

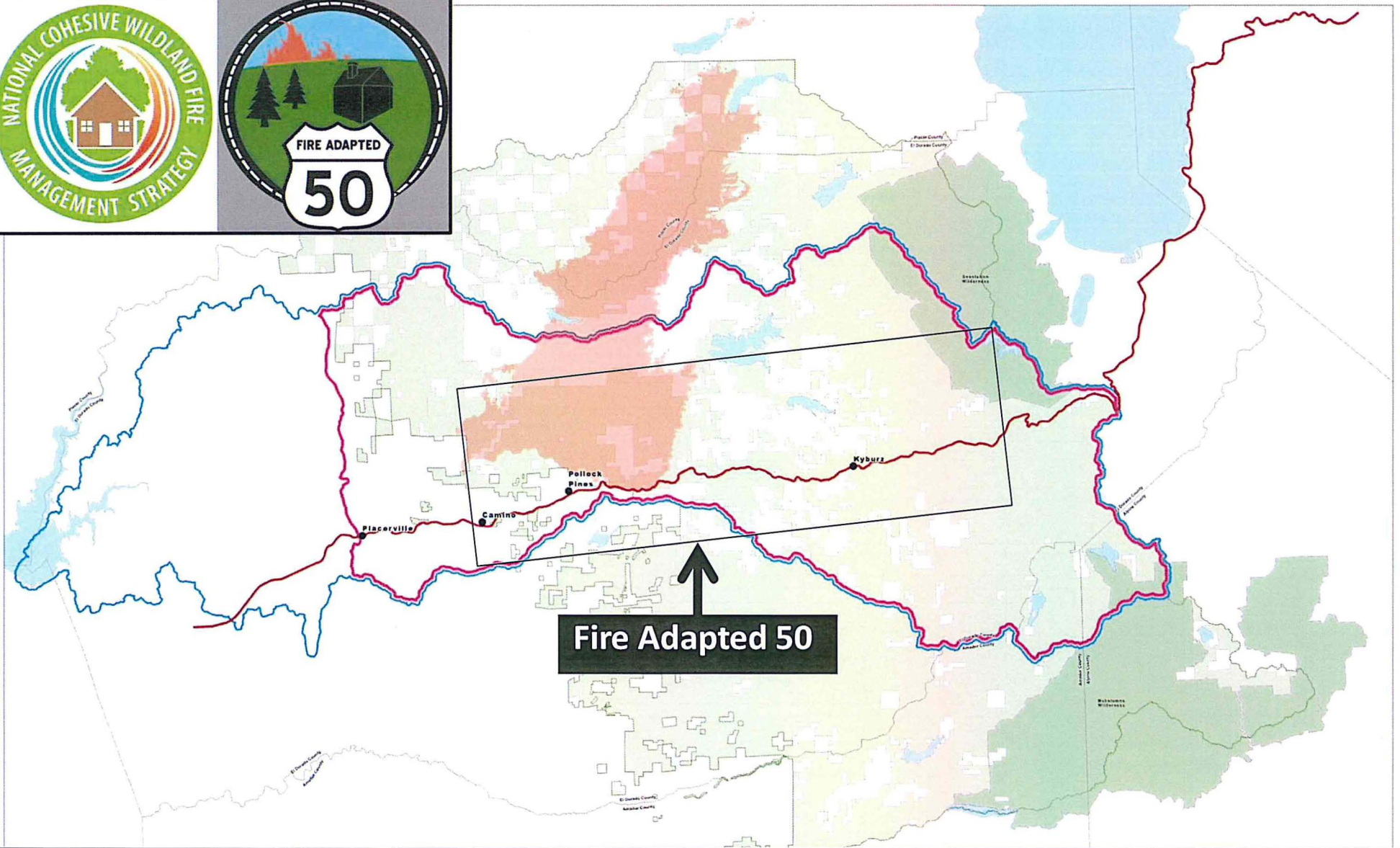
# Cohesive Strategy Fire Adapted 50 King Fire Restoration Update





# Cohesive Strategy

- The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy was initiated in 2009 as directed by Congress in the FLAME ACT
- Collaboration among all stakeholders, across all landscapes, using best available science to achieve 3 goals:
  1. Resilient landscapes
  2. Fire Adapted Communities
  3. Safe / Effective Response
- S. Fork of the American River Project Area – 1 of 2 sites in California:
  - approximately 410,000 acres
  - upper 75% of the South Fork of the American River Watershed
  - 50% of the King Fire burned area
  - 49 miles of the Highway 50 corridor



# Cohesive Strategy Project Area

S. Fork American River Watershed

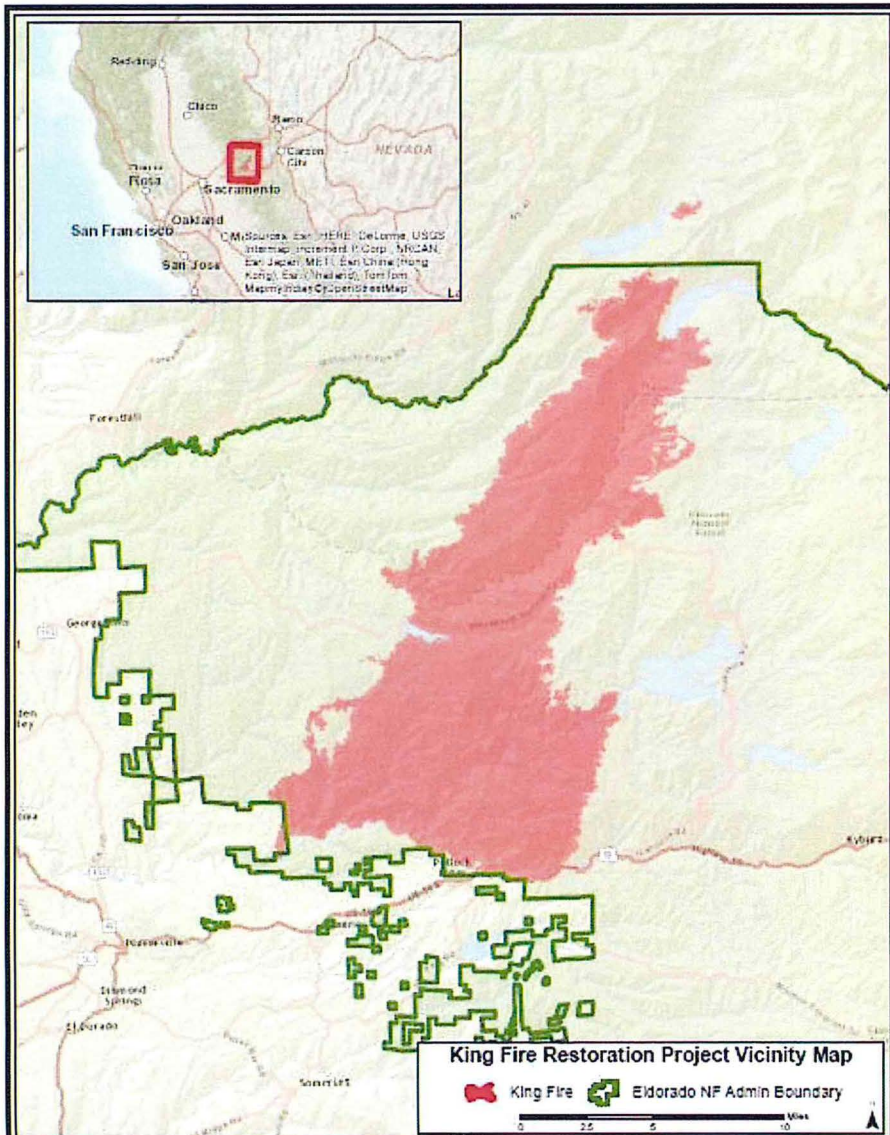


# Fire Adapted 50

- All-Lands approach to create fire adapted communities along the Highway 50 corridor
- Use existing fuel breaks and forest treatments to create larger, more fire resistant fuel breaks
- Protect communities, infrastructure, and forest resources within the most heavily developed part of the watershed
- Currently – 5 major projects:
  - Sly Park VMP (Vegetation Management Plan)
  - Camino / Pollock Pines / Pony Express Shaded Fuel Break
  - Highway 50 Roadside Fuel Reduction Zone
  - Icehouse / Cleveland Plantation Thinning
  - Pilliken Plantation Thinning



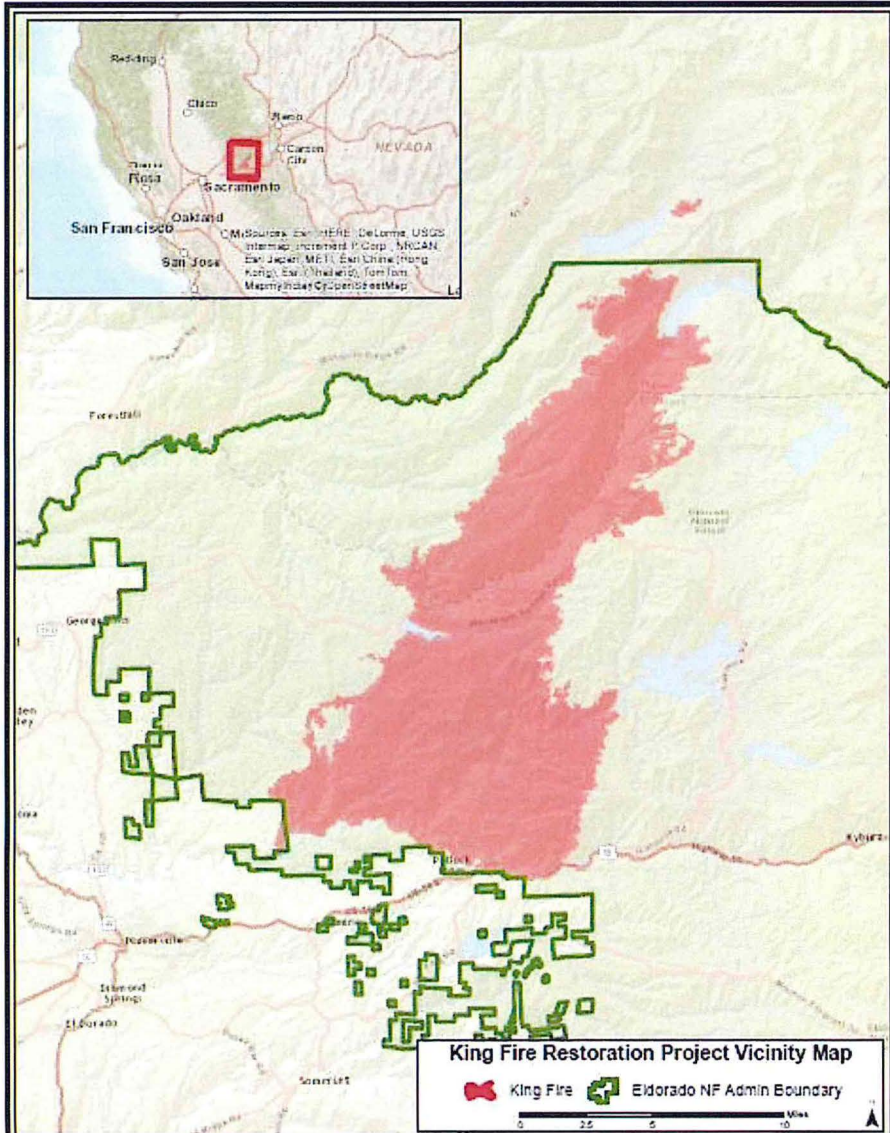
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- Team is completing in-depth analysis of 5 alternatives, based on public comments expressed in about 60 letters
- 7 key issues were identified:
  - Spotted owl habitat
  - fuel load
  - carbon dioxide emissions/ carbon storage
  - species diversity (early seral)
  - snag retention
  - water quality
  - natural recovery



# King Fire Update



**Alternative 1** is the no action alternative = 0 acres

**Alternative 2** is the proposed action, slightly modified the from the original = 17,200 acres

**Alternative 3** reduces treatment = 13,321 acres.

**Alternative 4** increases treatment = 22,097 acres.

**Alternative 5** is the same as Alternative 2 with reduced herbicide.

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) expected early to mid-May with a formal comment period
- One of the alternatives, or a modified alternative will be selected. July