



Caples Ecological Restoration

Rx/Wildfire

2019



The Legacy of Fire Suppression



Caples Creek Watershed 1899
Historic (Desired) Conditions

Caples Creek Watershed 2014
Heavy Understory
and
Dense Timber



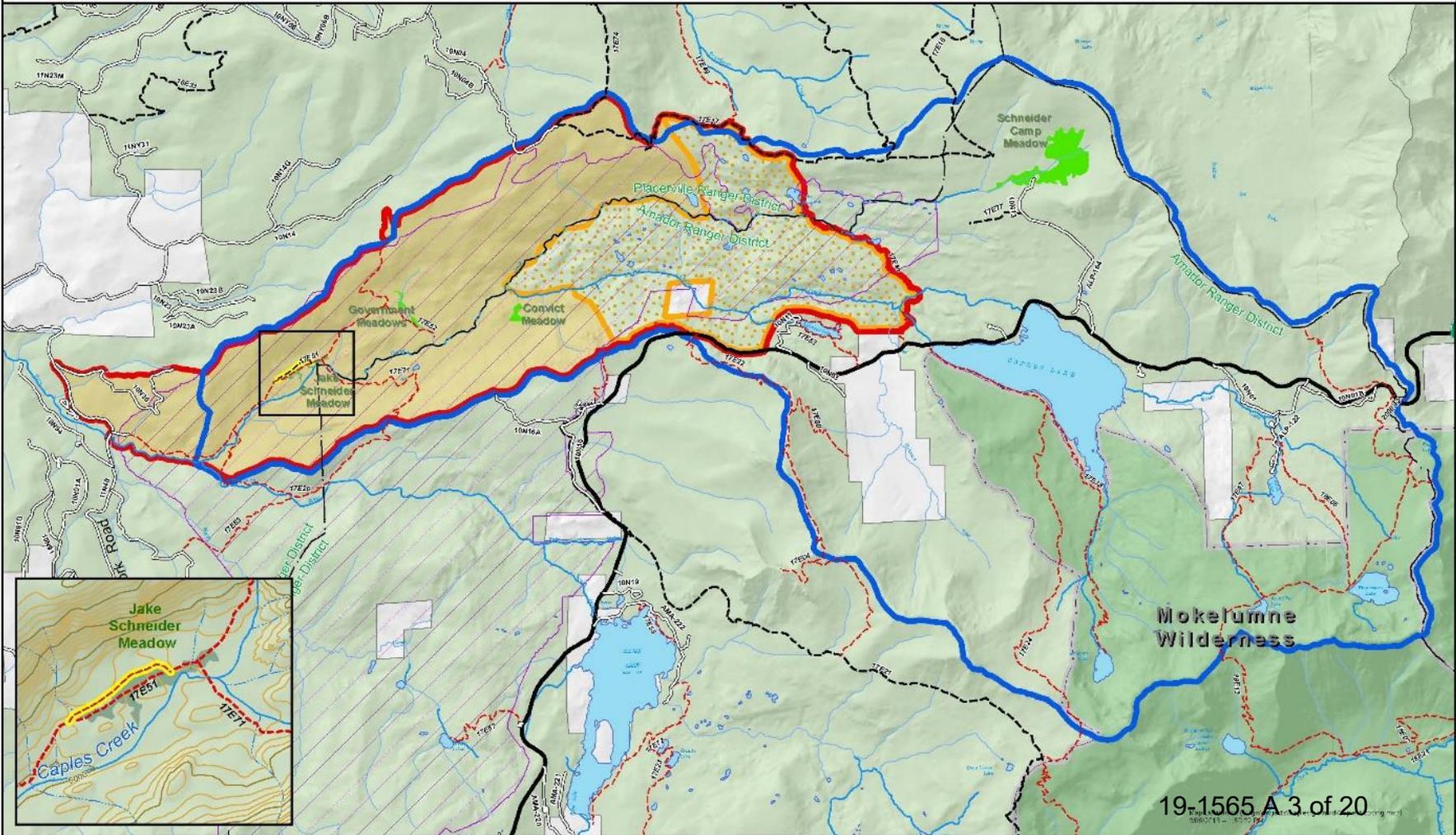
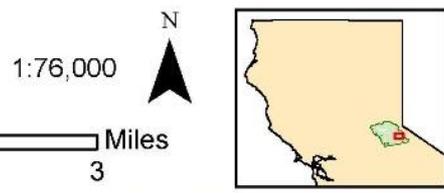
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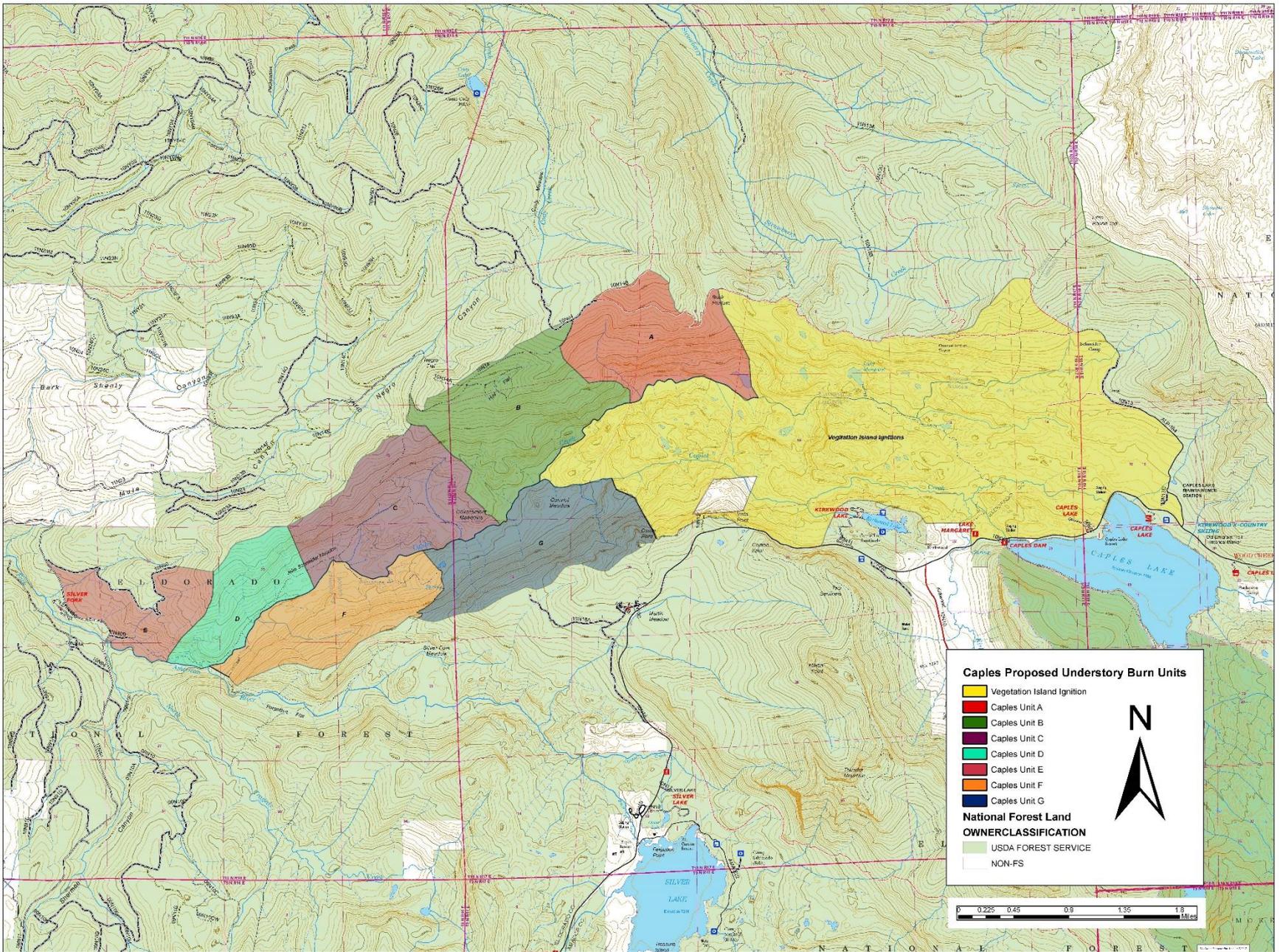
Amador and Placerville Ranger Districts

Eldorado National Forest



- Roads
- Motorized Trail
- - - Non-Motorized Trail
- Trail 17E51 ReRoute
- Ranger District Boundary
- Caples Creek Watershed
- Caples Creek Recommended Wilderness
- Prescribed Burn Area
- Vegetation Island Ignition
- Understory Burn
- USDA Forest Service
- NON-Forest Service





Pre- Burn conditions

Abundant dead and downed trees,
small trees and ladder fuels.

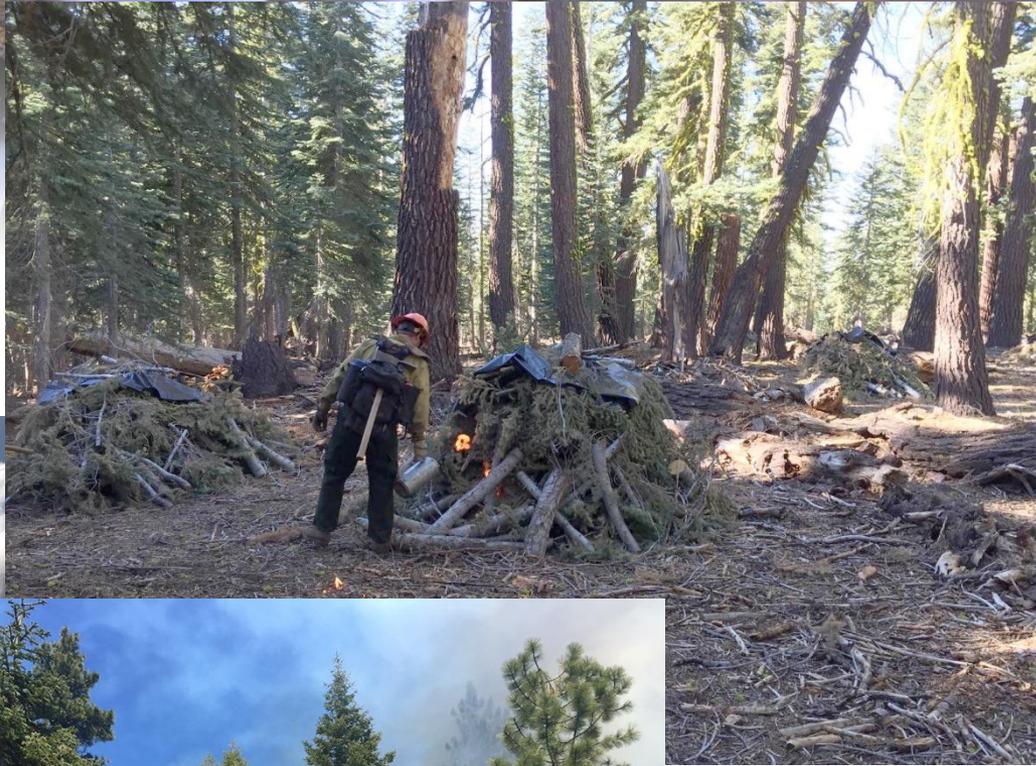




LEGACY TREES

400 -700 year old with > 40" dbh





Post Fire Conditions







Natural Condition Healthy Forest



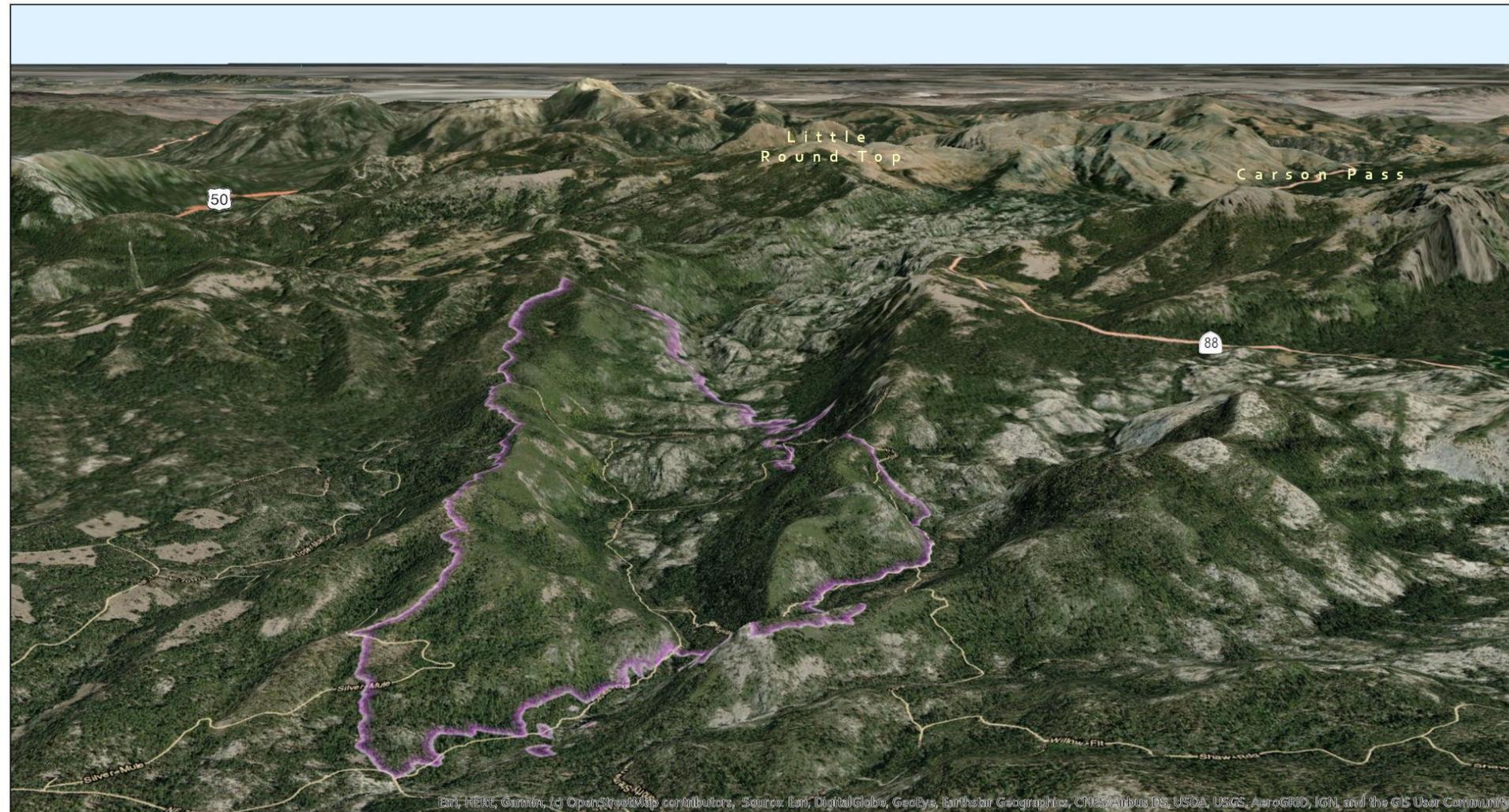
Post Fire Condition Area Thinned Before Burning



Legacy Trees Post Fire

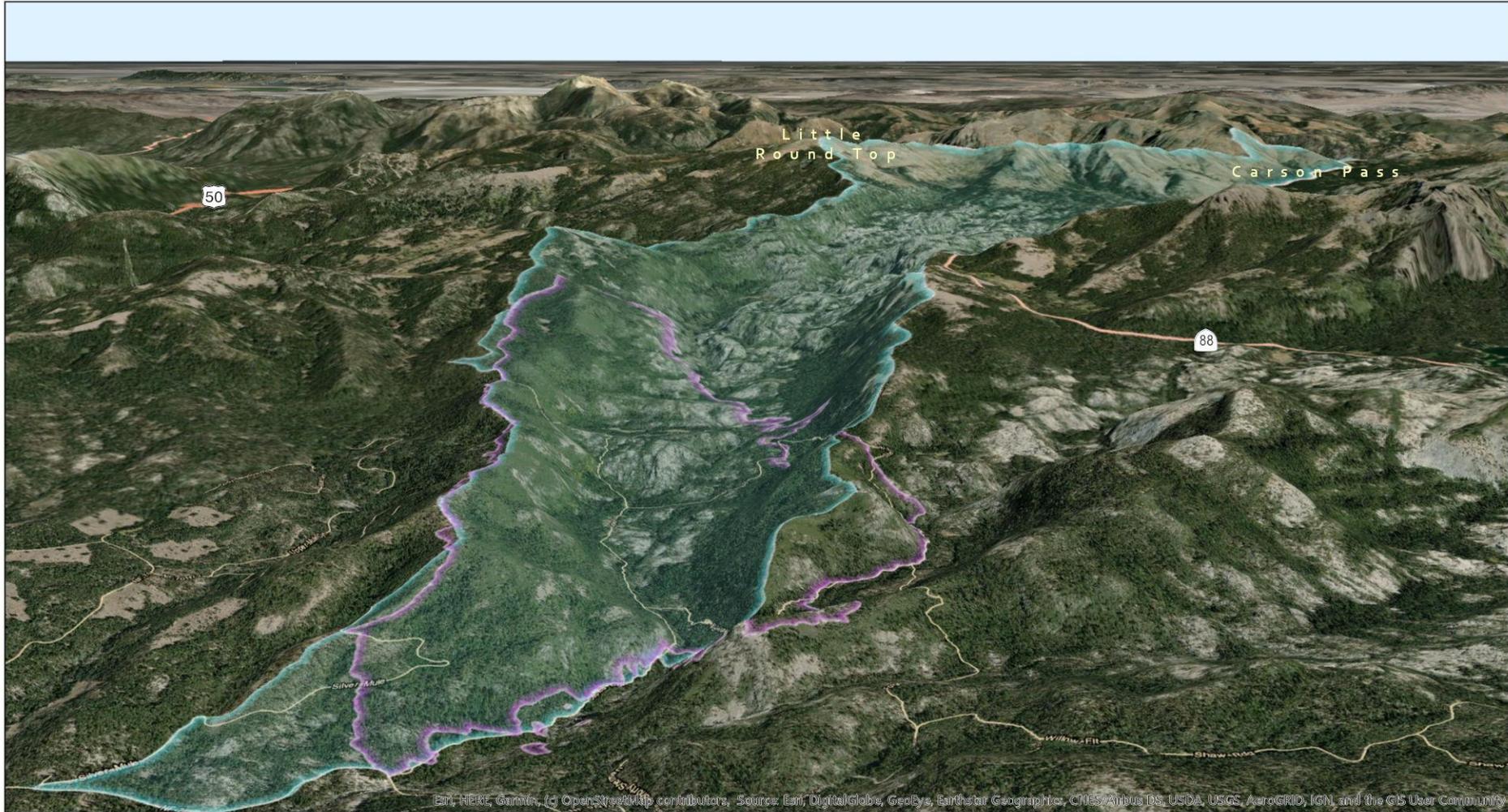


Fire Perimeter as of Oct 14, 2019

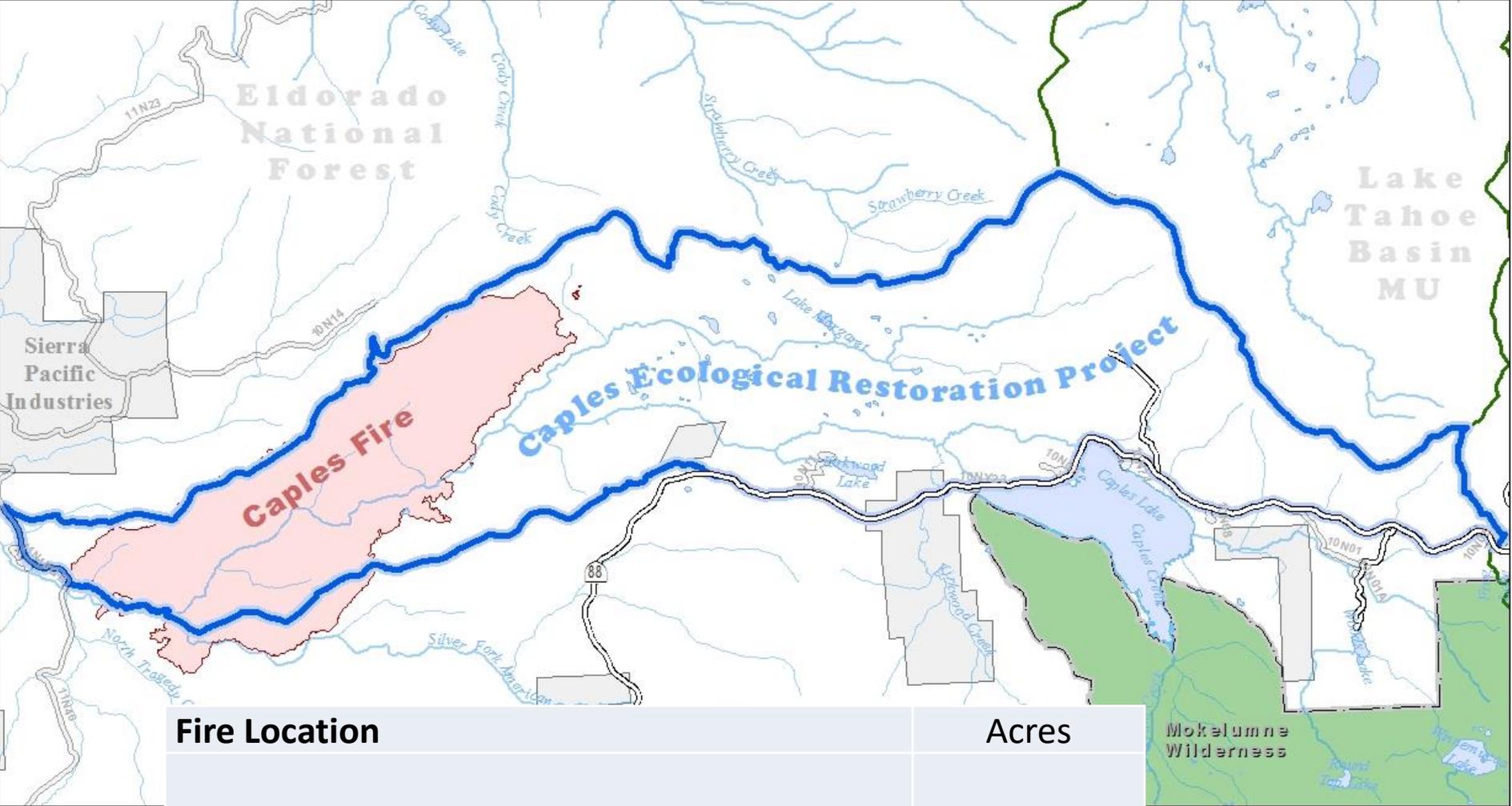


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Fire Perimeter overlaid with Caples Ecological Restoration Project Boundary



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Fire Location	Acres
Inside Caples Ecological Restoration Project	2,663
Outside Caples Ecological Restoration Project	320
Grand Total	2,983



DESOLATION WILDERNESS
DESOLATION

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CREW

TRIBAL
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⇒ If you have health concerns contact: Teresa Riesenhuber at triesenhuber@fs.fed.us or (530) 621-5223 to be added to the Smoke Notification List.

For questions about this project, call the Placerville Ranger District at (530) 644-2324.

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Forest Service

Eldorado National Forest website: www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado

2019

There, I fixed it for you.

Forest Service did it }
Again For the 1,000 time }
Destroying ~~the~~ OUR Forest
For lack of ~~strategy~~ Management



What a Dumb thing to write, Thank you Forest Service for returning fire to the For Keep



Caples Fire Update

October 12, 2019 19-1565 A 19 of 20



QUESTIONS