

Memorandum

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Subject: Sawmill Pond, El Dorado County- Visual Encounter Surveys

CDFG field crews surveyed Sawmill Pond, El Dorado County for diurnal amphibians using CDFG visual encounter survey protocol on May 18th, 2009. The entire shoreline of the pond was surveyed for amphibians. Bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) larvae were observed at the shoreline and nine adults were observed basking, no other amphibians or Species of Special Concern were detected (Figure 1).

Negative data was validated by monitoring surveys at Stanislaus Meadow (Lake ID's 39887, 40256, and 40256.01) on May 26th, 2009 and the Blue Lakes area (Lake ID's 14784, 14738, 14761, 14761.11, 14761.12, and 14761.13) on June 9th and 17th, 2009. Several adult and subadult *Rana sierrae* were active and basking along stream banks and shorelines at these known populations. Additionally, egg masses were observed in the Blue Lakes area.

I recommend that stocking be resumed at Sawmill Pond.

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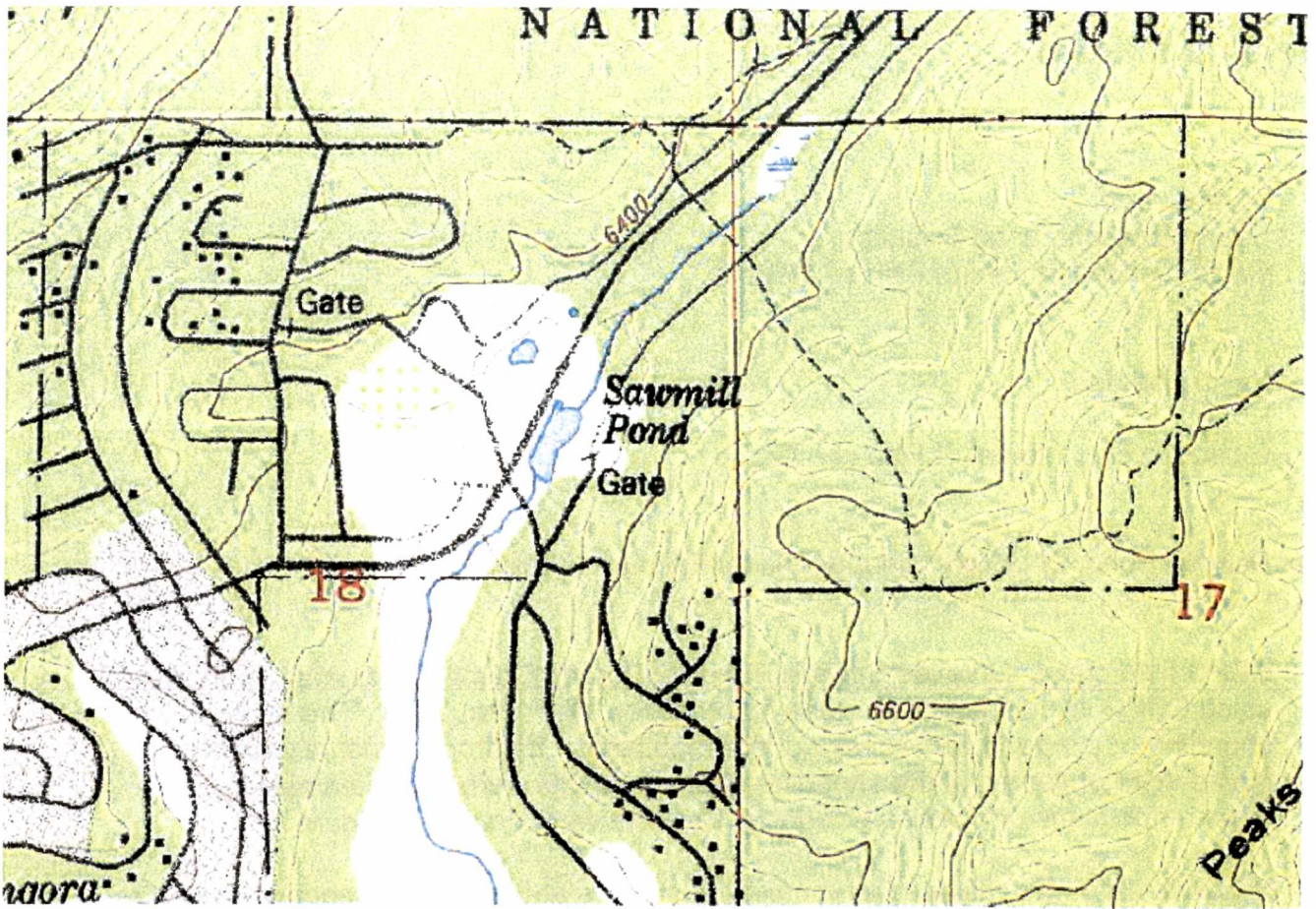


Figure 1: Survey Location for Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog – Sawmill Pond, El Dorado County