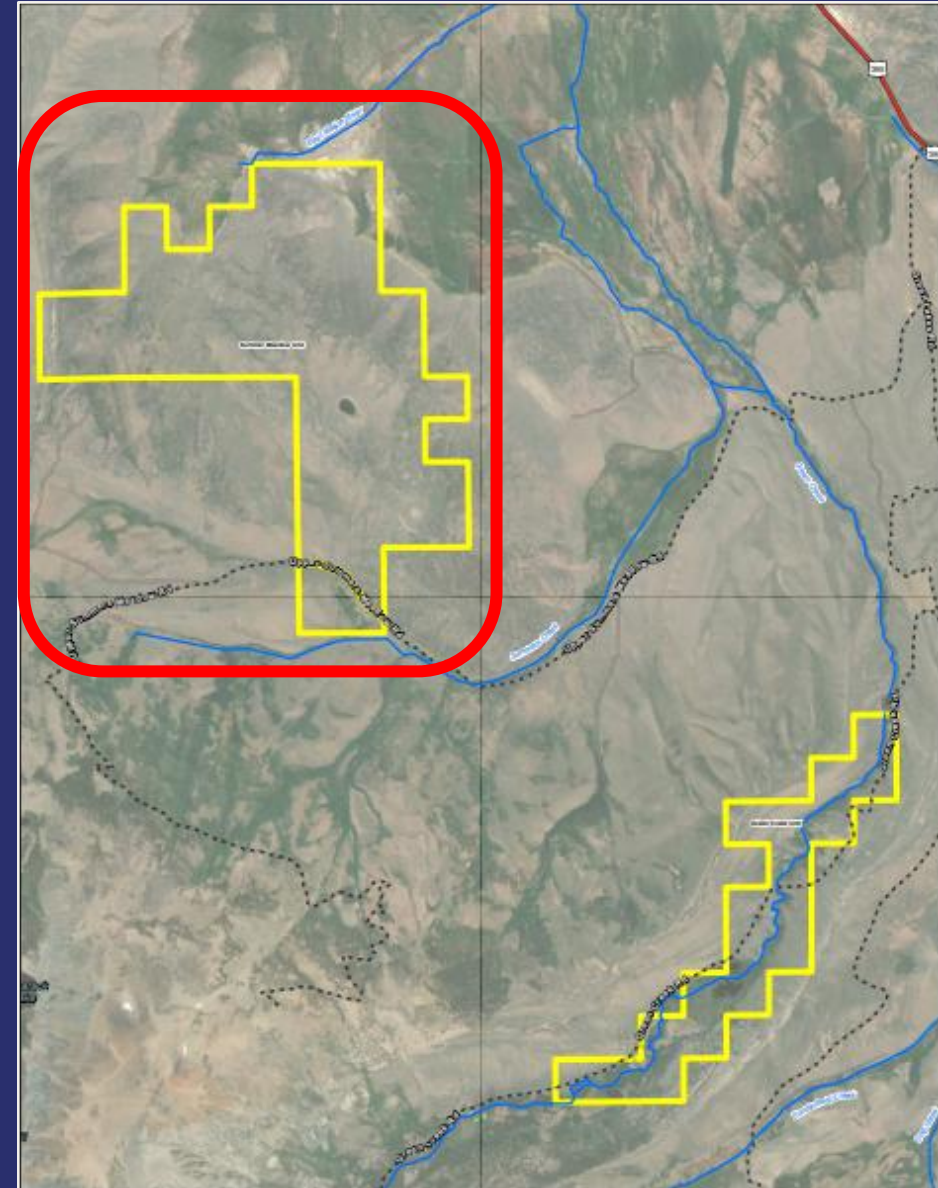
Green Creek Unit

- Initial acquisitions 1994 - 1995
- ~720 acres
- Green Creek flows through the unit
- Green Creek Road runs through the unit
- Aspen stands and sage scrub are dominant vegetation



Summers Meadow Unit

- First land acquired in 2015
- ~2,036 acres
- Minimal road access
- Piñon pine, aspen, sage scrub primary habitats

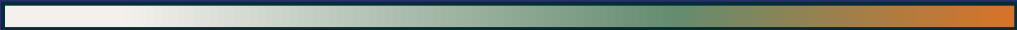


Chapter 2: Environmental Setting and Management Considerations

Provides an overview of resources present on the property followed by management issues and opportunities

- How do factors such as topography and hydrology affect management?
- What sensitive species exist on the property?
- How was the area used in the past? Currently?





Environmental Setting and Management Considerations

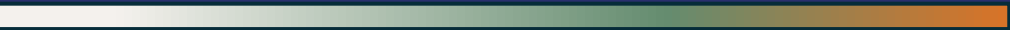
- Long human history
 - Gold and silver mining
 - Nature viewing, hiking, hunting, recreational fishing
- Habitats
 - Early- to intermediate-successional forests, woodlands, and brush
 - Aspen
- Special status plants and animals
- Culturally significant plants and animals

Chapter 3: Management Plan

Builds upon the background information from Chapter 1 and the analysis in Chapter 2 to create Goals and Strategies

- What are some challenges with the property?
- What are some management opportunities to solve those?





DRAFT Example: Riparian Floodplain Habitat Goal

DRAFT Goal

- Maintain and enhance riparian floodplain habitat.

DRAFT Strategies

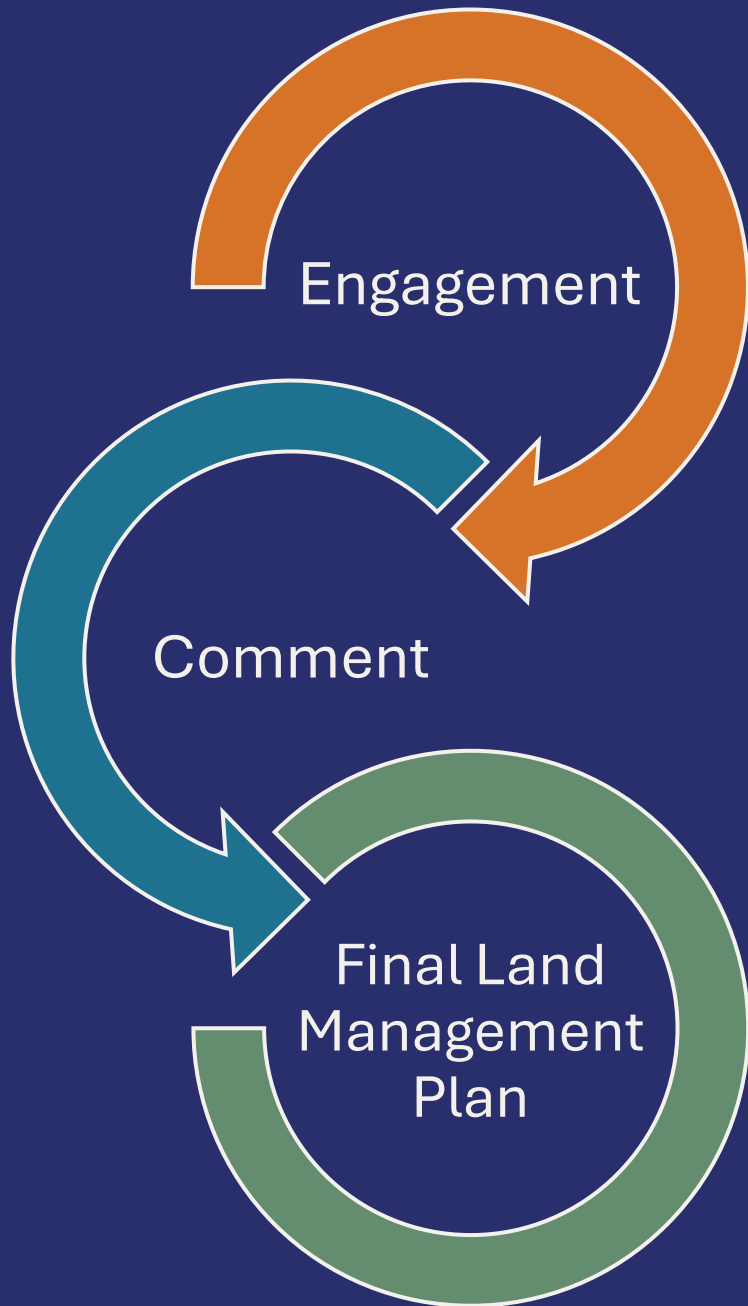
- Identify, monitor, and delineate riparian areas impacted by unauthorized human-use.
- Install barricades, such as logs or rocks, to protect impacted areas from continued use, where feasible.
- Monitor lodgepole encroachment in riparian zones. Implement forest thinning activities, if needed.
- Monitor and promote willow/shrub and aspen cover within 50m of Green Creek.

California Environmental Quality Act

- The LMP is a project under CEQA
- CEQA requires public entities to:
 - Disclose and evaluate the potential significant environmental impacts
 - Adopt all feasible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate those impacts
- Specific document yet to be determined
- If you want to learn more, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation:
<https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/getting-started/>



How Can I Get Involved?



Plan Development

- Join the email notification list
- Actively participate in our discussion
- Submit ideas

Draft Document

- Review the Draft Document
- Submit written comments

Final Document

- Available on the Property Webpage
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Green-Creek-WA>
- Enjoy the property!

Discussion Best Practices



Respect
differing
opinions



Listen as
well as
speak



Allow
everyone a
chance to
participate



Initial Discussion Prompts

- What activities draw you to Green Creek WA? What improvements are you hoping that CDFW can make to improve your experience?
- Describe your aspirations for Green Creek WA, what does it look like in 20-30 years?
- What are your biggest concerns about the management of Green Creek WA?
- What do you see as the greatest opportunities at Green Creek WA?





Next Steps

- Welcome additional thoughts via email
 - LandMgmtPlanning@wildlife.ca.gov
- CDFW evaluation of engagement feedback and incorporation
- Completion of Draft Land Management Plan
 - CEQA process
 - Tribal, focus group, and public comment period

