

**Authority to Use  
Grant Funds**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development**

<b>To:</b> (name & address of Grant Recipient & name & title of Chief Executive Officer)  Moira Monahan, Operations Chief State of California Department of Housing and Community Development 2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95833	<b>Copy To:</b> (name & address of SubRecipient or Secondary Contact)
We received your Request for Release of Funds and Certification, form HUD-7015.15 on	10/06/2017
Your Request was for HUD/State Identification Number	B-13-DS-06-0001

All objections, if received, have been considered. And the minimum waiting period has transpired. You are hereby authorized to use funds provided to you under the above HUD/State Identification Number. File this form for proper record keeping, audit, and inspection purposes.

**Program Title:** HCD's Forest and Watershed Health Program (FWHP)  
This AUGF provides environmental clearance for the Rim Fire Recovery and Reforestation activities.

**Project/Activity:**


**Rim Fire Recovery activities** - Fuel reduction in the Rim Fire disaster area in Tuolumne County removing dead trees and fuels, where tree mortality exceeds the needs for snag retention and log recruitment, is the first step to meet desired fuel conditions. The goal is to leave no more than 20 tons per acre and 10 tons per acre in Strategically Placed Landscape Area Treatments (SPLATs) and Strategic Fire Management Features (SFMF) while working with other resources to ensure soil and hydrologic stability. Recovery Fuel Reduction Treatment Unit List Attached.

**Rim Fire Reforestation activities** - authorizes USFS to use CDBG-NDR funds to conduct the proposed reforestation, deer habitat enhancement, and natural regeneration activities on approximately 15,217 acres and noxious weed treatment activities on approximately 5,714 acres (treatment areas overlap and are not additive). Reforestation Treatment Unit List Attached.

Estimated National Disaster Resilience funding for proposed activities: \$24,000,000

**Enclosures:**

Objections were received: Cover letter regarding HUD's Response to Objections attached.  
Detailed listing of the Recovery and Reforestation treatment units proposed for funding.

Typed Name of Authorizing Officer: Kimberly Y. Nash	Signature of Authorizing Officer 	Release Date: 02/12/2018
Title of Authorizing Officer Director of CPD		



## Appendix A. Treatment Unit List

HCD's decision authorizes funding for up to 14,897 acres of fuel reduction treatments in the Rim Fire burn area. Of the total units authorized by USFS in the 2014 Record of Decision (ROD), implementation on up to 136 units will be funded by HCD's CDBG-NDR Forest and Watershed Health Program. For more detailed information on the treatments, see Chapter 2.01 of the adopted FEIS.

Table A.1 Fuel Reduction Treatments Authorized for Funding by HCD.

Unit	Acres
E04	72
E05	10
F01	196
F02A	604
F02B	34
F11	411
F12	121
F13	177
F14	135
F15	33
F16	69
F18	38
F19	12
F20	145
F21	22
F22A	7
F22B	6
G15	95
L02A	258
L02B	176
L02BX	148
L02C	609
L02CX	148
L02D	257
L02E	60
L02F	185
L05AX	6
L05BX	17
L202	42
L202	100
L204	37

Unit	Acres
L206	1
L206	80
M01	701
M02C	30
M04A	260
M04B	13
M04C	15
M05B	120
M05C	24
M05D	76
M05E	21
M05F	39
M05G	11
M06	97
M07	21
M08A	98
M08B	29
M08C	11
M08D	27
M08E	8
M09	224
M10	71
M12	12
M13	10
M15	28
M16A	10
M16B	86
M18	58
M19	27
M20	15
M201	43

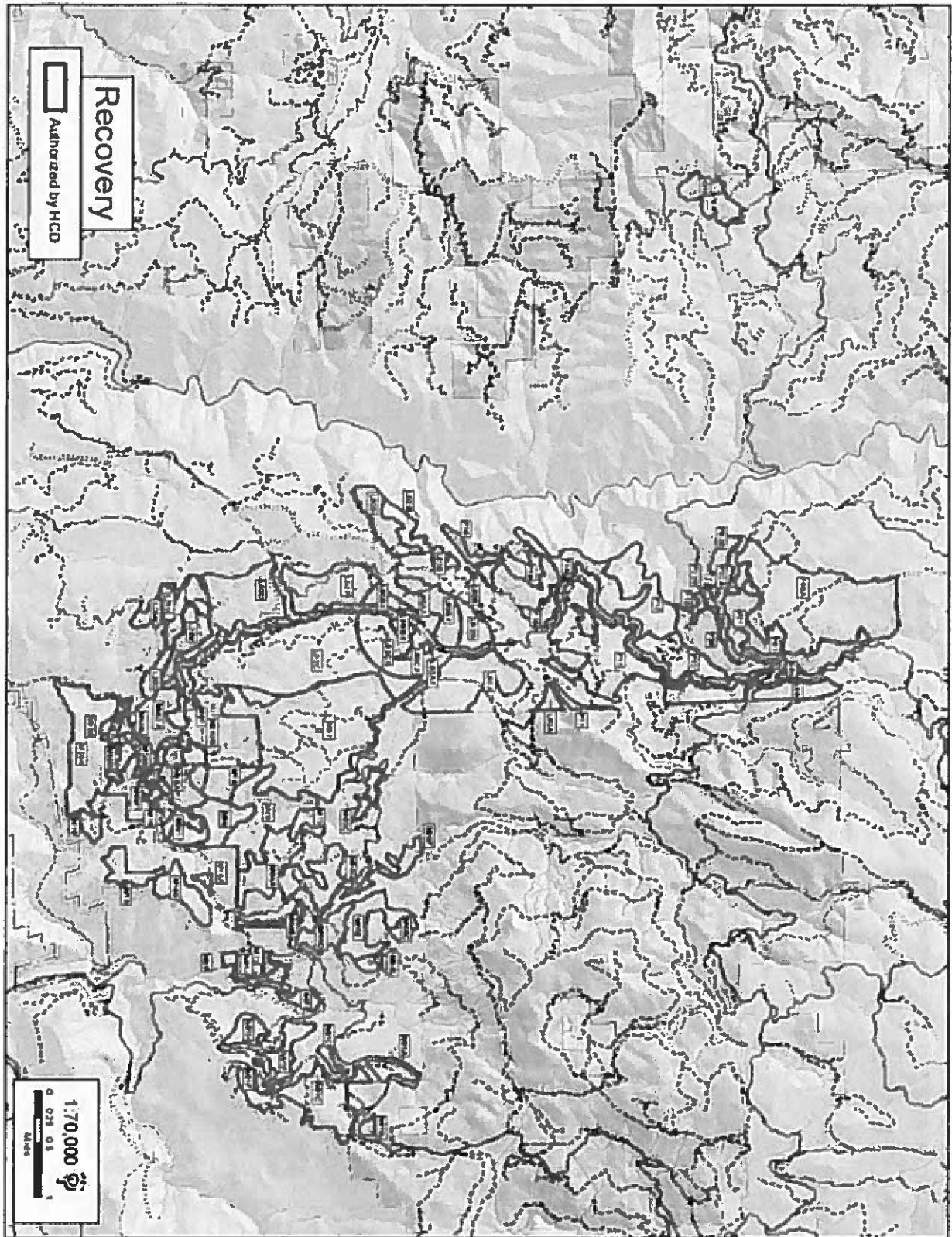
Unit	Acres
M201	31
M202A	111
M202B	21
M203	1
M203	62
M204	7
M204	275
N01A	37
N01B	13
N01C	225
N01D	14
N01E	71
N01F	2
N01H	49
N01I	28
N01J	21
Q13	81
Q14A	395
Q14B	146
Q15	17
R01B	11
R04A	52
R04B	41
R12	8
R12X	55
R15	66
R16	98
R17X	72
R18X	17
R19A	52
R19B	12

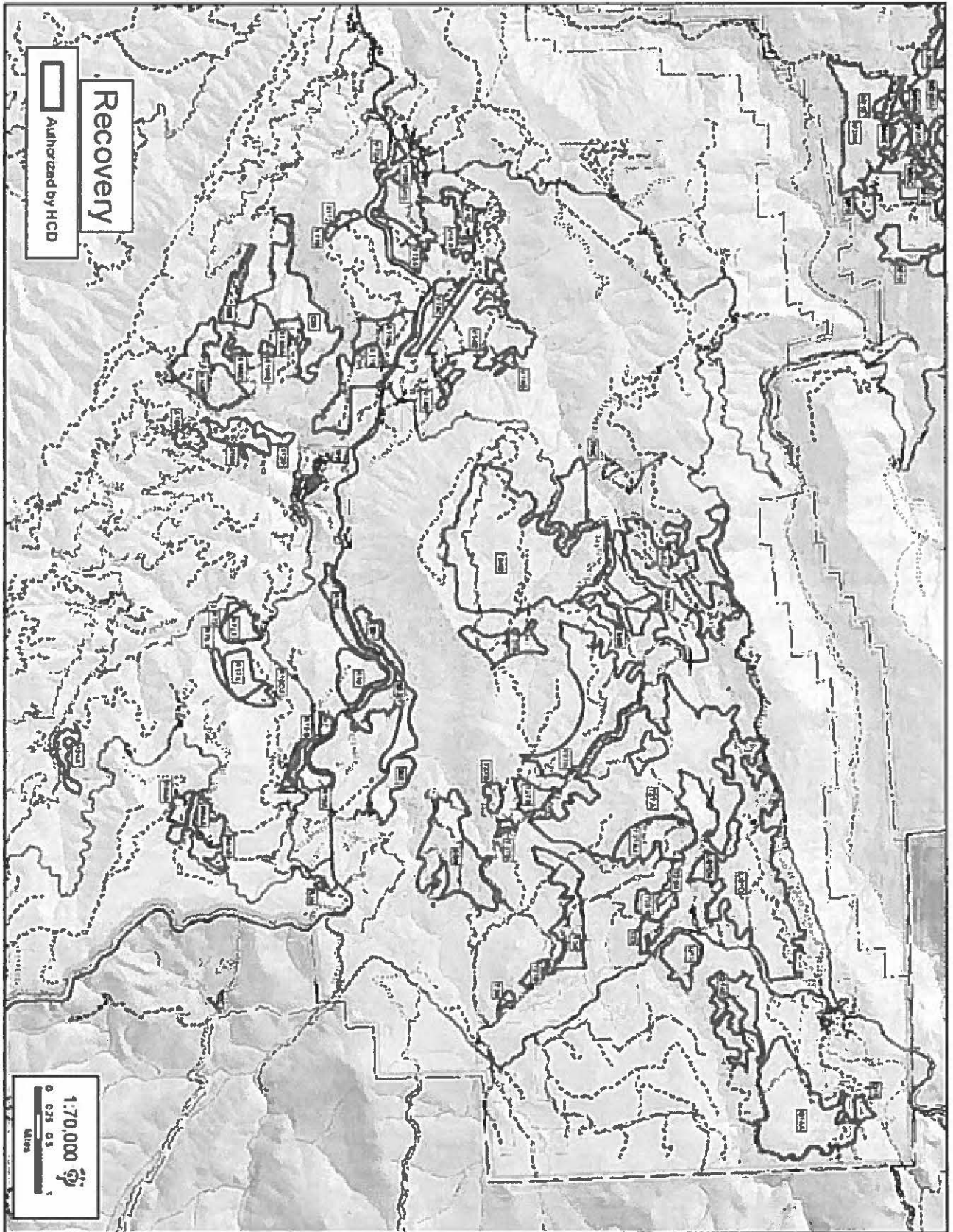
Unit	Acres
R19DX	24
R24A	41
R39	3
S01	53
S02	135
S04	266
S08	81
T04A	235
T04B	876
T04C	101
T20	9
T21B	18
T23	28
T23X	54
T24	154

Unit	Acres
T27A	926
T27AX	149
T27B	450
T27C	97
U01D	617
U01DX	33
U03	320
V10	50
V12A	9
V12B	16
V13	119
V13X	69
V14A	15
V14B	321
V14C	70

Unit	Acres
X103	28
X104	72
X108	183
X109A	28
X109D	13
X109E	9
X112	14
X115	150
X116	110
X118	7
X120	24
X25	253
X26	75

## Appendix B. Treatment Maps





## Appendix A. Treatment Unit List

HCD's decision authorizes funding for up to 15,217 acres of reforestation, deer habitat enhancement and natural regeneration activities, and up to 5,714 acres of noxious weeds treatments in the Rim Fire burn area (treatment areas overlap and are not additive). Of the total units authorized by USFS in the 2016 Record of Decision (ROD), implementation on up to 255 reforestation units will be funded by HCD's CDBG-NDR Forest and Watershed Health Program. For more detailed information on the treatments, see Chapter 2.01 of the adopted FEIS.

Table A.1 Reforestation, Deer Habitat Enhancement, and Natural Regeneration Treatments Authorized for Funding by HCD.

UNIT	ALTERNATIVE	ACRES
AA008	1	231
AA010	1	135
AA012	1	22
AA015	1	37
AA019	1	50
AA01B	1	73
BB004	3	59
BB005	1	16
BB006	1	65
BB007	1	43
BB008	4	161
BB009	4	24
BB010	3	87
BB011	3	55
BB014	1	32
BB015	4	48
BB016	1	43
BB017	1	20
BB020	4	66
BB021	1	125
BB022	1	113
BB024	1	53
BB025	3	32
BB026	1	19
BB028	1 - Natural Regeneration	163
BB033	1	60
BB036	3	78

UNIT	ALTERNATIVE	ACRES
BB045	5	269
BB046	1 - Natural Regeneration	13
BB047	1	43
BB051	1	101
BB053	1	74
BB055	1 - Natural Regeneration	11
BB056	1	12
BB057	1 - Natural Regeneration	28
BB059	1	27
BB060	1	29
BB062	1	23
BB063	1	21
BB065	1	53
BB066	1	27
BB069	1 - Natural Regeneration	72
BB072	1 - Natural Regeneration	29
BB073	1	21
BB076	4	38
BB080	1	23
BB083	1 - Natural Regeneration	94
BB23B	1	2
BB23C	1	6
BB43B	3	4
BB43C	3	5
CC009	1	17
CC010	1 - Natural Regeneration	11
DD001	1	54

UNIT	ALTERNATIVE	ACRES
DD002	1	19
DD003	1	29
DD006	1	52
DD007	5	28
DD04B	3	8
DD05B	3	3
DD05C	3	5
F007	1 - Natural Regeneration	65
FF002	4	14
FF007	4	96
FF008	4	68
FF009	1 - Natural Regeneration	61
GG020	4	265
GG022	1 - Natural Regeneration	27
GG024	1 - Natural Regeneration	75
GG029	1 - Natural Regeneration	183
GG030	1 - Natural Regeneration	13
GG032	3	9
GG034	4	24
GG035	1 - Natural Regeneration	72
GG036	1 - Natural Regeneration	28
HH001	1	67
HH002	3	93
HH003	3	116
HH006	3	104
HH007	3	22
HH008	3	9
HH009	3	22
HH010	3	41
HH011	3	46
HH012	1	34
HH013	1	64
HH014	1	131
HH022	1 - Natural Regeneration	60
HH023	1 - Natural Regeneration	62
HH025	1 - Natural Regeneration	3
HH028	4	18
HH038	4	93
J003	5	100
J005	5	161

UNIT	ALTERNATIVE	ACRES
J006	1 - Natural Regeneration	136
J007	1 - Natural Regeneration	35
J008	1 - Natural Regeneration	185
J009	1 - Natural Regeneration	16
J010	1 - Natural Regeneration	17
J011	1 - Natural Regeneration	15
J012	5	46
J013	1 - Natural Regeneration	72
L006	1	116
L007	1	111
L008	5	152
L009	1	66
L010	1	22
L010	1	22
L011	1	48
P010	1	61
P011	1	23
P014	1	255
P020	1 - Natural Regeneration	15
P021	1	149
P022	1	61
P023	1 - Deer Cover	25
P024	1 - Deer Cover	43
P025	1 - Deer Cover	15
P026	1 - Deer Habitat	11
P027	1 - Deer Cover	73
Q002B	1	248
Q003	1	21
Q004	1	32
Q005	1	9
Q006	1	24
Q007	1	33
Q008	1	29
Q010	1	24
Q012	1 - Natural Regeneration	61
Q013	1	23
Q014	1	24
R001	5	185
R004	1	121
R005	1	49



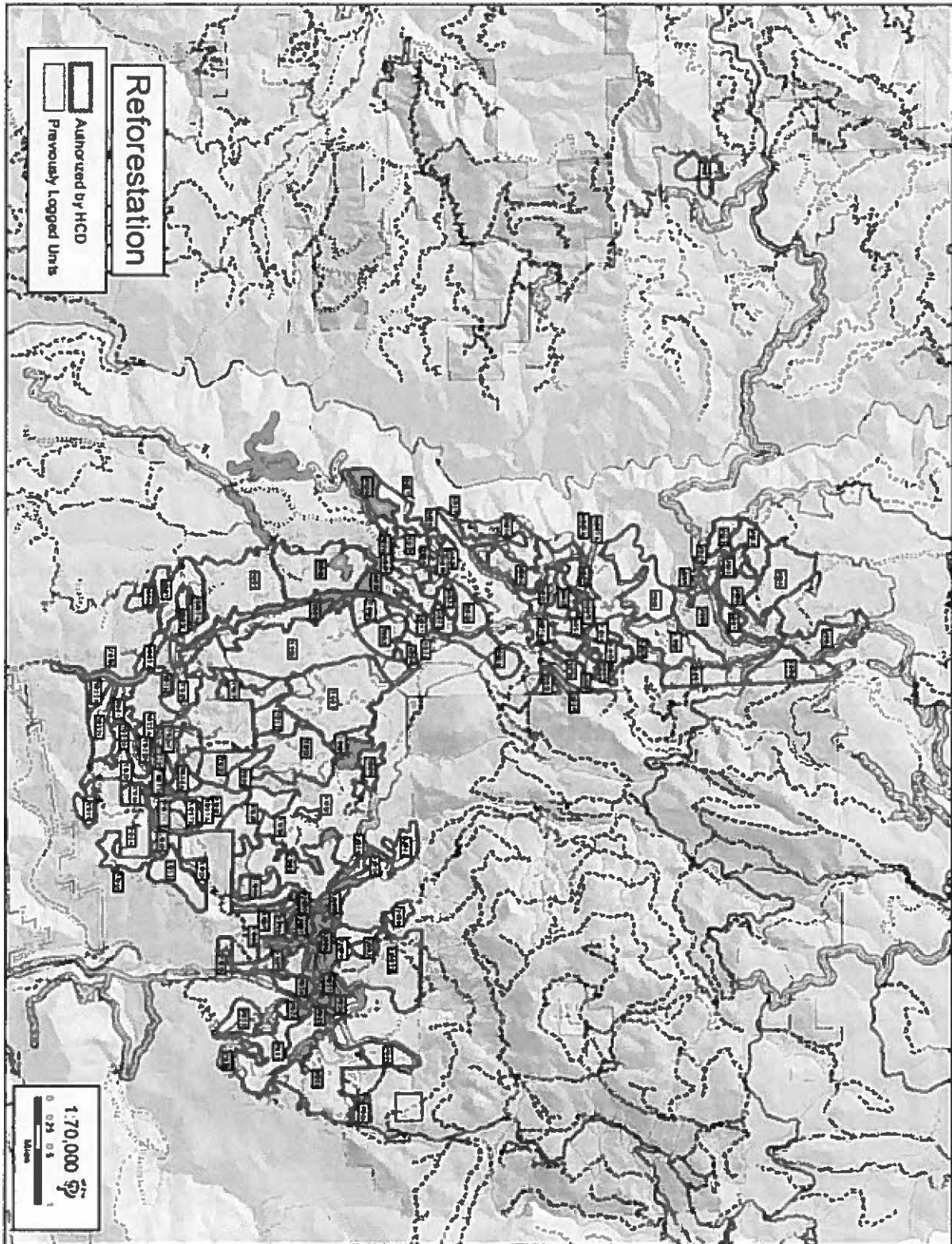
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R007B	1	3
R007C	1	16
R008	1	9
R009	1	19
R011	1	54
R012	1	48
R013	1	41
R014B	1	65
R015	1	15
R016	1	38
R018	1 - Natural Regeneration	124
R019	1	33
R021	1	21
R022	1	72
R024	1	85
R027	5	60
R028	1	17
R029	5	10
R030	1	24
R031	1	30
R032	1	30
R034	1	33
R035	1 - Natural Regeneration	68
R036	5	17
R037	5	132
R038	5	46
R046	5	233
S001	5	282
S002A	Deer Cover	26
S002B	1 - Deer Cover	29
S002C	1 - Deer Habitat	42
S006	5	32
S007	5	106
T002	5	52
T003	5	78
T004	5	20
T005	5	116
T006	5	461
T007	5	340
T007	5	2

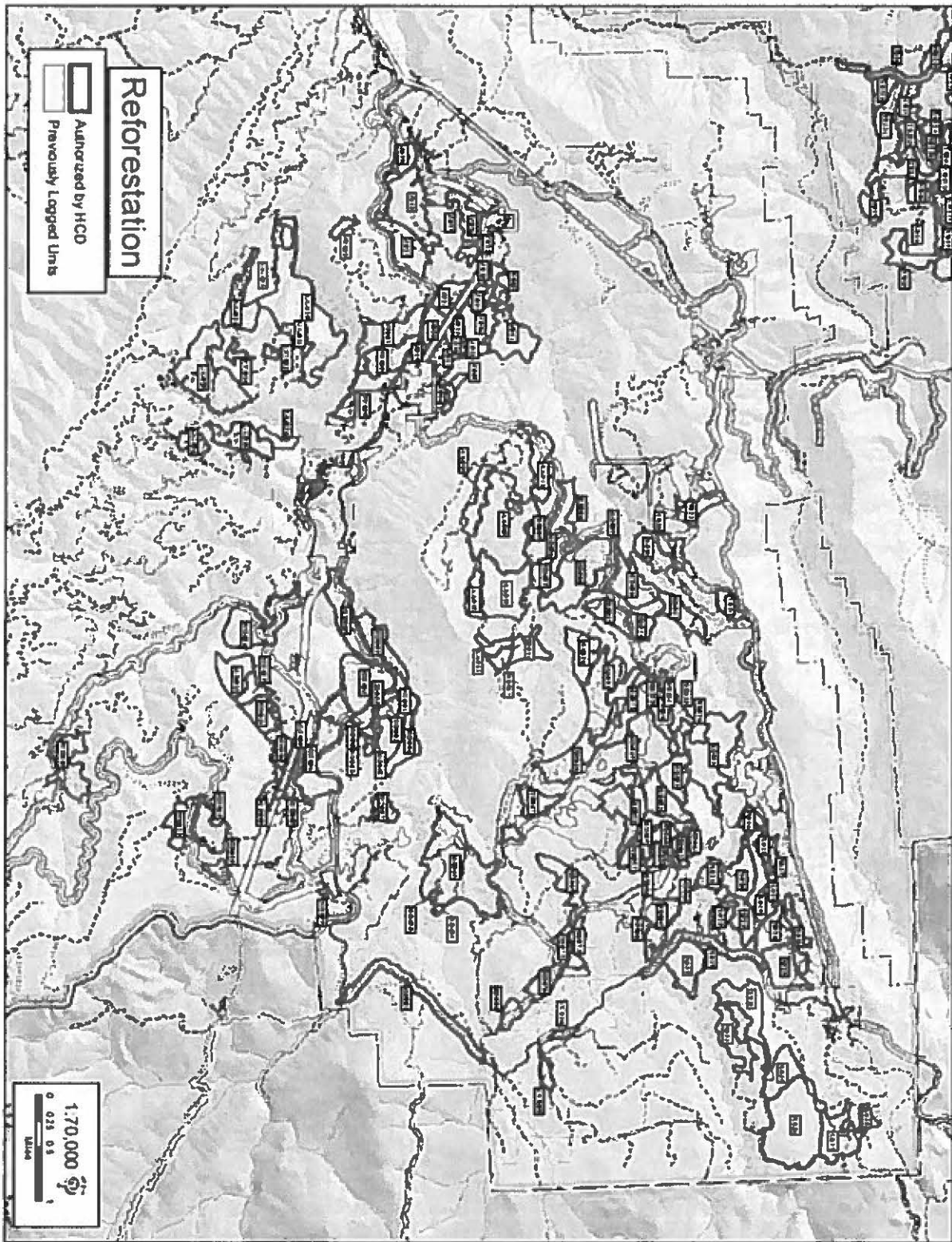
UNIT	ALTERNATIVE	ACRES
T008	5	32
T009	1	47
T011	5	198
T012	5	71
T013	5	80
T014	5	18
T015	5	64
T017	5	45
T019	4	36
T021	1 - Deer Habitat	73
T022A	1 - Deer Cover	16
T022B	1 - Deer Cover	21
T022C	1 - Deer Cover	81
T022D	1 - Deer Cover	55
T022E	1 - Deer Habitat	32
T024A	1 - Deer Cover	66
T024B	1 - Deer Cover	29
T024C	1 - Deer Habitat	42
T025	5	71
U003	1	239
U004	5	50
U005	5	18
U006	1 - Deer Cover	26
U008	1	15
U009	1	48
U010	1	13
U011	1	24
U012	5	94
U013	4	51
U014	1	5
U015	5	40
U016	1	28
U017A	1 - Deer Cover	13
U017B	1 - Deer Cover	28
U017C	1 - Deer Habitat	63
U017D	1 - Deer Habitat	12
U018	5	97
U019	5	130
U021	5	10
X016	1 - Natural Regeneration	25

UNIT	ALTERNATIVE	ACRES
X017	1 - Natural Regeneration	19
X018	1 - Natural Regeneration	18
X019	4	73
X020	1 - Natural Regeneration	69
X021	1	34
X022	1 - Natural Regeneration	19
X023	1 - Natural Regeneration	51
X024	1 - Natural Regeneration	67
X025	5	12
X026	5	48
X028	5	74
X029	1 - Natural Regeneration	70
X031	1 - Natural Regeneration	89
X032	1 - Natural Regeneration	82
X033	5	65
X035	3	67
X036	5	240
X037	5	88
X038	1 - Natural Regeneration	17
Y003	1 - Natural Regeneration	23
Y022	1 - Natural Regeneration	39

UNIT	ALTERNATIVE	ACRES
Y027	1 - Natural Regeneration	31
Y029	3	52
Y032	1 - Natural Regeneration	33
Z006	4	20
Z011	4	91
Z012	1 - Natural Regeneration	16
Z013	4	38
Z015	1 - Natural Regeneration	14
Z016	4	60
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Z018	3	7
Z019	1 - Natural Regeneration	16
Z020	4	36
Z021	4	43
Z023	1 - Natural Regeneration	15
Z024	1	50
Z027	4	88
Z028	4	137
Z029	4	32
Z030	5	44

## Appendix B. Treatment Maps







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February 9, 2018

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RE: State of California Rim Fire Recovery and Reforestation Projects *Authority to Use Grant Funds* (HUD form 7015.16)

Dear Moira Monahan:

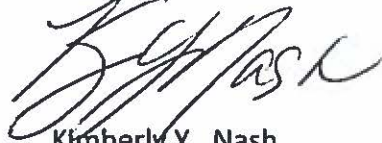
HUD received one objection letter regarding the subject proposal. The attached letter addressed to the objectors addresses the resolution of the objections raised in response to the subject Request for Release of Funds.

We have the following additional comments regarding statements contained in the State's letter, dated January 11, 2018. The letter included as one of the bases for not supplementing the EIS a statement that the project is still within the contemplated 5-year timeframe for action. Both Part 58 and NEPA require project proponents to re-evaluate the environmental review record, analysis and determinations, if there is a change in the scope of the project or environmental conditions. (40 CFR 1501.7(4)(c), 1502.9; 24 CFR 58.47, 58.52, 58.53, 58.60).

Additionally, the letter noted that the proposed funding is only for fuel reduction activities covered in the Recovery FEIS; this is confirmed by the State's Recovery ROD. However, the State's Reforestation ROD proposes to provide funding for deer habitat enhancement and natural regeneration activities on approximately 15,217 acres, as well as noxious weed treatment activities on approximately 5,714 acres. According to the aggregation principles defined at §58.32, activities that are related geographically, logically, or functionally must be aggregated and evaluated in one environmental review. The Recovery FEIS highlights the connectedness of Recovery and Reforestation activities in stating, "the agency is contemplating future projects to address reforestation, ecosystem restoration, fuels treatments, and other forest restoration activities. Such future actions will help contribute to the recovery and restoration of the area burned by the Rim Fire." (pg. 8) The proposed Recovery and Reforestation activities take place within the same project area and appear functionally and logically related. Therefore, the State correctly adopted both FEISs.

Having reviewed the State's response to the objections and the Recovery and Reforestation FEISs and RODs, HUD concurs that the State did not omit one or more of the procedural steps set forth in 24 CFR 58 Subparts E, F, or G and accepts the State's environmental certification, the Authority to Use Grant Funds is attached. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Environmental Protection Specialist Kathleen McNulty at 415-489-6644 or [kathleen.a.mcnulty@hud.gov](mailto:kathleen.a.mcnulty@hud.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

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