

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: San Diego
1600 Pacific Hwy #260
San Diego, CA 92101

From: (Public Agency): San Diego River Conservancy
11769 Waterhill Rd. Bldg. #2
Lakeside, CA 92040

(Address)

Project Title: Descanso Ranger District Wildfire Resilience and Community Defense

Project Applicant: National Forest Foundation

Project Location - Specific:
3348 Alpine Blvd. Alpine, CA 91901

Project Location - City: Alpine Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project goals are to reduce wildfire risk to life, property, and natural resources while enhancing forest health and biodiversity. Project activities include manual and mechanical fuel reduction activities and fuelbreak maintenance. These efforts are designed to manage defensible space in WUI zones and rural areas and restore natural fire regimes. The project will treat 246 acres of high-priority areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego River Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: National Forest Foundation

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
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: 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Julia Richards Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-390-0534

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

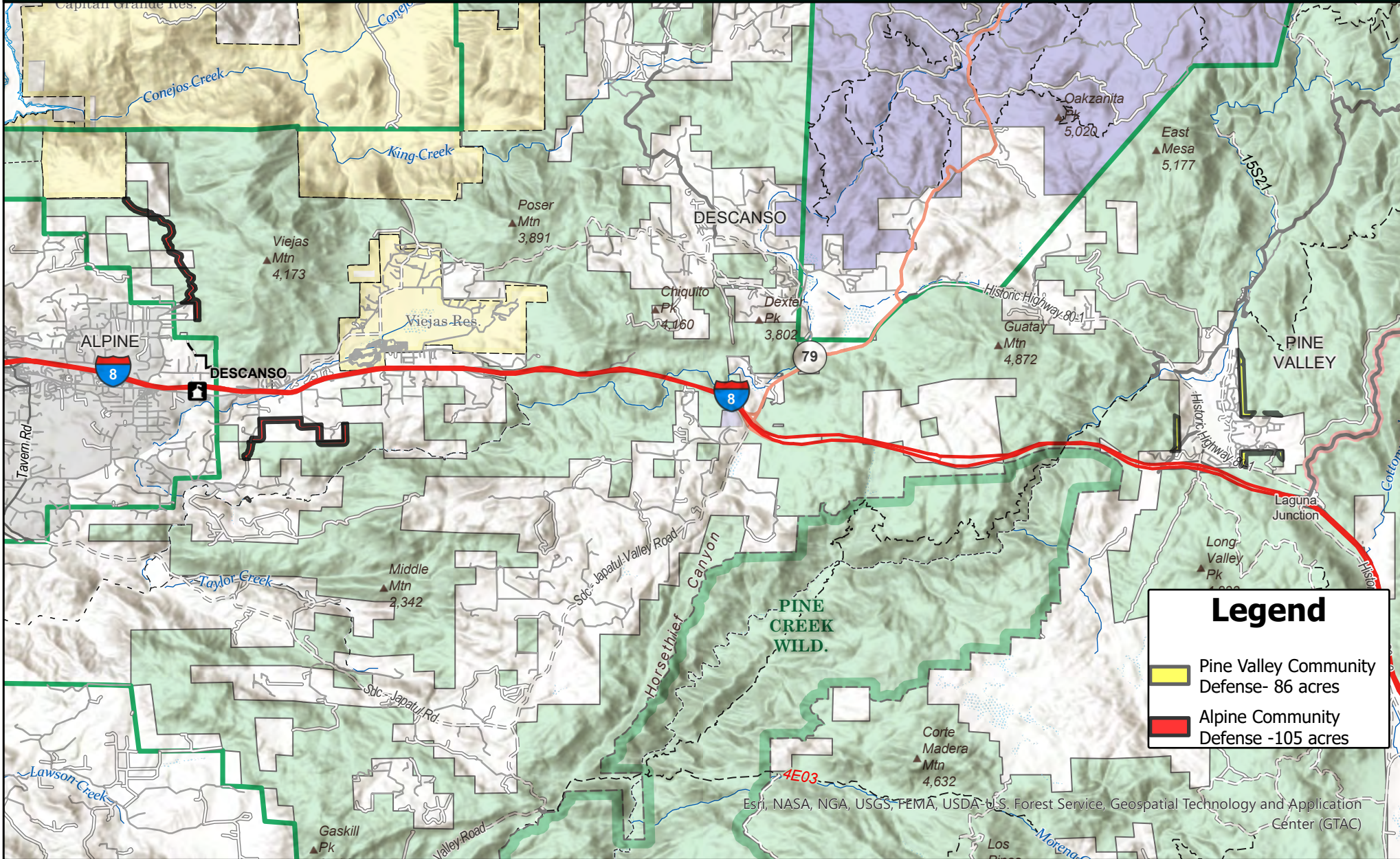
Signature: [Signature] Date: 3-10-2026 Title: Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



Descanso R.D Community Defense Fuel Break Projects



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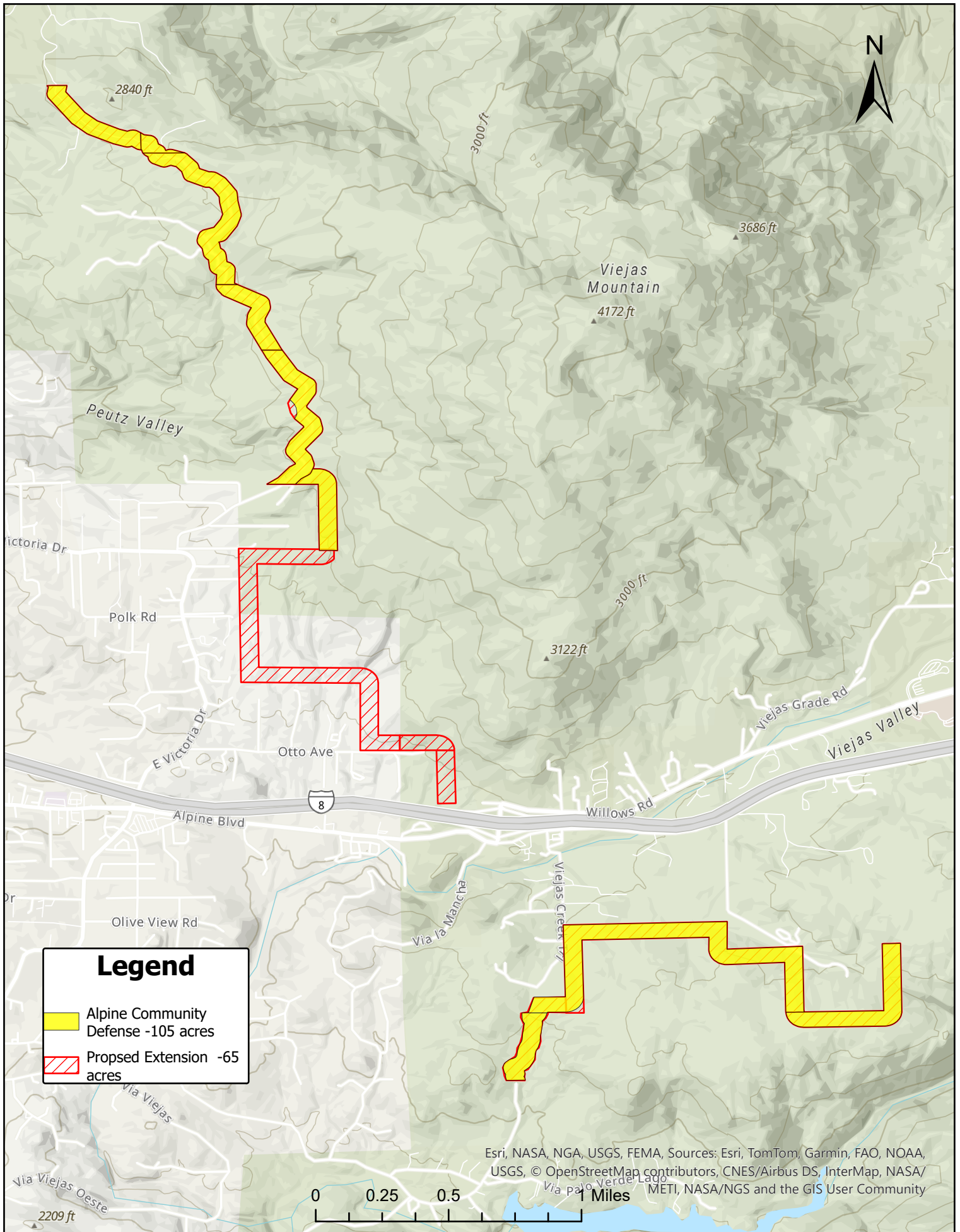
- Pine Valley Community Defense- 86 acres
- Alpine Community Defense -105 acres

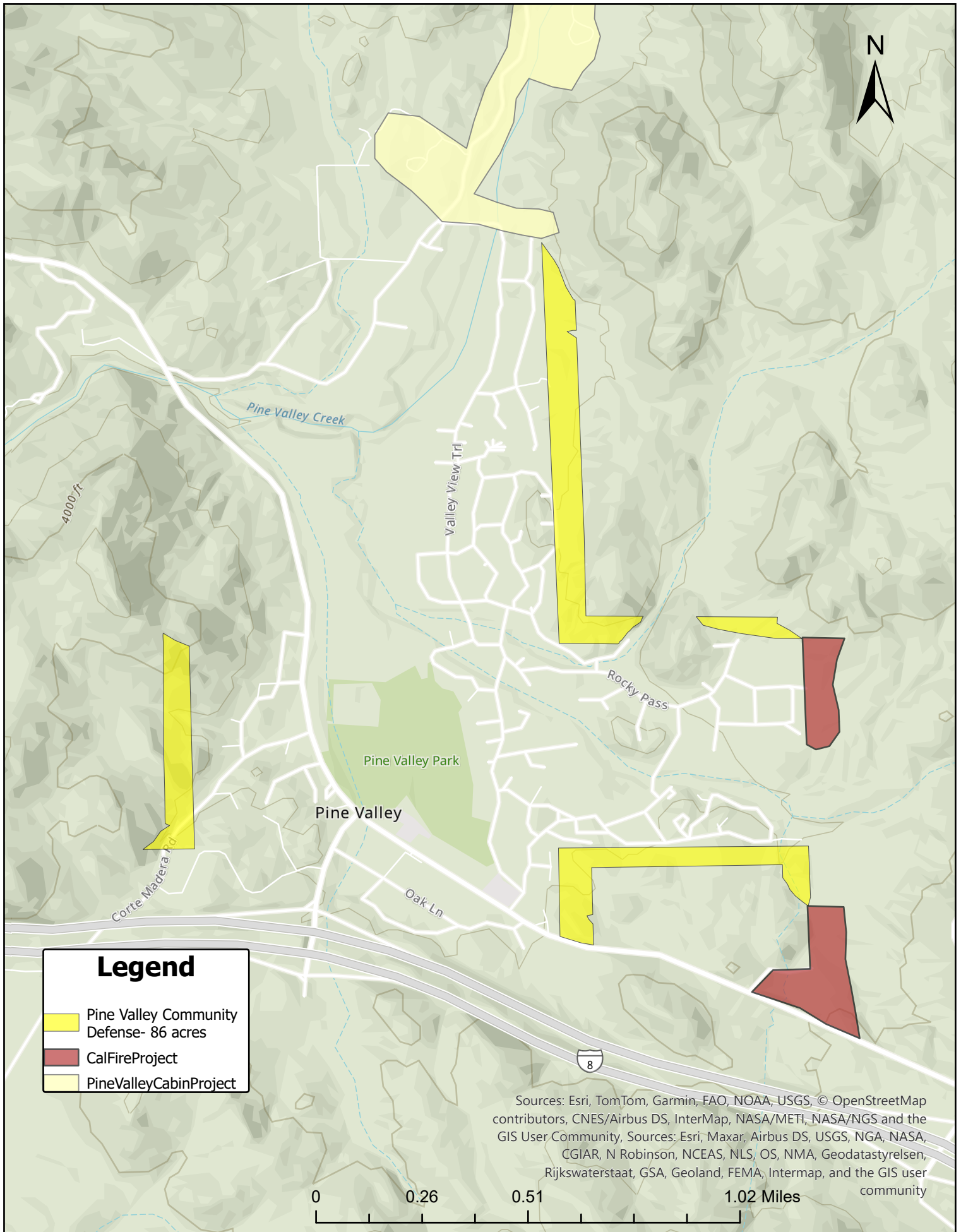
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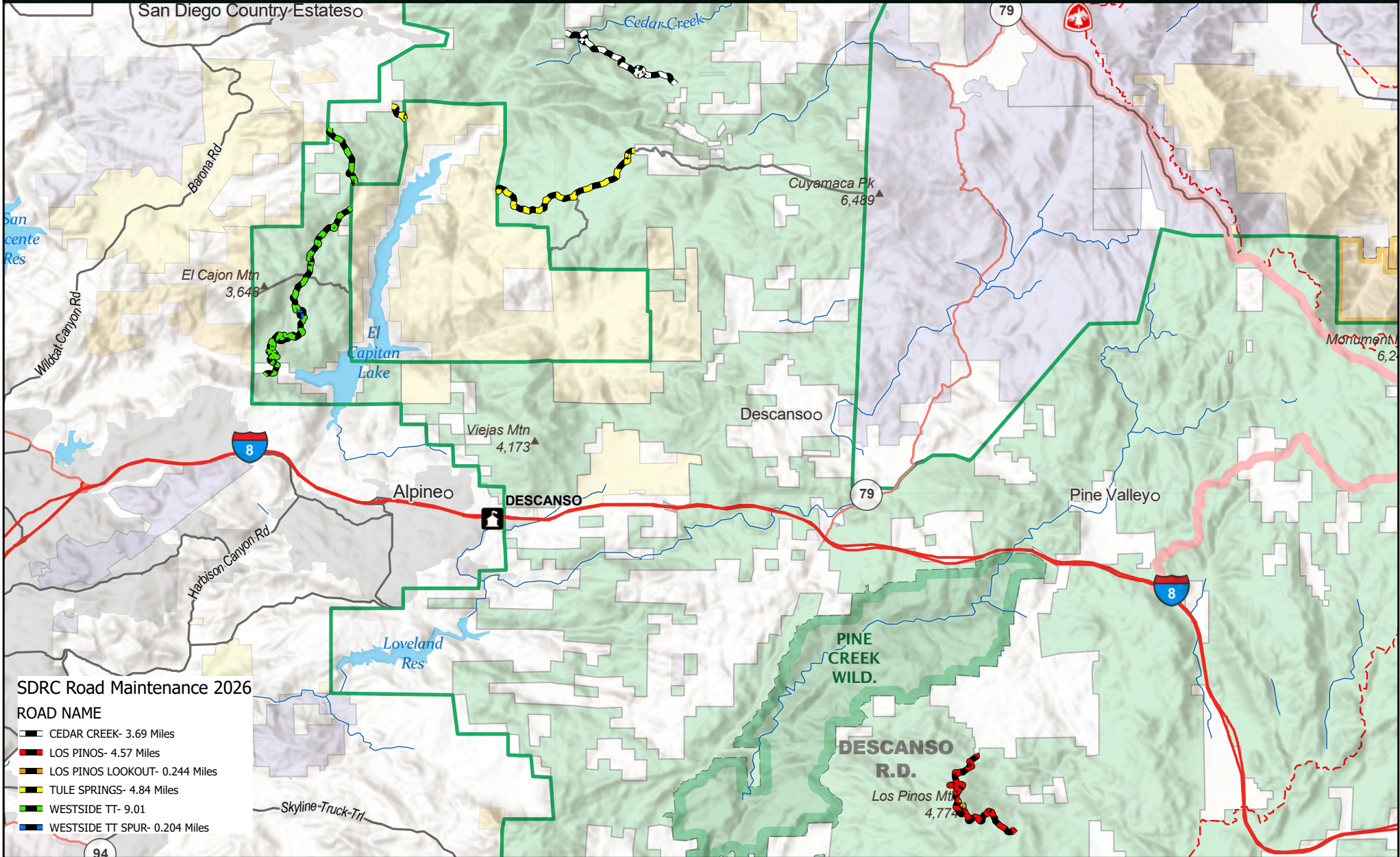
- Pine Valley Community Defense- 86 acres
- CalFire Project
- Pine Valley Cabin Project

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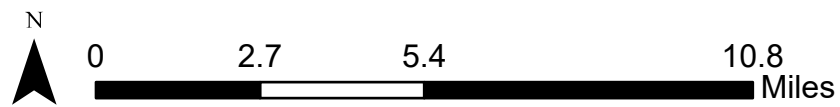


SDRC Road Brushing Location Map 2026



SDRC Road Maintenance 2026

- ROAD NAME**
- CEDAR CREEK- 3.69 Miles
 - LOS PINOS- 4.57 Miles
 - LOS PINOS LOOKOUT- 0.244 Miles
 - TULE SPRINGS- 4.84 Miles
 - WESTSIDE TT- 9.01 Miles
 - WESTSIDE TT SPUR- 0.204 Miles



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