East Garzas Fuel Break Maintenance and Expansion Project

1. Project Overview

	Proposed	Actual
Treated Acres	17.80	Project Not Finished
Start Date	02/01/2026	Project Has Not Started Yet
End Date	02/01/2028	Project Has Not Started Yet

Primary Project Objectives

Removal of hazardous, dead, and/or dying trees.

Removal of vegetation for the creation of strategic fuel breaks as identified by approved fire prevention plans, including without limitation, CAL FIRE Unit Fire Plans or Community Wildfire Preparedness Plans.

Removal of vegetation for community defensible space.

Removal of vegetation along roadways, high-ways, and freeways for the creation of safer ingress and egress routes for the public and responders and/or to reduce roadside ignitions.

Maintenance of previously established fuel breaks or fuels modification projects.

Anticipated cooperating agencies and/or resources

CalFire BEU/Monterey Unit,
Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District (MCRFD)
Resource Conservation District of Monterey County,
Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association
California Conservation Corps (CCC)

2. Applicant Information

Name

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD)

Organization

Public Agency

3. Jurisdictional Information

Responsibility Area

State

CAL FIRE Unit

BEU

4. Commercial Component

Will this project generate revenue? - No

If yes, explain:

5. Acres by Treatment Type

Mechanical 0	**Manual** 17.8
Prescribed Herbivory 17.8	**Herbicide** 17.8
Pile Burning 7.5	**Broadcast Burning** 0
Cultural Burning 0	**Other** 0

Other Approved Activities

No Other Activities are approved for this project

6. Project Details

Description of Work

The key objectives of the project are to reduce fire hazard along East Garzas Road and the Garland Ranch Regional Park's (GRRP) River Trail, providing a toe-slope buffer between heavily loaded wildland fuels and steep slopes for the GRRP and the WOI of Carmel Valley, CA. The area is at high risk of fire due to heavy fuel loading, steep slopes, narrow canyons, and high winds.

The original East Garzas Shaded Fuel Break project was completed in November of 2024, and consisted of approximately 6.2 acres. This project would expand that existing fuel break to the south and east, along the existing trail corridors.

The Project is limited to removal and management of dense understory fuels. Work will consist of a combination of manual thinning/removal of ladder fuels, hand-piling, and Rx pile burning in newly treated areas. Follow up treatments of prescribed herbivory (goats) will be used for as-needed maintenance on both the fuel break expansion area, as well as the original East Garzas Shaded Fuel Break.

The long-term vision includes permitted management of the area for fire hazard.

Fuels Management

Horizontal fuels – ladder fuels (<8" DBH) will be manually removed and piled for prescribed pile burning during the wet season. Canopy reduction will not exceed 25%. Herbaceous understory (1 hour fuels) will be reduced to a height of 18".

Vertical fuels - trees >8" DBH will be limbed to 8 ft (not to exceed 50% of crowns). Standing dead trees will be removed. Slash will be hand pile for prescribed burning in wet season. Large logs (greater than 10 inches) will be laid flat to the ground and left in place to promote nutrient recycling and provide habitat.

Retreatment via Rx herbivory.

Ground-based Equipment

Light weight equipment operated by trained fire crews under supervision of MPRPD Staff, the Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association, CALFIRE, and/or Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District.

Brush cutters, chainsaws, hand tools, 4x4 trucks, UTVs and a small tractors will be used manual thinning and limited mowing prior to pile burning.

Chippers and water trailers will aid fuel treatment and control.

Heavy machinery will be minimized.

Vehicles/equipment will stay on established roads except under emergency situations.

No new roads will be built.

Slash Treatment

Woody debris will be managed within the season that it is cut to prevent fuel buildup and to protect soils.

Material will be hand piled on location (6 ft x 6ftx x 4ft) and left to cure through the dry season.

Hand piles will be burned in the wet season.

If pile burning is not possible due to weather or permitting issues, then woody residue (piles) may be chipped in place or lopped and scattered (no greater than 3in fuel bed thickness in sensitive areas).

Larger logs will be retained for habitat and nutrient recycling.

All work will follow Cal Fire air and smoke management standards.

Maintenance Plan

MPRPD will maintain the land through ongoing monitoring, retreatment and community engagement.

MPRPD staff will track vegetation recovery, invasive species control, and fuel loads annually to guide adaptive management.

The proposed project area is expected to require re-treatment (either re-burning, mechanical treatment, or prescribed herbivory) every 3-5 years, as needed.

MPRPD will partner with Cal Fire, local and regional partners for follow-up treatments, prescribed burns, and/or TEK-based management.

Long term stewardship will be funded through public and private grants.

7. Beneficial Fire Information

Burn Duration Estimate (Hours) - 24

Overnight Activity - Yes

Impact on Smoke Sensitive Areas - No

Burn Management

Goals: reduce hazardous fuels, increase defensible space within the WUI, reintroduce fire regime, and enhance biodiversity and soil nutrient cycling.

Burns will follow CAL FIRE and Air District permits, with plans led by the certified Burn Boss.

Ignition will use drip torches (or similar approved ignition device) under low-moderate intensity.

Existing roads and trails will be used as control lines and for water support safety.

Vehicles will remain on existing service roads and trails, except in case of emergency.

Post-burns will monitor recovery.

Smoke Sensitive Areas

Actions Taken

Public Notification

MPRPD will notify local residents, landowners, partner agencies and Monterey County OES before burn operations.

Notices will be shared via email, social media and coordination with local fire departments.

Signs with contact info and burn details will be posted 48 hours before ignition.

After completion, public updates will share results, ecological benefits, and future participation opportunities.

Treatment 1: Strategic Fuelbreak Creation	
Treatment Status	Planned
Treatment Start Date	
Treatment End Date	
Primary Land Ownership Classification	Local
County Name	Monterey
Wildland-Urban Interface	WUI (auto populated)
Task Force Region	Central Coast
Suspension Objective	Strategic Fuel Break Creation
First Activity	Thinning (Manual)
First Activity Acres	17.7
Second Activity	Prescribed Herbivory
Second Activity Acres	17.7
Third Activity	Lop and Scatter
Third Activity Acres	10.3
Fourth Activity	
Fourth Activity Acres	
Fifth Activity	
Fifth Activity Acres	
Sixth Activity	
Sixth Activity Acres	
Treatment Area Footprint (Acres)	17.7
Treatment Area Footprint (GIS Acres)	17.740286
Approved	Yes
GlobalID	0f904374-a123-43e0-9668-a21ba6f31566

Treatment 2: Prescribed Fire Treatment	
Treatment Status	Planned
Treatment Start Date	
Treatment End Date	
Primary Land Ownership Classification	Local
County Name	Monterey
Wildland-Urban Interface	WUI (auto populated)
Task Force Region	Central Coast
Suspension Objective	Cultural Burning and/or Prescribed Fire Treatments
First Activity	Pile Burning
First Activity Acres	7.4
Second Activity	Piling
Second Activity Acres	7.4
Third Activity	
Third Activity Acres	
Fourth Activity	
Fourth Activity Acres	
Fifth Activity	
Fifth Activity Acres	
Sixth Activity	
Sixth Activity Acres	
Treatment Area Footprint (Acres)	7.4
Treatment Area Footprint (GIS Acres)	7.448156
Approved	Yes
GlobalID	d45733b8-084d-41be-8cd6-cf3be9aa9562

Joshua Carpenter

From: Mendez, Nicole@CNRA <nicole.mendez@resources.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 6:20 PM
To: Joshua Carpenter
Subject: CalEPA/CNRA SECRETARIAL SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION - East Garzas Fuel Break Maintenance and Expansion Project
Attachments: East Garzas Fuel Break Maintenance and Expansion Project_CDFW_Advisories.pdf; FINAL Fuels Reduction Authorization East Garzas Fuel Break.pdf

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Dear Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District,

Regarding Project ID: 0f84a9da-ddeb-4c7e-81de-09871c1d21a0

Please refer to the attached letter of determination for the above-referenced project. Please note that prior to commencing project activities Applicant must submit a **Notice of Commencement** specifying the date activities will actually commence.

Of special note:

- Be advised that the **Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan** (EPP) referenced in the attached approval letter was recently updated December 2025; please review the updated requirements and guidance.
- **CA Geological Survey:** No obvious geologic hazards were identified within your project area. It was observed that some portions within the lower lying areas of the project area are located within the FEMA 1% Annual Flood Zone (https://cadoc.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=2b245b7f816044d7a779a61a5844be23). Operations within these areas should be avoided in the event of significant rainfall and flooding forecasts. You may contact us with geologic hazard concerns if they arise at fwgp@conservation.ca.gov.
- **CDFW:** See attached advisory.
- **Water Boards**
  1. Riparian and drainage protection: Where work occurs near the Carmel River or adjacent drainages, ensure retention of riparian vegetation consistent with the project's canopy reduction limits (≤25% canopy reduction) and avoidance of concentrated disturbance within drainage features, consistent with EPP Section 4(d).
  2. Steep slopes and erosion risk: The treatment area includes steep slopes draining directly toward the Carmel River. Ensure mechanized equipment (including small tractors, UTVs, and chippers) is not operated on unstable slopes and does not create rutting or concentrated flow paths, consistent with EPP Sections 1(g), 4(a), and 5(d).
  3. Saturated soil conditions: Ensure mechanical vegetation management and herbivory do not occur during saturated soil conditions, particularly on slopes or within drainage pathways, consistent with EPP Section 5(d).

4. Pile burning near watercourses: Given the proximity to the Carmel River and tributaries, ensure pile locations are set back from drainage features and that ash and residual material are prevented from mobilizing during rainfall events, consistent with EPP Sections 4(d) and 5(c).
5. Post-treatment stabilization: Ensure disturbed areas are stabilized as needed to prevent erosion prior to significant rainfall, particularly in areas draining directly to the Carmel River, consistent with EPP Section 5(c).
6. Prescribed herbivory controls: If prescribed herbivory is implemented, ensure temporary fencing and herd management prevent access to stream channels and drainage features, consistent with EPP Section 7.

- **CARB:** ARB has no issues with this project.

Any questions related to your project should be directed to: fuelsreductionsoe@resources.ca.gov. Please reference your project name and project ID in your email. Thank you for your submission.

Nicole A. Mendez (she/her)
Deputy Director

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Date: March 03, 2026
Project No.: 0f84a9da-ddeb-4c7e-81de-09871c1d21a0 – East Garzas Fuel Break Maintenance and Expansion Project

SECRETARIAL SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2025, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in the State of California due to the catastrophic wildfire risks created by forest conditions across the state. It was extended by Executive Order N-38-25, signed on December 31, 2025. The Proclamation suspends state statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements that fall within the jurisdictions of the boards, departments, and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to the extent necessary for expediting certain critical fuels reduction projects. It requires individuals or entities who desire to conduct such activities under the suspension to request that the appropriate agency secretary, or the secretary's designee, make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension. (That determination is referred to herein as the "secretarial suspension authorization" or "suspension authorization.") The Secretary for CalEPA and the Secretary for CNRA must use sound discretion to ensure that the secretarial suspension authorization serves the purpose of accelerating critical fuels reduction projects, while at the same time protecting public health and the environment.

The Proclamation further provides that critical fuels reduction projects are eligible for a suspension authorization only if they are initiated and if they include as a primary objective at least one of the following activities ("permissible primary objective"): removal of hazardous, dead, and/or dying trees; removal of vegetation for the creation of strategic fuel breaks as identified by approved fire prevention plans, including without limitation CAL FIRE Unit Fire Plans or Community Wildfire Preparedness Plans; removal of vegetation for community defensible space; removal of vegetation along roadways, highways, and freeways for the creation of safer ingress and egress routes for the public and responders and to reduce roadside ignitions; removal of vegetation using cultural traditional ecological knowledge for cultural burning and/or prescribed fire treatments for fuels reduction; or maintenance of previously-established fuel breaks or fuels modification projects.

The Proclamation further requires that any activities performed under the suspension be in accordance with the State Environmental Protection Plan describing how such actions will balance expeditious fuels reduction and environmental protection. The Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan was developed by CalEPA, CNRA, the California Air Resources Board, the California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (each a Regional Water Board), the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the California Geological Survey, to apply to fuels reduction projects granted a secretarial suspension authorization. The EPP is appropriate for application to certain fuels reduction activities. It specifies methods

intended to allow the fuels reduction activities to continue without delay while still preserving the intent of the suspended laws and protecting the environment.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) (Applicant) has submitted a request for a suspension authorization (Application) on December 30, 2025. Applicant has included a description of the work, a description of treatment activities, a long term maintenance/retreatment plan and included a project map. The activities described in the Application are hereinafter referred to as the Project. The information contained in the Applicant's Application is hereby incorporated by reference.

CONDITIONS OF SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION

The suspension of laws set forth below is conditioned on the following:

1. **Applicability:** This suspension authorization applies only to the Project. It does not apply to any activities not set forth in the Application. This suspension authorization does not alter any requirements imposed by any law not specifically identified herein, including local and federal laws, and any material modification of or departure from the Project described in your Application may independently trigger obligations under the state laws identified in this authorization.
2. **EPP:**
    - The Project must be conducted in conformance with the EPP. This suspension authorization is only valid to the extent the Applicant and individuals conducting Project Activities comply with the EPP. Failure to comply with the EPP, and with any applicable federal and non-suspended state and local environmental laws and regulations, may result in an enforcement action by CalEPA departments and/or CNRA departments.
    - Staff of the State Water Board, appropriate Regional Water Board, California Air Resources Board, California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the California Geological Survey will have the opportunity to inspect operations and verify proper implementation of best management practices and other measures set forth in the EPP. Inspections may occur throughout the life of the project and within eight months of filing a Notice of Completion to the State. Staff will ensure they provide reasonable notice to the applicant for all site visits. Applicant must work with staff to ensure access is granted.
    - The EPP may be amended at any time during planning or implementation of project activities. The Project must be conducted in conformance with the then-applicable EPP. If such amendment occurs, CNRA and CalEPA will notify all applicants of such changes.
3. **Qualified Responsible Party**:
    - All Project work must be conducted by or under the direction of a qualified responsible party, such as a Registered Professional Forester, Certified Rangeland Manager, qualified vegetation management contractor, qualified incident commander, certified arborist, certified burn boss and/or authorized cultural burner.
    - If no qualified responsible party was listed in the Application, or the Applicant substitutes a different or adds additional qualified party/parties, Applicant must submit a Notice of Qualified Responsible Party prior to commencement of on-the-ground work.

4. **Landowner Consent**: Applicant must have a legal entitlement to enter the property or consent of landowner of record.
5. **Commencement and termination of on-the-ground project activities:**
    - On the ground fuel project activities must commence no later than October 15, 2026.
    - Applicant must submit a Notice of Commencement to CalEPA, CNRA, and the applicable CAL FIRE unit prior to commencing on-the-ground project activities and specifying the date on which on-the-ground project activities will actually commence. Ideally, this will be the same date set forth in the Application. The Notice of Commencement must set forth the target completion date.
    - Operations should conclude no later than 2 years after commencement of on-the-ground project activities.
    - In the event operations will not conclude before the target completion date identified in the Notice of Commencement, Applicant must submit of a Notice of Amended Completion Date prior to the previously identified target completion date.
    - Applicant must submit a Notice of Completion promptly after on-the-ground work has been completed. The Notice of Termination will specify the date on which on-the-ground project activities concluded and identify the total acres treated.

SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION BY CALEPA

I, Catalina Hayes-Bautista, Undersecretary, have been delegated authority by Secretary for Environmental Protection Yana Garcia, to issue suspension authorizations where appropriate. I find that Applicant's Project is eligible for a suspension authorization because it was submitted by May 1, 2026, and has the permissible primary objectives of Removal of hazardous, dead, and/or dying trees; Removal of vegetation for the creation of strategic fuel breaks as identified by approved fire prevention plans, including without limitation, CAL FIRE Unit Fire Plans or Community Wildfire Preparedness Plans; Removal of vegetation for community defensible space; Removal of vegetation along roadways, high-ways, and freeways for the creation of safer ingress and egress routes for the public and responders and/or to reduce roadside ignitions; and Maintenance of previously established fuel breaks or fuels modification projects. I further find that issuance of a suspension authorization in this case would serve the purpose of expediting critical fuels reduction activities and that Applicant's compliance with the EPP in conducting the Project will protect public health and the environment.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the Project is eligible to be conducted under the suspension authorized by the Proclamation. This suspension authorization, however, is conditioned on compliance with the conditions listed above. In the exercise of my discretion under the Proclamation, I hereby authorize the Project to proceed pursuant to the suspension of the following laws within the jurisdiction of the State Water Resources Control Board or appropriate Regional Water Board and the following laws within the jurisdiction of the California Air Resources Board:

- California Water Code, § 13160, and all regulations pursuant to that section; requires an applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct any activity which may result in any discharge to navigable waters to file an application for a water quality certification from the appropriate Regional Water Board or the State Water Board.
- California Water Code, § 13260, and regulations pursuant to that section; requires that any person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste, within any region that could affect

the quality of waters of the state shall file with the appropriate Regional Water Board a report of the discharge.
- Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 80100-80330; establishing smoke management guidelines for agricultural and prescribed burning.

Suspension Approved by:



3/4/2026

Catalina Hayes-Bautista, Undersecretary
California Environmental Protection Agency **Date**

SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION BY CNRA

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- California Fish and Game Code (FGC) § 86 where "Take" shall be avoided. Take is defined as to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.
- FGC § 1600 et seq.; Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, notification of significant alteration to stream channel, bank, or bed.
- FGC § 1900 et seq.; Native Plant Protection Act.
- FGC § 1927 et seq.; Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act.
- FGC § 2000; Taking is unlawful except as provided.
- FGC § 3503 and § 3503.5; Protection for bird nests and eggs and birds of prey.
- FGC § 3511; California Fully Protected Birds.
- FGC § 3513; California Migratory Bird Protection Act.
- FGC § 4700; California Fully Protected Mammals.
- FGC § 5050; California Fully Protected Reptiles and Amphibians.
- FGC § 5515; California Fully Protected Fish.
- FGC §§ 5650 and 5652; Deposition of deleterious material into waters of the state.
- FGC § 5901; Fish passage.
- FGC § 5937; Sufficient water for fish.
- FGC § 5948; Obstruction of streams.

- FGC §§ 2050-2115.5: California Endangered Species Act; prohibition of the take of any species of wildlife designated as endangered, threatened, or candidates for listing.
- Public Resources Code §§ 30000-30900: California Coastal Act
- Public Resources Code §§ 21000-21189.91: California Environmental Quality Act
- All regulations implementing the code sections identified above.

Suspension Approved by:



Wade Crowfoot, Secretary — March 9, 2026

California Natural Resources Agency — **Date**

Biological Resources Advisories

1. (a) The Project has the potential to impact the following species and sensitive natural resources: the State and federally endangered foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylii pop.6*); the State endangered seaside bird's-beak (*Cordylanthus rigidus ssp. littoralis*); the State threatened and federally endangered Monterey gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora ssp. arenaria*); the federally endangered Contra Costa goldfields (*Lasthernia conjugens*) and Smith's blue butterfly (*Euphilotes enoptes smithi*); the State and federally threatened California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense pop. 1*); the State threatened tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*); the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and Monterey spineflower (*Chorizanthe pungens var. pungens*); the State rare Pacific Grove clover (*Trifolium polyodon*); the State candidate endangered western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis*); the federally proposed threatened monarch (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*) and southwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys pallida*); the California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) 1B.1 Congdon's tarplant (*Centromadia parryi ssp. congdonii*), Eastwood's goldenbrush (*Ericameria fasciculata*), Fort Ord button-celery (*Eryngium montereyense*), Kellogg's horkelia (*Horkelia cuneata var. sericea*), legenere (*Legenere limosa*), Oregon meconella (*Meconella oregana*), Pajaro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pajaroensis*), pink Johnny-nip (*Castilleja ambigua var. insalutata*), Santa Cruz clover (*Trifolium buckwestiorum*), vernal pool bent grass (*Agrostis lacuna-vernalis*), Yadon's rein orchid (*Piperia yadonii*); the CRPR 1B.2 Carmel Valley bushmallow (*Malacothamnus involucratus*), Carmel Valley malcothrix (*Malacothrix saxatilis var. arachoidea),* Fort Ord spineflower (*Chorizanthe minutiflora*), Hickman's onion (*Allium hickmanii*), hooked popcornflower (*Plagiobothrys uncinatus),* Hooker's manzanita (*Arctostaphylos hoockeri ssp. hookeri*), Hutchinson's larkspur (*Delphinium hutchinsoniae*), Jolon clarkia (*Clarkia jolonensis*), marsh microseris (*Microseris paludosa*), northern curly-leaved monardella (*Monardella sinuate ssp. nigrescens*), pine rose (*Rosa pinetorum*), sandmat manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pumila*), Santa Cruz microseris (*Stebbinsoseris decipiens*), Toro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos montereyensis*), twisted horsehair lichen (*Sulcaria spiralifera*), woodland woollythreads (*Monolopia gracilens*); and the CRPR 1B.3 bristlecone fir (*Abies bracteate),* Pinnacles buckwheat (*Eriogonum nortonii*), umbrella larkspur (*Delphinium umbraculorum*).

   (b) CDFW advises the applicant contact the USFWS regarding federally listed species.

(c) Please refer to EPP Section 1(d) regarding identifying and marking sensitive resources prior to project commencement, and EPP Section 3 which includes BMPs for sensitive biological resources. There are several known sensitive biological resources within treatment areas and it is unclear if these areas can be fully avoided, per EPP Section 3(a) the applicant shall contact CDFW regarding location and avoidance of sensitive biological resources prior to project activities, please email R4Timber@wildlife.ca.gov.

2. Prior to any prescribed herbivory treatment, the applicant shall contact CDFW regarding location and mapping of sensitive natural resources, avoidance of sensitive natural resources, and the installation and monitoring of fencing. As per EPP 7(a) prescribed herbivory shall be excluded from sensitive resources (such as wetlands and creeks, habitat of listed species, etc.). Where prescribed herbivory treatment is used, temporary fencing shall be used, and to the extent feasible should have smooth, highly visible wire with the top wire no higher than 40-42 inches from the ground and the bottom wire at least 16 inches from the ground, when possible. When permanent fencing is installed, it should be wildlife friendly. Permanent fencing shall include smooth, highly visible wire with the top wire no higher than 40-42 inches from the ground and the bottom wire at least 16 inches from the ground, when possible. Prescribed herbivory should maintain a buffer of 50 feet from sensitive resources. If the herbivory buffer or other fencing terms described in the EPP are not feasible, the applicant shall contact CDFW at R4Timber@wildlife.ca.gov. Please note the treatment section lists prescribed herbivory as a potential maintenance option. Herbivory activities are only covered under the period of the suspension which is two years from the initiation of ground work, any herbivory used for maintenance outside of this period is subject to the terms of Advisory #6 below.

3. Several project points are adjacent to or within 50-feet of intermittent streams. Heavy equipment shall not operate within the perennial stream buffer per EPP section 4(a) & (d); and Section 5(b), burn piles shall be placed in a manner to help prevent their entering surface water bodies per EPP 5(b).

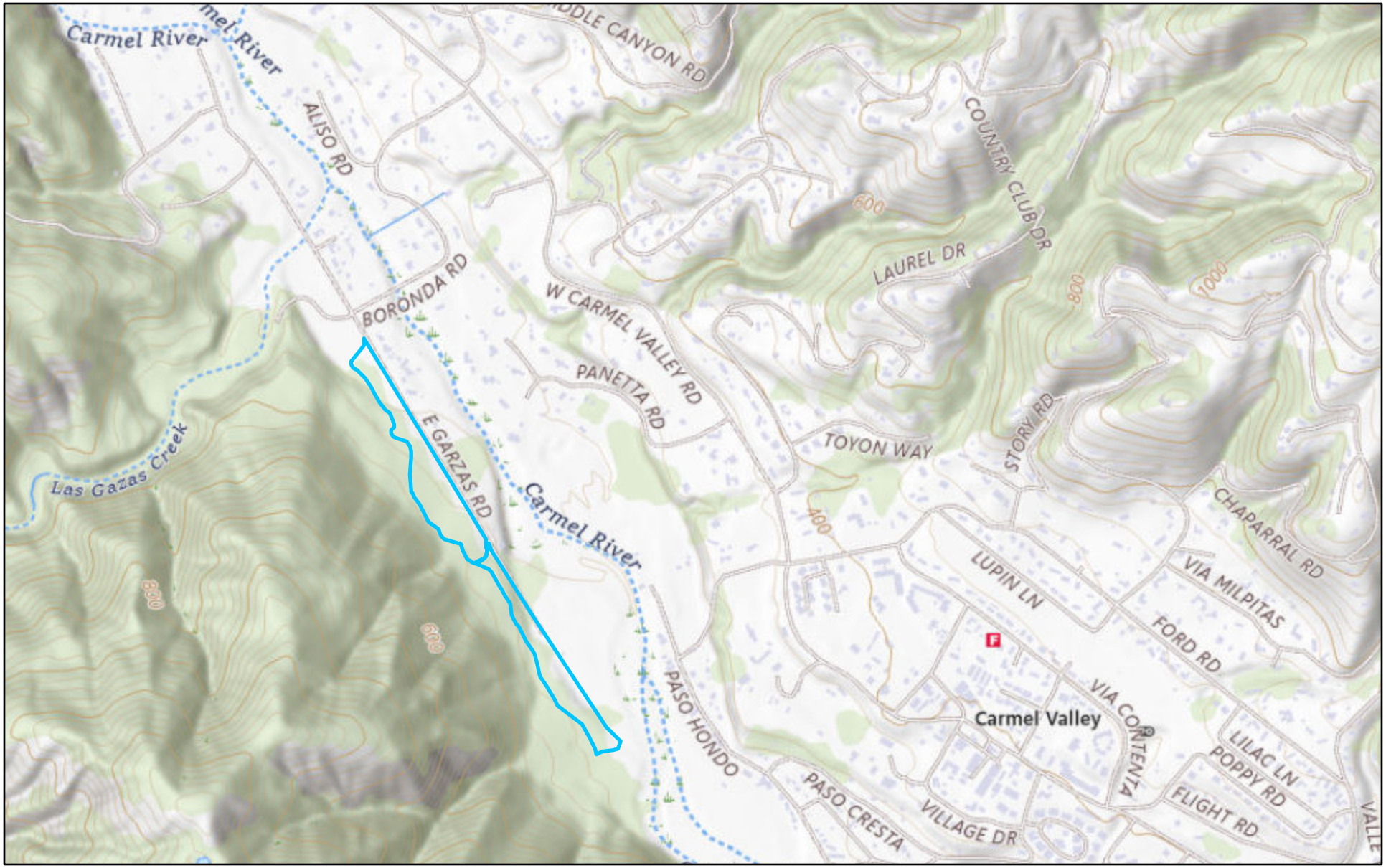
4. Project activities occur near known California spotted owl territories. Project activities shall not occur within ¼ mile of all known previously occupied spotted owl nest sites/stands during the breeding season (February 1st through August 15th) unless protocol surveys confirm that the spotted owl territory is not occupied. If new spotted owl territories are located before or during project implementation those locations shall also be protected as above. If avoidance buffers cannot be

maintained the applicant shall coordinate with CDFW at R4Timber@wildlife.ca.gov, prior to conducting operations within the buffer during the nesting season.

5. Project activities occur near or within known California tiger salamander (CTS) habitat. Potential or known breeding habitat shall be protected with a minimum 250-foot no-disturbance buffer. Slash shall not be piled or scattered within known or potential CTS upland habitat.

6. Please be advised that future maintenance will be subject to the Fish and Game Code. Please contact CDFW at R4Timber@wildlife.ca.gov for future maintenance activities.

USGS_ Overall Project Boundary



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Rx Burn Units

USGSTopo
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Green: Band_2
Blue: Band_3

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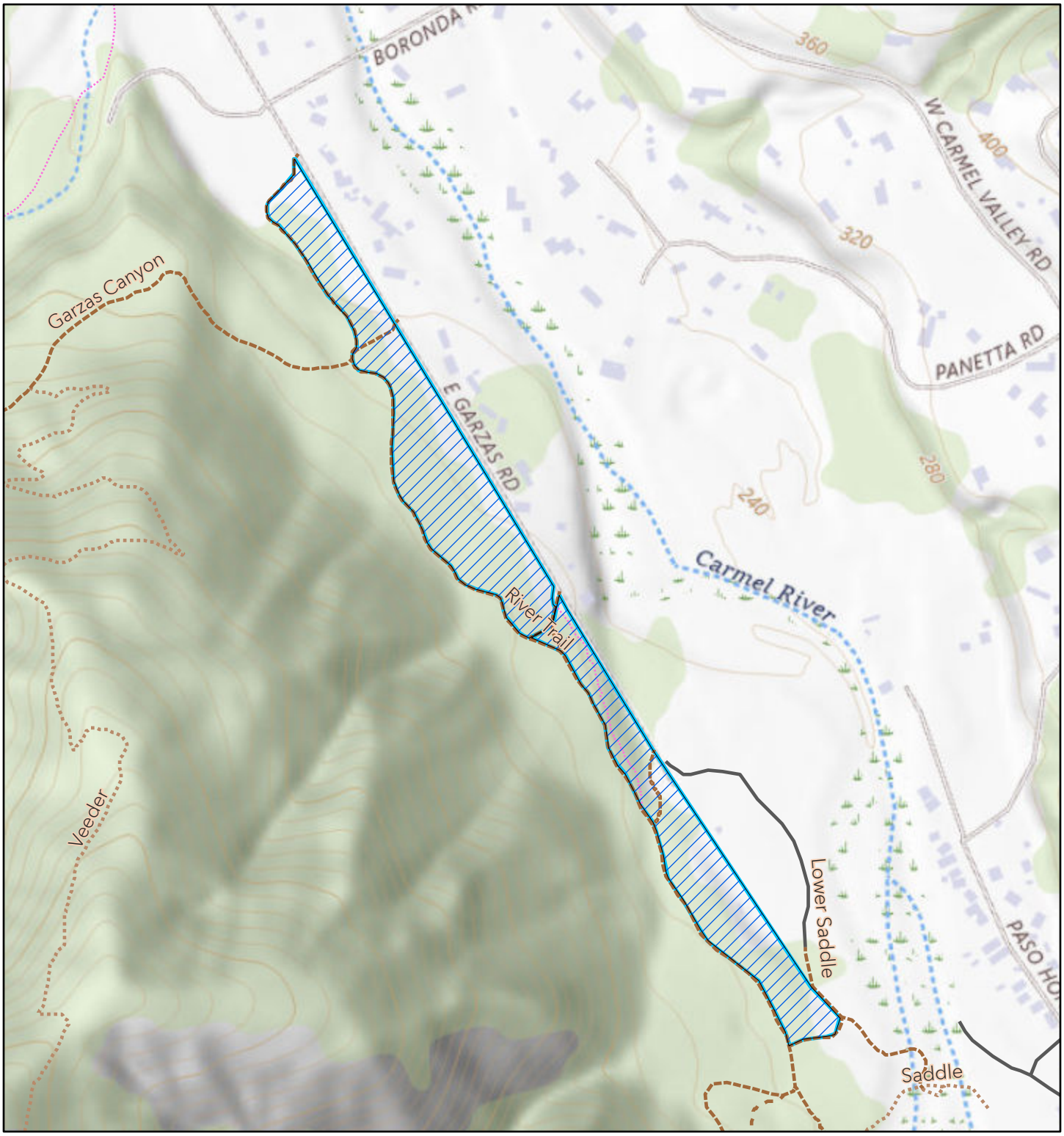
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USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography

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USGS_ Understory Thinning



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UnderstoryThiningArea

Other

MPRPD_Roads_Trails

Rx Burn Units

Car/ Light-Duty SUV

USGSTopo

RTV

Red: Band_1

ATV

Green: Band_2

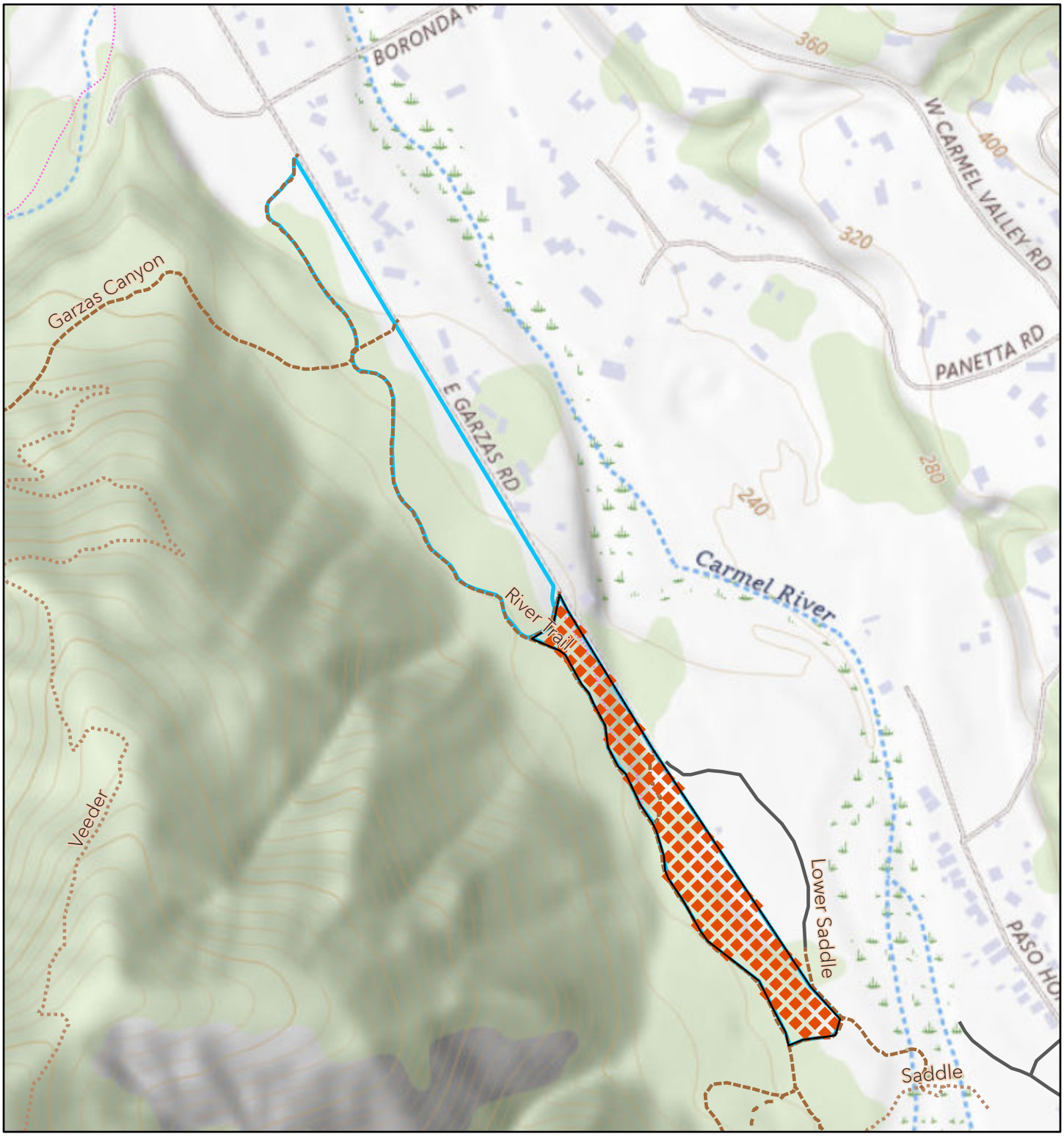
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Blue: Band_3

USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Dataset, and National Transportation Dataset; USGS Global Ecosystems; U.S. Census Bureau TIGER/Line data; USFS Road data; Natural Earth Data; U.S.

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USGS_ Rx Pile Burn



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PileBurnArea

MPRPD_Roads_Trails

Car/ Light-Duty SUV

RTV

ATV

No Vehicles

Other

Rx Burn Units

USGSTopo

Red: Band_1

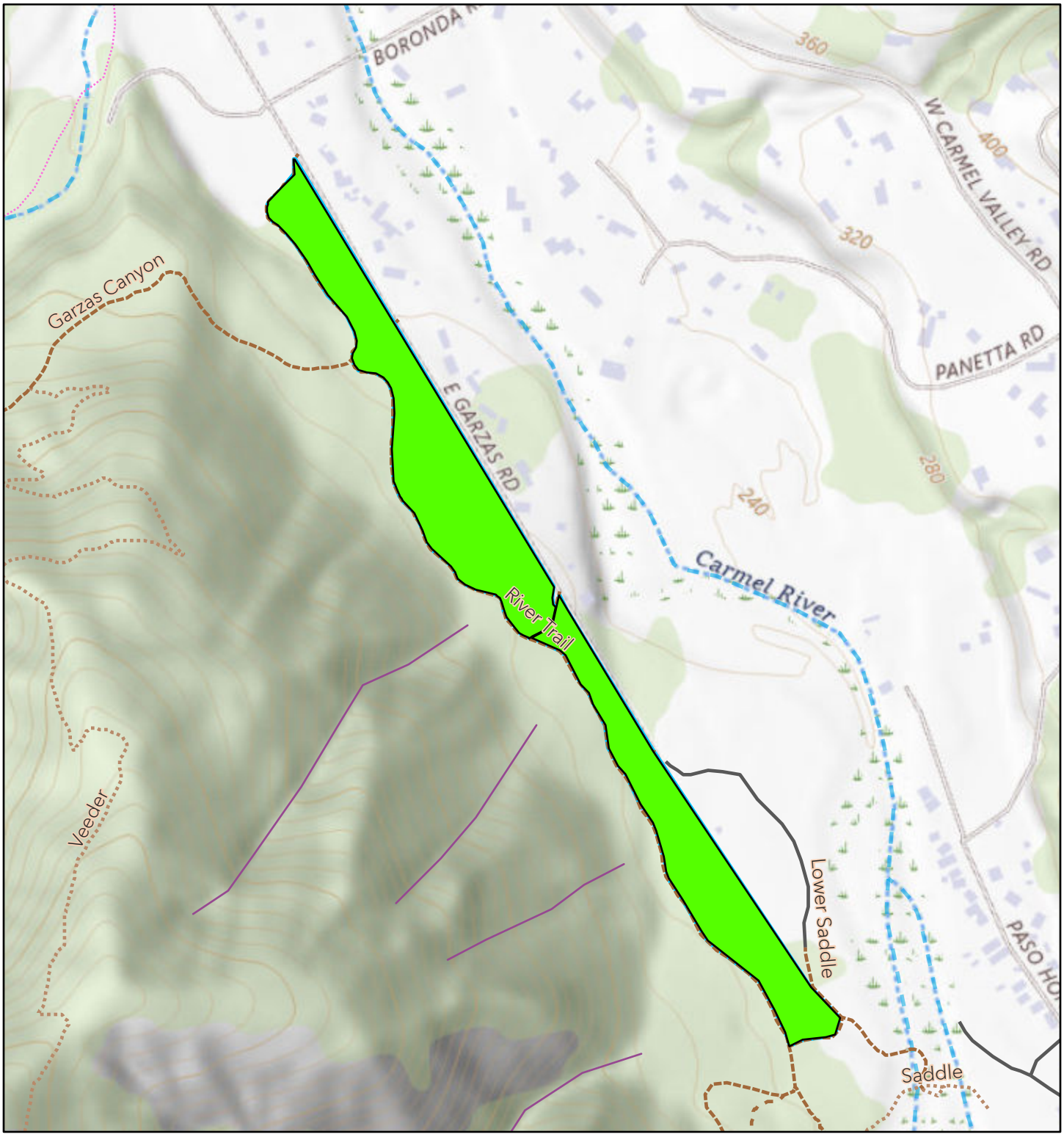
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Blue: Band_3

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USGS_ Prescribed Herbivory



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PrescribedHerbivory

MPRPD_Roads_Trails

- Car/ Light-Duty SUV
- RTV
- ATV
- No Vehicles
- Other
- Rx Burn Units
- Intermittent Stream
- Ephemeral Stream

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- Red: Band_1
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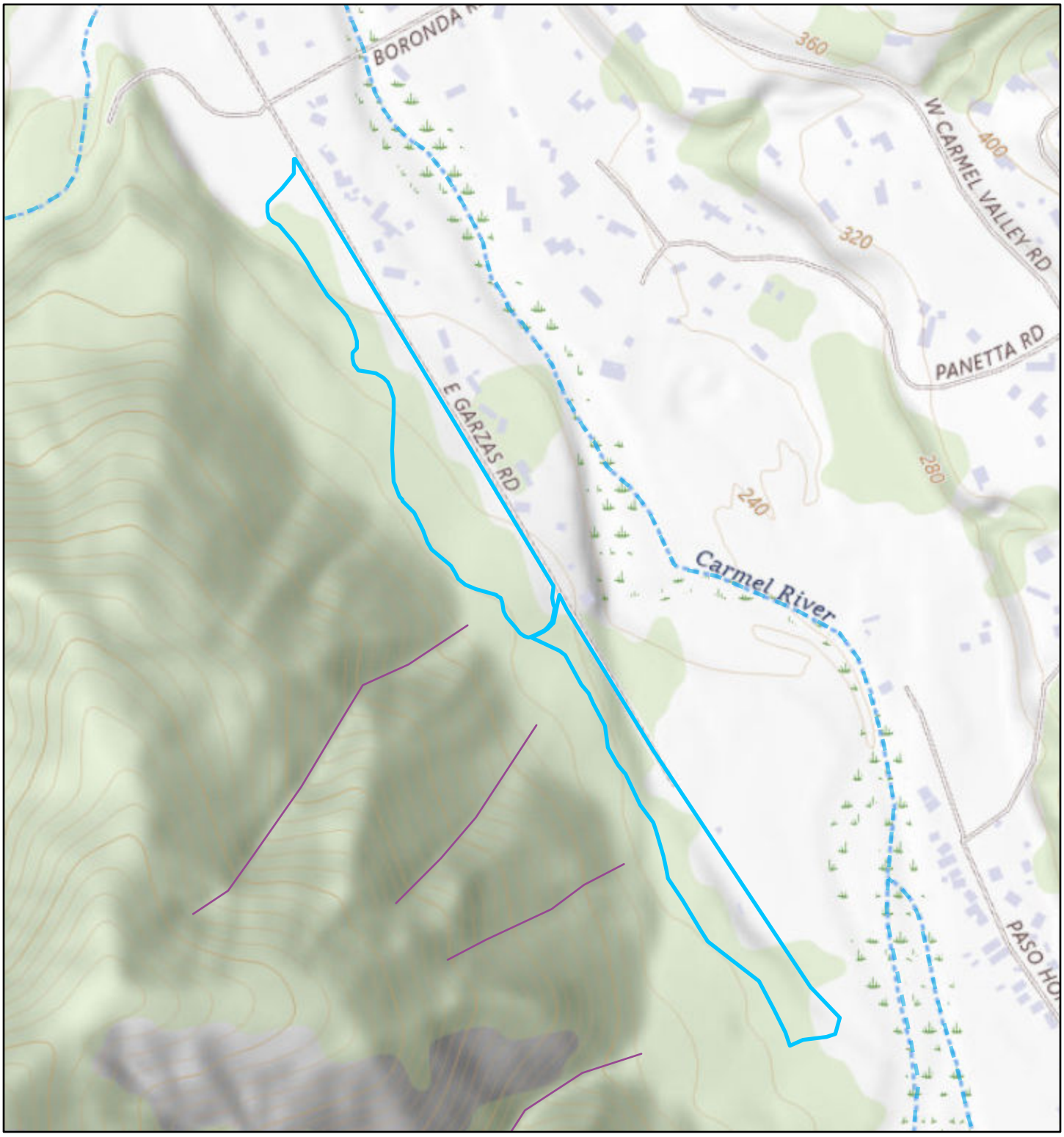
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USGS- Adjacent Aquatic Habitat



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Intermittent Stream

Ephemeral Stream

Rx Burn Units

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AerialImagery_ Overall Project Boundary



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Rx Burn Units

MPRPD_LandHoldings_Simplified

World Imagery

Low Resolution 15m Imagery

High Resolution 60cm Imagery

High Resolution 30cm Imagery

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Aerial Imagery_ Adjacent Aquatic Resources



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Rx Burn Units

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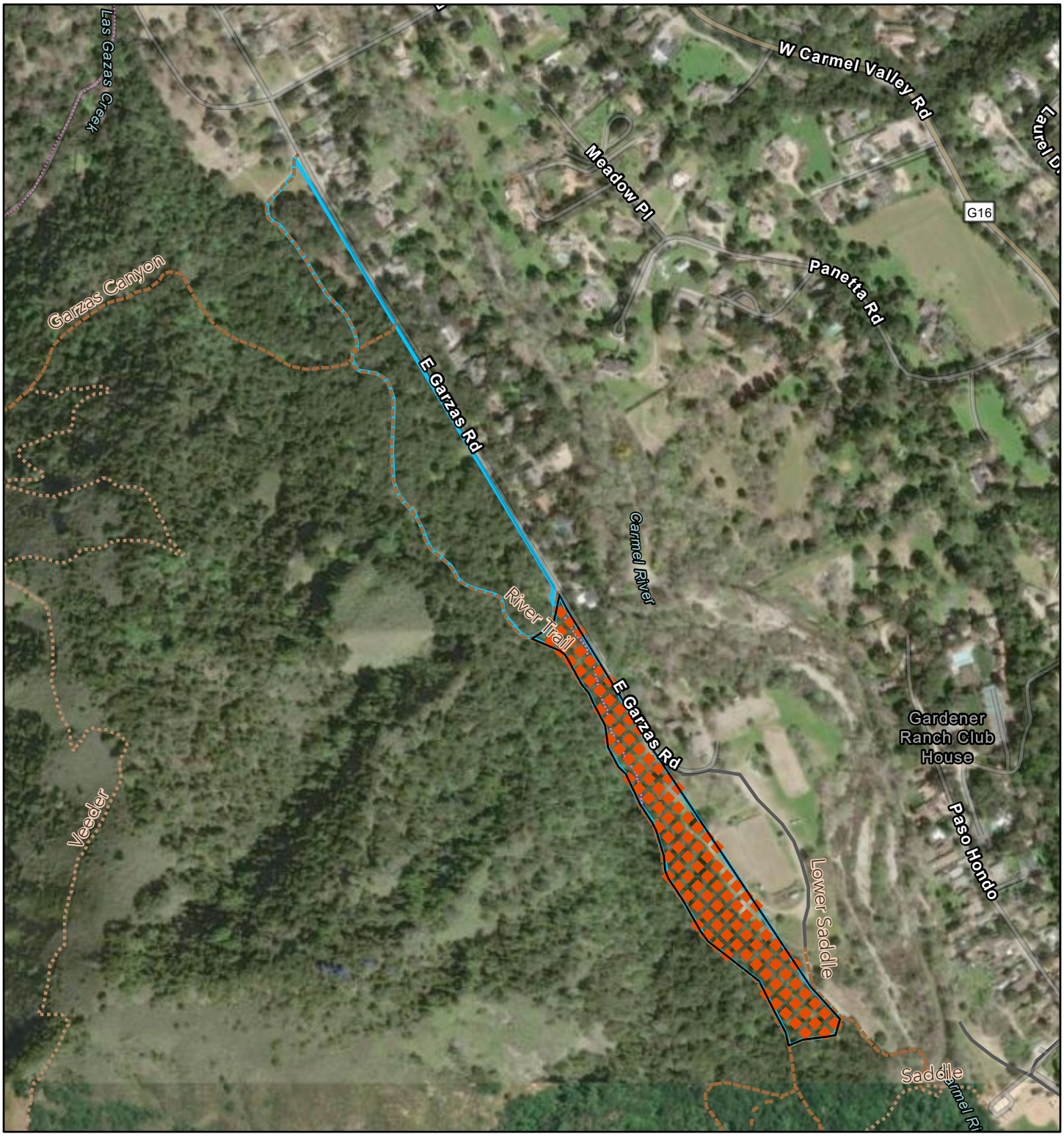
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Aerial Imagery_ RX Pile Burning



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PileBurnArea

Rx Burn Units

MPRPD_Roads_Trails

Car/ Light-Duty SUV

RTV

ATV

No Vehicles

Other

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Aerial Imagery_ Understory Thinning



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UnderstoryThiningArea

Rx Burn Units

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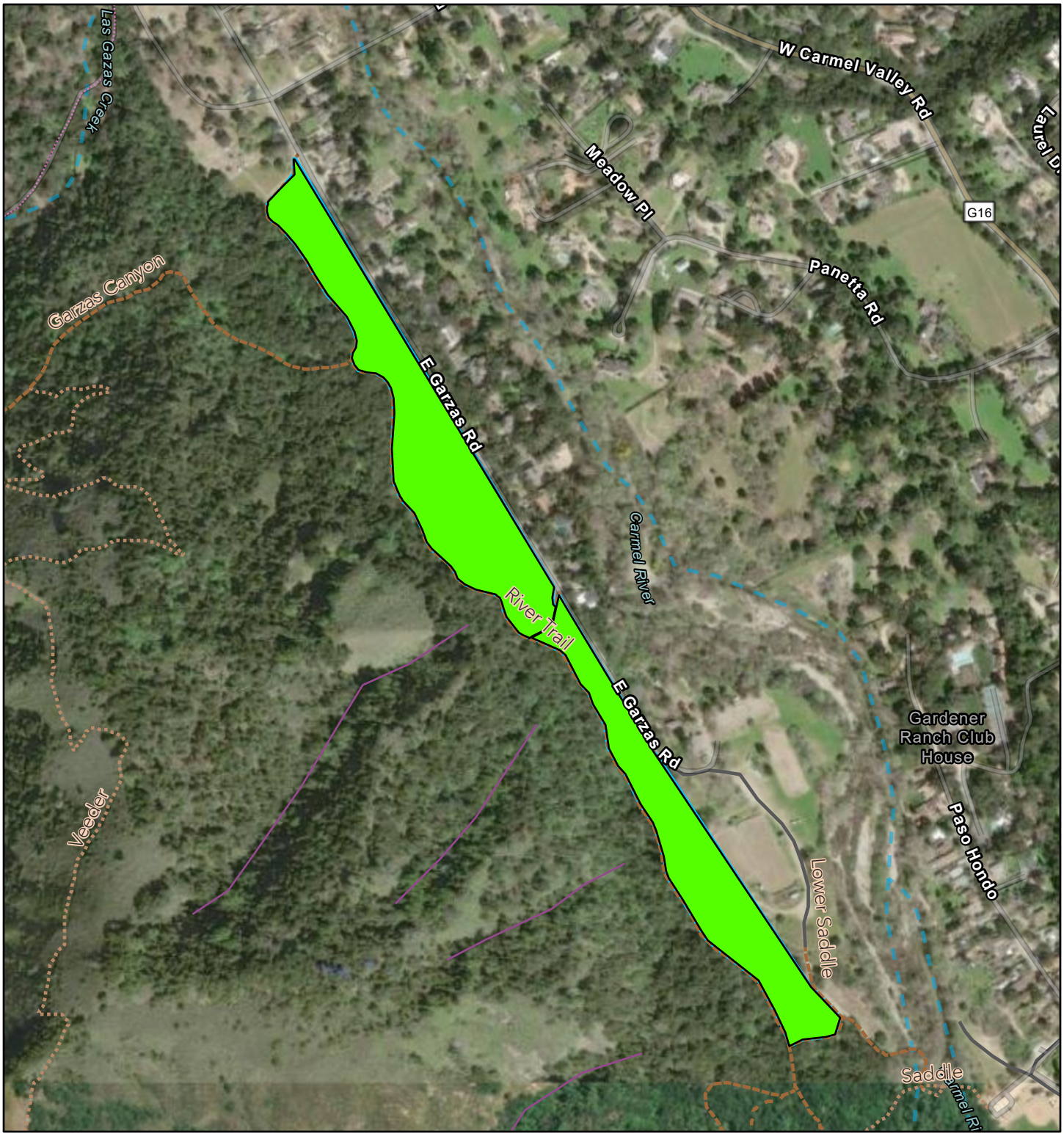
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Aerial Imagery_ Prescribed Herbivory



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0 0.05 0.1 0.2 mi

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Aerial Imagery_ Permanent Roads and Trails



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