

SECTION A MASS WASTING

INTRODUCTION

This module summarizes the methods and results of a mass wasting assessment conducted on the Mendocino Redwood Company, LLC (MRC) ownership in the Hollow Tree Creek watershed, the Hollow Tree Watershed Analysis Unit (Hollow Tree WAU). Hollow Tree WAU consists of MRC's ownership in the Upper Hollow Tree Creek, Middle Hollow Tree Creek, Lower Hollow Tree Creek, Low Gap Creek and Jack of Hearts Creek planning watersheds. This assessment is part of a watershed analysis initiated by MRC and utilizes modified methodology adapted from procedures outlined in the Standard Methodology for Conducting Watershed Analysis (Version 4.0, Washington Forest Practices Board).

The principle objectives of this assessment are to:

- 1) Identify the types of mass wasting processes active in the basin.
- 2) Identify the link between mass wasting and forest management related activities.
- 3) Identify where mass wasting processes are concentrated.
- 4) Partition the ownership into zones of relative mass wasting potential (terrain stability units) based on the likelihood of future mass wasting and sediment delivery to stream channels.

Additionally, the role of mass wasting sediment input to watercourses is examined. This information combined with the results of the Surface and Point Source Erosion module are used to produce a sediment input summary for the Hollow Tree WAU, contained in the Sediment Input Summary section of this watershed analysis.

The products of this report are: a landslide inventory map (Map A-1), a terrain stability unit (TSU) map (Map A-2), and a mass wasting inventory database (Table A-1). The data for these products are the interpretation of three sets of aerial photographs, field observations during the summer of 1999, and interpretation of SHALSTAB predictions. The analysis was done without the use of older aerial photographs (pre-1970s). Therefore the analysis presented is considered representative for recent mass wasting conditions (last 32 years).

The assembled information will enable forestland managers to make better forest management decisions to reduce management-induced risk of mass wasting. The mass wasting inventory will provide the information necessary to understand the spatial distribution, causal mechanisms, relative size, and timing of mass wasting processes active in the basin with reasonable confidence.

LANDSLIDE TYPES AND PROCESSES IN THE HOLLOW TREE WAU

The terminology used to describe landslides in this report closely follows the definitions of Cruden and Varnes (1996). This terminology is based on two nouns, the first describing the material that the landslide is composed of and the second describing the type of movement. Landslides identified in the Hollow Tree WAU were described using the following names: debris slides, debris torrents, rockslides, and earth flows. These names are described in Cruden and Varnes (1996) with the exception of our use of debris torrent.

Shallow-Seated Landslides

Debris slides and debris torrents are terms used to identify shallow-seated landslide processes through out Mendocino Redwood Company's ownership. The material composition of debris slides or torrents is considered to be soil with a significant proportion of coarse material; 20 to 80 percent of the particles larger than 2 mm as stated in Cruden and Varnes (1996). Shallow-seated slides generally move quickly downslope and commonly break apart during failure. Shallow-seated slides commonly occur in converging topography where colluvial materials accumulate and subsurface drainage concentrates. Susceptibility of a slope to fail by shallow-seated landslides is affected by slope steepness, saturation of soil, soil strength (friction angle and cohesion), and root strength. Due to the shallow depth and fact that debris slides or torrents involve the soil mantle, these are landslide types that can be significantly influenced by forest practices.

Debris slides are, by far, the most common landslide type observed in the WAU. The landslide mass typically fails along a surface of rupture or along relatively thin zones of intense shear strain located near the base of the soil profile. The landslide deposit commonly slides a distance beyond the toe of the surface of rupture and onto the ground surface below the failure; it generally does not slide more than the distance equal to the length of the failure scar. Landslides with deposits that traveled a longer distance below the failure scar would be defined as a debris torrent. Debris slides commonly occur on steep planar slopes, convergent slopes, along forest roads and on steep slopes adjacent to watercourses. They usually fail by translational movement along an undulating or planar surface of failure. By definition, debris slides do not continue downstream upon reaching a watercourse.

Debris torrents have the greatest potential to destroy stream habitat and deliver large amounts of sediment. The main characteristic distinguishing a debris torrent is that the mass of failed soil and debris "torrents" downstream in a confined channel and scours the channel. As the debris torrent moves downslope and erodes the channel, the liquefied landslide material increases in mass. Highly saturated soil or run-off in a channel is required for this process to occur. Debris torrents move rapidly and can potentially run down a channel for great distances. They typically initiate in headwall swales and torrent down intermittent watercourses. Often a failure will initiate as a debris slide, but will develop into a debris torrent upon reaching a channel. While actually a combination of two processes, these features were considered debris torrents.

Sediment Input from Shallow-Seated Landslides

The overall time period used for mass wasting interpretation and sediment budget analysis is thirty-two years. Sediment input to stream channels by mass wasting is quantified for two time periods (1969-1978 and 1979-2000 based on photos from 1978, 1996 and 2000; additional details regarding aerial photography are presented in the Methods section). The evaluation assumes that the last 10 years of mass wasting can be observed in aerial photographs. This is because landslide surfaces can re-vegetate quickly, making mass wasting older than about 10 years difficult to see. Hence, the record of mass wasting for Hollow Tree presented in this analysis probably underestimates total sediment inputs by mass wasting because smaller landslides in the first several years of the time period 1979-2000 may have been obscured by regrowth of vegetation. Nevertheless, this analysis meets its central objective of mapping areas of elevated landslide hazard, despite the potential gap in photo inventory of landslides for the period 1979-1987. A comprehensive review of 1987 aerial photos for the analysis area revealed that many of the same slides documented in 1978 were still visible, and, more importantly, that landslide hazard areas

are accurately delineated based on interpretation of the 1978, 1996 and 2000 photos. We acknowledge that we have likely missed some small mass wasting events during the aerial photograph interpretation. However, we assume we have captured the majority of the larger mass wasting events in this analysis. It is the large mass wasting events that provide the greatest sedimentation impacts. In the case of the landslides observed in the Hollow Tree WAU, landslides greater than 300 cubic yards in size represented over 60% of the sediment delivery estimated. Landslides greater than 200 and 100 cubic yards in size represented approximately 71% and 93%, respectively of the sediment delivery estimated.

Sediment delivery estimates from mapped shallow-seated landslides were used to produce the total mass wasting sediment input. Some of the sediment delivery from shallow-seated landslides is the result of conditions created by deep-seated landslides. For example, a deep-seated failure could result in a debris slide or torrent, which could deliver sediment. Furthermore, over-steepened scarps or toes of deep-seated landslides may have shallow failures associated with them. These types of sediment delivery from shallow-seated landslides associated with deep-seated landslides are accounted for in the delivery estimates.

Deep-Seated Landslides

The two deep-seated landslide processes identified in the Hollow Tree WAU are rockslides and earth flows. The failure dates of the deep-seated landslides generally could not be estimated with confidence and the landslides are likely to be of varying age with some landslides potentially being over 10,000 years old. Many of the deep-seated landslides are considered “dormant”, but the importance of identifying them lies in the fact that if reactivated, they have the potential to deliver large amounts of sediment and impair stream habitat. Accelerated or episodic movement in some landslides is likely to have occurred over time in response to seismic shaking or frequent high rainfall events. Deep-seated landslides can be very large, exceeding tens to hundreds of acres.

Rockslides are deep-seated landslides with movement involving a relatively intact mass of rock and overlying earth materials. The failure plane is below the colluvial layer and involves the underlying bedrock. Mode of rock sliding generally is not strictly rotational or translational, but involves some component of each. Rotational slides typically fail along a concave surface, while translational slides typically fail on a planar or undulating surface of rupture. Rockslides commonly create a flat, or back-tilted bench below the crown of the scarp. A prominent bench is usually preserved over time and can be indicative of a rockslide. Rockslides can fail in response to triggering mechanisms such as seismic shaking, adverse local structural geology, high rainfall, offloading or loading material on the slide, or channel incision. The stream itself can be the cause of chronic movement, if it periodically undercuts the toe of a rockslide.

Earth flows are deep-seated landslides composed of fine-grained materials and soils derived from clay-bearing rocks. Earth flow materials consist of 80% or more of the particles smaller than 2mm as stated in Cruden and Varnes (1996). Materials in an earth flow also commonly contain boulders, some very large, which move downslope in the clay matrix. Failure in earth flows is characterized by spatially differential rates of movement on discontinuous failure surfaces that are not preserved. The “flow” type of movement creates a landslide that can be very irregularly shaped. Some earth flow surfaces are dominantly grassland, while some are partially or completely forested. The areas of grassy vegetation are likely due to the inability of the unstable, clay-rich soils to support forest vegetation. The surface of an earth flow is characteristically hummocky with locally variable slope forms and relatively abundant gullies. The inherently weak materials within earth flows are not able to support steep slopes, therefore slope gradients

are low to moderate. The rates of movement vary over time and can be accelerated by persistent high groundwater conditions. Timber harvesting can have the effect of increasing the amount of subsurface water, which can accelerate movement in an earth flow.

Sediment Delivery from Deep-Seated Landslides

A large, active deep-seated slide can deliver large volumes of sediment. Delivery generally occurs over long time periods compared to shallow-seated landslides, with movement delivering earth materials into the channel, resulting in an increased sediment load downstream of the failure. Actual delivery can occur by over-steepening of the toe of the slide and subsequent failure into the creek, or by the slide pushing out into the creek. It is very important not to confuse normal stream bank erosion at the toe of a slide as an indicator of movement of that slide. Before making such a connection, the slide surface should be carefully explored for evidence of significant movement, such as wide ground cracks. Sediment delivery could also occur in a catastrophic manner. In such a situation, large portions of the landslide essentially fail and move into the watercourse “instantaneously”. These types of deep-seated failures are relatively rare on MRC property and usually occur in response to unusual storm events or seismic ground shaking.

Movement of deep-seated landslides has definitely resulted in some sediment delivery in the Hollow Tree WAU. Quantification of the sediment delivery from deep-seated landslides was not determined in this watershed analysis. Factors such as rate of movement, or depth of the deep-seated landslide are difficult to determine without in-depth geotechnical observations that were not conducted in the analysis. Sediment delivery to watercourses from deep-seated landslides (landslides typically ≥ 10 feet thick) can occur by several processes. Such processes can include surface erosion and shallow-or deep-seated movement of a portion or all of the deep-seated landslide deposit.

The ground surface of a deep-seated landslide, like any other hillside surface, is subject to surface erosion processes such as rain drop impact, sheet wash (overland flow), and gully/rill erosion. Under these conditions the sediment delivery from surficial processes is assumed the same as adjacent hillside slopes not underlain by landslide deposits. The materials within the landslide are disturbed and can be arguably somewhat weaker. However, once a soil has developed, the fact that the slope is underlain by a deep-seated landslide should make little difference regarding sediment delivery generated by erosional processes that act at the ground surface. Although fresh, unprotected surfaces that develop in response to recent or active movement could become a source of sediment until the bare surface becomes covered with leaf litter, re-vegetated, or soil is developed.

Clearly, movement of a portion or all of a deep-seated landslide can result in delivery of sediment to a watercourse. To determine this the slide surface should be carefully explored for evidence of movement. However, movement would need to be on slopes immediately adjacent to or in close proximity to a watercourse and of sufficient magnitude to push the toe of the slide into the watercourse. A deep-seated slide that toes out on a slope far from a creek or moves only a short distance downslope will generally deliver little to a watercourse. It is also important to realize that often only a portion of a deep-seated slide may become active, though the portion could be quite variable in size. Ground cracking at the head of a large, deep-seated landslide does not necessarily equate to immediate sediment delivery at the toe of the landslide. Movement of large deep-seated landslides can create void spaces within the slide mass. Though movement can be clearly indicated by the ground cracks, many times the toe may not respond or show indications of movement until some of the void space is “closed up”. This would be particularly true in the

case of very large deep-seated landslides that exhibit ground cracks that are only a few inches to a couple of feet wide. Compared to the entire length of the slide, the amount of movement implied by the ground crack could be very small. This combined with the closing up or “bulking up” of the slide, would not generate much movement, if any, at the toe of the slide. Significant movement, represented by large wide ground cracks, would need to occur to result in significant movement and sediment delivery at the toe of the slide.

Use of SHALSTAB by Mendocino Redwood Company and for the Hollow Tree WAU

SHALSTAB, a coupled steady state runoff and infinite-slope stability model, is used by MRC as one tool to demonstrate the relative potential for shallow-landslide hazard across the MRC ownership. A detailed description of the model is available in Dietrich and Montgomery (1998). In the watershed analysis mass wasting hazard is expanded beyond SHALSTAB. Areas of mass wasting and sediment delivery hazards are mapped using field and aerial photograph interpretation techniques. However, SHALSTAB output was used to assist in this interpretation of the landscape and terrain stability units.

METHODS

Landslide Inventory

The mass wasting assessment relies on an inventory of mass wasting features collected through the use of aerial photographs and field observations. Aerial photographs from 2000, 1996 and 1978 were used to interpret mass wasting processes. 1987 photos were reviewed and compared to landslide maps prepared from the previously mentioned photo sets to verify that no significant changes in mass wasting hazard area interpretation and mapping would result from conducting the full mass wasting inventory procedure on the 1987 photos as well. The 2000 photographs are at a scale of 1:13000, the 1996 photographs at a scale of 1:12000, and the 1978 photograph are at a scale of 1:15840. MRC collected data regarding characteristics and measurements of the identified landslides. Since mass wasting events were essentially “temporally sampled” based on available aerial photographs, we acknowledge that some landslides may have been missed, particularly small ones that may be obscured by vegetation. A description of select parameters inventoried for each landslide observed in the field and during aerial photograph interpretation is presented in Figure A-1.

Figure A-1. Description of Select Parameters used to Describe Mass Wasting in the Mass Wasting Inventory.

- Slide I.D. Number: Each landslide is assigned a unique number
- Section Number: Indicates the USGS designated map section number the slide is mapped in.
- Planning Watershed Code:
 - RL = Lower Hollow Tree
 - RM = Middle Hollow Tree
 - RU = Upper Hollow Tree
 - RG = Low Gap Creek
 - RA = Jack of Hearts Creek
 - RI = Mill Creek
- TSU # – Terrain stability unit in which landslide is located.
- Landslide Process:
 - DS = debris slide
 - DT = debris torrent
 - RS = rockslide
 - EF = earth flow
- Certainty: The certainty of identification is recorded.
D - Definite, P - Probable; Q - Questionable.
- Approximate Failure Date: Minimum failure date is typically the photo year that the slide first appears on or the year observed in the field.
- Physical Characteristics: Includes average length, width, depth, and volume of individual slides.
- Sediment delivery and routing: Includes sediment delivered to streams (N - no sediment delivered; Y - sediment delivered), estimate of the percent of landslide mass delivered, the type of stream that sediment was delivered to (perennial or ephemeral/intermittent).
- Land Use Association: Road, landing, or skid trail association.
- Deep seated landslides morphologic descriptions: toe, body, lateral scarps, and main scarp (see below for descriptions).

Landslides identified in the field and from aerial photograph observations are plotted on a landslide inventory map (Map A-1). All shallow-seated landslides are identified as a point plotted on the map at the interpreted head scarp of the failure. Deep-seated landslides are represented as a polygon representing the interpreted perimeter of the landslide feature.

Physical and geomorphic characteristics of shallow-seated landslides are categorized in a database including identification number, planning watershed, type of landslide, approximate failure date, slope gradient, length, width, depth, volume, sediment delivery, sediment routing, and associated land use (see Appendix A). Landslide dimensions and depths can be variable, therefore length, width, and depth values recorded are considered to be the estimated average distance of that feature. In converting landslide volumes to mass (tons), we assume a soil bulk density of 1.35 grams per cubic centimeter.

The certainty of landslide identification is assessed for each landslide. Three designations are used: definite, probable, and questionable. Definite means the landslide definitely exists. Probable means the landslide probably is there, but there is some doubt in the analyst's interpretation. Questionable means that the interpretation of the landslide identification may be inaccurate; the analyst has the least amount of confidence in the interpretation. Accuracy in identifying landslides on aerial photographs is dependent on the size of the slide, scale of the photographs, thickness of canopy, and logging history. Landslides mapped in areas recently logged or through a thin canopy are identified with the highest level of confidence. Characteristics of the particular aerial photographs used affects confidence in identifying landslides. For example, sun angle creates shadows which may obscure landslides, the print quality of some photo sets varies, and photographs taken at larger scale makes identifying small landslides difficult.

The landslide inventory results are considered a minimum estimate of sediment production. This is because landslides that were too small to identify on aerial photographs may have been missed, landslide surfaces could have reactivated in subsequent years and not been quantified, and secondary erosion by rills and gullies on slide surfaces is difficult to assess. However, small landslides cumulatively may not deliver amounts of sediment that would significantly alter total sediment delivery.

Two techniques were employed in order to extrapolate a sediment volume delivery percentage to landslides not visited in the field. Landslides that were determined to be directly adjacent to a watercourse from topographic maps and aerial photograph interpretation were assigned 100% delivery. Landslides that were determined to deliver, but were not directly adjacent to a watercourse, were assigned the mean delivery percentage from landslides observed in the field.

Landslides were classified based on the likelihood that a road associated land use practice had some causal influence on the landslide. In this analysis, the effects of silvicultural techniques were not observed. Because the Hollow Tree WAU has been managed, recently and historically, for timber production, it was determined that the effect of silvicultural practices was too difficult to confidently assign to landslides. There have been too many different silvicultural activities over time for reasonable confidence in a landslide evaluation based on silviculture. The land use practices that were assigned to landslides were associations with roads, skid trails, or landings. It was assumed that a landslide adjacent to a road, landing, or skid trail was triggered either directly or indirectly by that land use practice. If a landslide appeared to be influenced by more than one land use practice, the more causative one was noted. If a cutslope failure did not cross the road prism, it was assumed that the failure would remain perched on the road, landing, or skid trail and would not deliver to a watercourse. Some surface erosion could result from a cutslope failure and is assumed to be addressed in the road surface erosion estimates (Surface and Fluvial Erosion module).

The characteristics of deep-seated landslides received less attention in the landslide inventory than shallow-seated landslides mainly due to the fact that complicated geotechnical analyses would have to be done to estimate attributes such as depth, failure date, activity, and sediment delivery. Confidently few of the mapped deep-seated landslides were observed to have recent movement associated with them. Future assessment of deep-seated landslides will occur on a site by site basis in the Hollow Tree WAU, likely during timber harvest plan preparation and review.

Systematic Description of Deep-seated Landslide Features

Deep-seated landslides were only interpreted by reconnaissance techniques (aerial photograph interpretation rather than field observations). Reconnaissance mapping criteria consist of observations of four morphologic features of deep seated landslides --toe, internal morphology, lateral flanks, main scarp--and vegetation (after McCalpin 1984 as presented by Keaton and DeGraff, 1996, p. 186, Table 9-1). The mapping and classification criteria for each feature are presented in detail below.

Aerial photo interpretation of deep seated landslide features in the Hollow Tree WAU suggest that the first three morphologic features above are the most useful for inferring the presence of deep-seated landslides. The presence of tension cracks and/or sharply defined and topographically offset scarps are probably a more accurate indicator of recent or active landslide movement. These features, however, are rarely visible on aerial photographs.

Sets of five descriptions have been developed to classify each deep-seated landslide morphologic feature or vegetation influence. The five descriptions are ranked in descending order from characteristics more typical of active landslides to dormant to relict landslides. One description should characterize the feature most accurately. Nevertheless, some overlap between classifications is neither unusual nor unexpected. We recognize that some deep-seated landslides may lack evidence with respect to one or more of the observable features, but show strong evidence of another feature. If there is no expression of a particular geomorphic feature (e.g. lateral flanks), the classification of that feature is considered "undetermined". If a deep-seated landslide is associated with other deep-seated landslides, it may also be classified as a landslide complex.

In addition to the classification criteria specific to the deep-seated landslide features, more general classification of the strength of the interpretation of the deep-seated landslide is conducted. Some landslides are obscured by vegetation to varying degrees, with areas that are clearly visible and areas that are poorly visible. In addition, weathering and erosion processes may also obscure geomorphic features over time. The quality of different aerial photograph sets varies and can sometimes make interpretations difficult. Owing to these circumstances, each inferred deep-seated landslide feature is classified according to the strength of the evidence as either definite, probable, or questionable as defined with respect to interpretations of shallow landslides.

At the project scale (THP development and planning), field observations of deep-seated landslide morphology and other indicators by qualified professionals are expected to be used to reduce uncertainty of interpretation inherent in reconnaissance mapping. Field criteria for mapping deep-seated landslides and assessment of activity are presented elsewhere.

*Deep Seated Landslide Morphologic Classification Criteria:***I.** Toe Activity

1. Steep streamside slopes with extensive unvegetated to sparsely vegetated debris slide scars. Debris slides occur on both sides of stream channel, but more prominently on side containing the deep-seated landslide. Stream channel in toe region may contain coarser sediment than adjacent channel. Stream channel may be pushed out by toe. Toe may be eroding, sharp topography/geomorphology.
2. Steep streamside slopes with few unvegetated to sparsely vegetated debris slide scars. Debris slides generally are distinguishable only on streamside slope containing the deep-seated landslide. Stream channel may be pushed out by toe. Sharp edges becoming subdued.
3. Steep streamside slopes that are predominantly vegetated with little to no debris slide activity. Topography/geomorphology subdued.
4. Gently sloping stream banks that are vegetated and lack debris slide activity. Topography/geomorphology very subdued.
5. Undetermined

II. Internal Morphology

1. Multiple, well defined scarps and associated angular benches. Some benches may be rotated against scarps so that their surfaces slope back into the hill causing ponded water, which can be identified by different vegetation than adjacent areas. Hummocky topography with ground cracks. Jack-strawed trees may be present. No drainage to chaotic drainage/disrupted drainage.
2. Hummocky topography with identifiable scarps and benches, but those features have been smoothed. Undrained to drained but somewhat subdued depressions may exist. Poorly established drainage.
3. Slight benches can be identified, but are subtle and not prominent. Undrained depressions have since been drained. Moderately developed drainage to established drainage but not strongly incised. Subdued depressions but are being filled.
4. Smooth topography. Body of slide typically appears to have failed as one large coherent mass, rather than broken and fragmented. Developed drainage well established, incised. Essentially only large undrained depressions preserved and would be very subdued. Could have standing water. May appear as amphitheater slope where slide deposit is mostly or all removed.
5. Undetermined

III. Lateral Flanks

1. Sharp, well defined. Debris slides on lateral scarps fail onto body of slide. Gullies/drainage may begin to form at boundary between lateral scarps and sides of slide deposit. Bare spots are common or partially unvegetated.
2. Sharp to somewhat subdued, rounded, essentially continuous, might have small breaks; gullies/drainage may be developing down lateral edges of slide body. May have debris slide activity, but less prominent. Few bare spots.
3. Smooth, subdued, but can be discontinuous and vegetated. Drainage may begin to develop along boundary between lateral scarp and slide body. Tributaries to drainage extend onto body of slide.

4. Subtle, well subdued to indistinguishable, discontinuous. Vegetation is identical to adjacent areas. Watercourses could be well incised, may have developed along boundary between lateral scarp and slide body. Tributaries to drainage developed on slide body.
5. Undetermined

IV. Main Scarp

1. Sharp, continuous geomorphic expression, usually arcuate break in slope with bare spots to unvegetated; often has debris slide activity.
2. Distinct, essentially continuous break in slope that may be smooth to slightly subdued in parts and sharp in others, apparent lack of debris slide activity. Bare spots may exist, but are few.
3. Smooth, subdued, less distinct break in slope with generally similar vegetation relative to adjacent areas. Bare spots are essentially non-existent.
4. Very subtle to subdued, well vegetated, can be discontinuous and deeply incised, dissected; feature may be indistinct.
5. Undetermined

V. Vegetation

1. Less dense vegetation than adjacent areas. Recent slide scarps and deposits leave many bare areas. Bare areas also due to lack of vegetative ability to root in unstable soils. Open canopy, may have jack-strawed trees; can have large openings.
2. Bare areas exist with some regrowth. Regrowth or successional patterns related to scarps and deposits. May have some openings in canopy or young broad-leaf vegetation with similar age.
3. Subtle differences from surrounding areas. Slightly less dense and different type vegetation. Essentially closed canopy; may have moderately aged to old trees.
4. Same size, type, and density as surrounding areas.
5. Undetermined

Terrain Stability Units

Terrain stability units (TSUs) are delineated by partitioning the landscape into zones characterized by similar geomorphic attributes, shallow-seated landslide potential, and sediment delivery to stream channels. A combination of aerial photograph interpretation, field investigation, and SHALSTAB output were utilized to delineate TSUs. The TSU designations for the Hollow Tree WAU are only meant to be general characterizations of similar geomorphic and terrain characteristics associated with shallow seated landslides. Deep-seated landslides are also shown on the TSU map (Map A-2). The deep-seated landslides have been included to provide land managers with supplemental information to guide evaluation of harvest planning and subsequent needs for geologic review. The landscape and geomorphic setting in the Hollow Tree WAU is certainly more complex than generalized TSUs delineated for this evaluation. The TSUs are only meant to be a starting point for gauging the need for site-specific field assessments.

The delineation of each TSU described is based on landforms present, the mass wasting processes, sensitivity to forest practices, mass wasting hazard, delivery potential, and forest management related trigger mechanisms for shallow seated landslides. The landform section of the TSU description defines the terrain found within the TSU. The mass wasting process section

is a summary of landslide types found in the TSU. Sensitivity to forest practice and mass wasting hazard is, in part, a subjective call by the analyst based on the relative landslide hazard and influence of forest practices. Delivery potential is based on proximity of TSU to watercourses and the likelihood of mass wasting in the unit to reach a watercourse. The hazard potential is based on a combination of the mass wasting hazard and delivery potential (Table A-1). The trigger mechanisms are a list of forest management practices that may have the potential to create mass wasting in the TSU.

Table A-1. Ratings for Potential Hazard of Delivery of Debris and Sediment to Streams by Mass Wasting (letters designate hazard: L= low, M= moderate, H = high)(Version 4.0, Washington Forest Practices Board, 1995).

		Mass Wasting Potential		
		Low	Moderate	High
Delivery Potential	Low	L	L	M
	Moderate	L	M	H
	High	L	M	H

RESULTS

Mass Wasting Inventory

A Landslide Inventory Data Sheet (Table A-1) was used to record attributes associated with each landslide. The spatial distribution and location of landslides is shown on Map A-1.

A total of 367 shallow-seated landslides (debris slides or torrents) were identified and characterized in the Hollow Tree WAU. A total of 34 deep-seated landslides (rockslides or earth flows) were mapped in the Hollow Tree WAU. A considerable effort was made to field verify as many landslides as possible to insure greater confidence in the results. A total of 36% of the identified shallow-seated landslides were field verified. From this level of field observations, extrapolation of landslide depth and sediment delivery is presented with a reasonable level of confidence. To extrapolate depth to the shallow-seated landslides not visited in the field, an average was taken from the depths visited in the field. The mean depth of all shallow-landslides was 3.5 feet. No effort was made to differentiate landslide depths among different shallow landslide types. A mean depth of 3.5 feet was assumed for all landslides not field checked. The mean sediment delivery percentage assigned to shallow landslides determined to deliver sediment, but not visited in the field is 99%. This is due to a large amount of landslides within the inner gorge that deliver 100% making the mean delivery percentage high. Delivery statistics were not calculated for deep-seated landslides.

The temporal distribution of the 367 shallow-seated landslides observed in the Hollow Tree WAU is listed in Table A-2. The distribution by landslide type is shown in Table A-3.

Table A-2. Shallow-Seated Landslide (Debris Slides, Debris Flows, Debris Torrents) Summary for Hollow Tree WAU by Time Periods.

Planning Watershed	Shallow Landslides 1969-1978	Shallow Landslides 1979-2000
Lower Hollow Tree Creek	41	21
Middle Hollow Tree Creek	78	111
Upper Hollow Tree Creek	45	52
Low Gap Creek	10	4
Jack of Hearts	0	0
Mill Creek	*	5

* - No photo for 1978 available for this area

Table A-3. Landslide Summary by Type and Planning Watershed for Hollow Tree WAU.

Planning Watershed	Debris Slides	Debris Torrents	Rock Slides	Earth Flows	Total	Road Assoc.
Lower Hollow Tree Creek	52	10	3	1	66	20
Middle Hollow Tree Creek	158	31	13	0	202	40
Upper Hollow Tree Creek	82	15	7	0	104	34
Low Gap Creek	14	0	3	0	17	2
Jack of Hearts	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mill Creek	5	0	6	0	11	0

The majority of landslides observed in the Hollow Tree WAU are debris slides and debris torrents. Of the 367 shallow-seated landslides in the Hollow Tree WAU, 96 are determined to be road-associated. This is approximately 26% of the total number of shallow-seated landslides. There were 56 debris torrents observed in the Hollow Tree WAU. This is approximately 15 % of the total shallow landslides observed in the Hollow Tree WAU.

A total of 97% of the shallow landslides inventoried were initiated on slopes of 60% gradient or higher. Four landslides occurred on slopes with gradients less than 60%. Of those four, only one was not road associated. The majority of inventoried landslides originated in convergent topography where subsurface water tends to concentrate, or on steep, planar topography where sub-surface water can be concentrated at the base of slopes, in localized topographic depressions, or by subsoil geologic structures. Fewer landslides originated in divergent topography, where subsurface water is routed to the sides of ridges. Such observations were, in part, the basis for the delineation of the WAU into terrain stability units.

Terrain Stability Units

The landscape was partitioned into six terrain stability units (TSU) representing areas of similar geomorphology or terrain, landslide processes, and sediment delivery potential for shallow-seated landslides (Map A-2). The units are to be used by forest managers to assist in making decisions

that will minimize future mass wasting sediment input to watercourses. The delineation for the TSUs was based on qualitative observations and interpretations from aerial photographs, field evaluation, and SHALSTAB output. Deep-seated landslides are also shown on the TSU map (Map A-2). The deep-seated landslides have been included to provide land managers with supplemental information to guide evaluation of harvest planning and subsequent needs for geologic review.

Shallow-seated landslide characteristics considered in determination of TSU are size, frequency, delivery to watercourses, and spatial distribution. Hillslope characteristics considered are slope form (convergence, divergence, planar), slope gradient, magnitude of stream incision, and overall geomorphology. The range of slope gradients was determined from USGS 1:24000 topographic maps and field observations. Hillslope and landslide morphology vary within each individual terrain stability unit and the boundaries are not exact. This evaluation is not intended to be a substitute for site-specific field assessments. Site-specific field assessments will still be required at deep-seated landslides or specific areas of some TSUs to assess the risk and likelihood of mass wasting impacts from a proposed management action. The terrain stability units are compiled on the entitled terrain stability unit map (Map A-2).

TSU Number: 1

Description:	Inner Gorge or Steep Streamside Slopes adjacent to Low Gradient Watercourses
Materials:	Shallow soils formed on weathered marine sedimentary rocks.
Landform:	Characterized by steep slopes or steep inner gorge topography along low gradient watercourses (typically less than 6-7% channel slope). An inner gorge is considered to be a geomorphic feature created from down cutting of the stream in response to tectonic uplift. Inner gorge slopes extend from either one side or both sides of the stream channel to the first break in slope. Slopes can resemble inner gorge on one side of the channel, but not the other. Inner gorge slope gradients typically exceed 70%. Slopes with lower inclination are locally present. The height of the inner gorge ranges from 20 to 440 feet in the Hollow Tree WAU. Slopes commonly contain areas of multiple, coalescing shallow seated landslide scars of varying age. Steep slopes adjacent to low gradient streams are generally planar in form with slope gradients typically exceeding 70%. The difference between steep streamside slopes and inner gorge topography is the lack of a distinct break in slope. The upper extent of the unit is variable. Where there is not a break in slope, the unit may often extend over 110 feet upslope (based on the range of lengths of landslides observed 22-440 feet, mean length of all landslides in the unit is 107 feet). Landslides in this unit generally deposit sediment directly into Class I and II streams. Small areas of incised terraces may be locally present.
Slope:	70% to vertical, (mean slope of observed mass wasting events is 89%, range: 60%-120%)
Total Area:	593 acres; 3% of the total WAU area.
MW Processes:	<p><i>32 road-associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 Debris slides • 2 Debris torrent <p><i>113 non-road associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 108 Debris slides • 5 Debris torrent
Non Road-related Landslide Density:	0.19 landslides per acre for the past 32 years
Forest Practices Sensitivity:	High sensitivity to road construction due to proximity to watercourses, bedrock underlying inner gorge slopes creates increased stability, high sensitivity to harvesting and forest management practices due to steep slopes with localized colluvial or alluvial soil deposits next to watercourses.

Mass Wasting Potential:	High localized potential for landslides in both unmanaged and managed conditions.
Delivery Potential:	High
Delivery Criteria Used:	Steep slopes adjacent to stream channels, all observed landslides delivered sediment into streams.
Hazard-Potential Rating:	High
Forest Management Related Trigger Mechanisms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sidecast fill material placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides or flows in this unit. •Concentrated drainage from roads onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides or flows in this unit. •Poorly sized culvert or excessive debris at watercourse crossings can initiate failure of the fill material creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit. •Cut-slope of roads can expose potential failure planes creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit. •Sidecast fill material created from skid trail construction placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides or flows in this unit. •Concentrated drainage from skid trails onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides or flows in this unit. •Cut-slope of skid trails can remove support of slope creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit. •Root decay of hardwood or non-redwood conifer species can be a contributing factor in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit. •Concentrated drainage from roads can increase groundwater, accelerating movement of rockslides or earth flows and over-steepening inner gorge slopes. •Removal of vegetation above these slopes can result in loss of evapo-transpiration and thus increase pore water pressures that could create debris slides in this unit.
Confidence:	High confidence for susceptibility of landslides and sediment delivery in this unit. Moderate confidence in placement of this unit. This unit is locally variable and exact boundaries are better determined from field observations.

TSU Number:	2
Description:	Steep slopes or inner gorge topography adjacent to high gradient intermittent or ephemeral watercourses.
Materials:	Shallow soils formed from weathered marine sedimentary rocks with localized areas of thin to thick colluvial deposits.
Landforms:	Characterized by steep slopes or inner gorge topography adjacent to high gradient intermittent or ephemeral watercourses. An inner gorge is considered a geomorphic feature created from down cutting of the stream in response to tectonic uplift. Inner gorge slopes extend from either one side or both sides of the stream channel to the first break in slope. Inner gorge slopes typically exceed 70%. Slopes with lower inclination are locally present. Steep slope form is largely concave or planner with gradients typically greater than 70%. The break in slope in this unit is typically about 70 feet from the watercourse (based on mean observed debris slide length of 71 feet; maximum observed landslide length is 242 feet). Landslides in this unit commonly are debris slides that deposit sediment directly into Class II and III watercourses. Occasionally the debris slides can form debris torrents that can transport material down the slope through and out of this unit. This unit typically extends upstream from TSU 1.
Slope:	>70% (mean slope of observed mass wasting events is 92%, range: 87%-95%).
Total Area:	955 acres; 5% of total WAU area
MW Processes:	<p><i>7 road-associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Debris slides • 1 Debris torrent <p><i>31 non-road associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 Debris slides • 3 Debris torrent
Non Road-related Landslide Density:	0.03 landslides per acre for the past 32 years
Forest Practices Sensitivity:	High sensitivity to roads due to steep slopes adjacent to watercourses, high to moderate sensitivity to harvesting and forest management due to steep slopes next to watercourses. Localized areas of steeper and/or convergent slopes may have an even higher sensitivity to forest practices.

Mass Wasting

Potential: High, due to the steep converging topography of the slope in both unmanaged and managed conditions.

Delivery Potential: High

Delivery Criteria

Used: Steep slopes adjacent to stream channels, all observed landslides delivered sediment into streams.

Hazard-Potential

Rating: **High**

Forest Management

Related Trigger

Mechanisms:

- Sidecast fill material placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Poorly sized culvert or excessive debris at watercourse crossings can initiate failure of the fill material creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Cut-slope of roads can over-steepen the slope creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Cut-slope of roads can remove support of the toe or expose potential failure planes of rockslides or earth flows.
- Sidecast fill material created from skid trail construction placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Concentrated drainage from skid trails onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Cut-slope of skid trails can remove support of the toe or expose potential failure planes of rockslides or earth flows.
- Root decay of hardwood or non-redwood conifer species can be a contributing factor in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Loss of evapo-transpiration from forest harvest can increase groundwater levels initiating or accelerating movement in rockslides or earth flows or aid in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows.

Confidence:

High confidence for susceptibility of unit to landslides and deliver sediment. Moderate confidence in the placement of this unit. This unit is highly localized and exact boundaries are better determined from field observations. Within this unit there are areas of low gradient slopes that are less susceptible to mass wasting.

TSU Number: 3

Description:	Dissected and convergent topography
Materials:	Shallow soils formed from weathered marine sedimentary rocks with localized thin to thick colluvial deposits.
Landforms:	These areas have steep slopes (typically greater than 60%) that have been sculpted over time by repeated debris slide events. The area is characterized primarily by 1) steep convergent and dissected topography located within steep gradient colluvial hollows or headwall swales and small high gradient watercourses, and 2) local very steep slopes, where there is strong evidence of past shallow landslide failures. MRC intends this unit to represent areas of potential high to moderate high risk for shallow landslides that does not occur as a continuous streamside unit, in contrast to continuous streamside occurrence as in TSU 1 and 2. The mapped unit may represent isolated individual “high risk” areas or areas where there is a concentration of “high risk” areas. Boundaries between higher hazard areas and other more stable areas (i.e. divergent and lower gradient slopes) within the unit should be determined based on field verification.
Slope:	>60%, (mean slope of observed mass wasting events is 81% range: 70%-110%)
Total Area:	2349 ac., 12% of the total WAU
MW Processes:	<p><i>10 road associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Debris slides • 2 Debris torrent <p><i>67 non-road associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 Debris slides • 34 Debris torrent
Non Road-related Landslide Density:	0.03 landslides per acre for the past 32 years
Forest Practices Sensitivity:	Moderate to high sensitivity to road building, moderate to high sensitivity to harvesting and forest management practices due to moderately steep slopes within this unit. Localized areas of steeper and/or convergent slopes have even higher sensitivity to forest practices.
Mass Wasting Potential:	High
Delivery Potential:	High

Delivery Criteria

Used: The converging topography directs mass wasting down slopes toward watercourses. High delivery potential is based on relatively high number of debris torrents, which often transport sediment directly to larger watercourses downstream from this TSU. Approximately 81% of landslides in this unit delivered sediment

Hazard-Potential

Rating: **High**

Forest Management

Related Trigger

Mechanisms:

- Sidecast fill material placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads can increase groundwater, accelerating movement of rockslides or earth flows in this unit.
- Poorly sized culvert or excessive debris at watercourse crossings can initiate failure of the fill material creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Cut-slope of roads can over-steepen the slope creating debris slides in this unit.
- Cut-slope of roads can over-steepen the slope creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Cut-slope of roads can remove support of the toe or expose potential failure planes of rockslides or earth flows.
- Sidecast fill material created from skid trail construction placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Concentrated drainage from skid trails onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Cut-slope of skid trails can remove support of the toe or expose potential failure planes of rockslides or earth flows.
- Root decay of hardwood or non-redwood conifer species can be a contributing factor in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Loss of evapo-transpiration from forest harvest can increase groundwater levels initiating or accelerating movement in rockslides or earth flows or aid in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows.

Confidence: Moderate confidence in placement of unit. This unit is locally variable and exact boundaries are better determined from field observations. Some areas within this unit could have higher susceptibility to landslides and higher delivery rates due to localized areas of steep slopes with weak soils, and unusually adverse ground water conditions.

TSU Number:	4
Description:	Non-dissected topography
Materials:	Shallow to moderately deep soils formed from weathered marine sedimentary rocks.
Landforms:	Moderately steep hillslopes with planar, divergent, or broadly convergent slope forms with isolated areas of steep topography or strongly convergent slope forms. Unit is generally a midslope region of lesser slope gradient and more variable slope form than unit 3.
Slope:	>40%, (mean slope of observed mass wasting events 81%, range: 50%-99%)
Total Area:	12820 acres, 63% of the total WAU
MW Processes:	<p><i>41 road-associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 Debris slides • 3 Debris torrent <p><i>55 non-road associated landslides</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 Debris slides • 4 Debris Torrents
Non Road-related Landslide Density:	0.004 landslides per acre for the past 32 years
Forest Practices Sensitivity:	Moderate to low sensitivity to road building, moderate to low sensitivity to harvesting and forest management practices due to moderate slope gradients and non-converging topography within this unit. Localized areas of steeper slopes have higher sensitivity to forest practices.
Mass Wasting Potential:	Moderate
Delivery Potential:	Moderate
Delivery Criteria Used:	This unit has the largest area, which accounts for the large number of landslides. This unit has a low landslide density, and therefore has a moderate mass wasting hazard. Sediment delivery in this unit is localized to landslides that occur adjacent to watercourses, or have long run-outs to a watercourse. Approximately 77% of landslides in this unit delivered sediment.
Hazard-Potential Rating:	Moderate

Forest Management
Related Trigger
Mechanisms:

- Sidecast fill material placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads can increase groundwater, accelerating movement of rockslides or earth flows in this unit.
- Poorly sized culvert or excessive debris at watercourse crossings can initiate failure of the fill material creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Cut-slope of roads can over-steepen the slope creating debris slides in this unit.
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- Cut-slope of roads can remove support of the toe or expose potential failure planes of rockslides or earth flows.
- Sidecast fill material created from skid trail construction placed on steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Concentrated drainage from skid trails onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Cut-slope of skid trails can remove support of the toe or expose potential failure planes of rockslides or earth flows.
- Root decay of hardwood or non-redwood conifer species can be a contributing factor in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Loss of evapo-transpiration from forest harvest can increase groundwater levels initiating or accelerating movement in rockslides or earth flows or aid in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows.

Confidence: High confidence in placement of unit. Some areas within this unit could have higher susceptibility to landslides and higher delivery rates due to localized areas of steep slopes with weak soils, and adverse groundwater conditions.

TSU Number: 5

Description: Low relief topography

Material: Moderately deep to deep soils, formed from weathered marine sedimentary rocks.

Landforms: Characterized by low gradient slopes generally less than 40%, although in some places slopes can be steeper. This unit occurs on ridge crests, low gradient side slopes, and well-developed terraces. Shallow-seated landslides seldom occur and usually do not deliver sediment to stream channels.

Slope: <65% (based on field observations)

Total Area: 3516 acres, 17% of WAU area

MW Processes: *8 road associated landslides*

- 7 Debris slides
- 1 Debris torrent

2 non-road associated landslides

- 2 Debris slides

Non Road-related
Landslide Density: 0.0006 landslides per acre for past 32 years.

Forest Practices
Sensitivity: Low sensitivity to road building and forest management practices due to low gradient slopes

Mass Wasting
Potential: Low

Delivery Potential: Low

Delivery Criteria
Used: Sediment delivery in this unit is low.

Hazard-Potential
Rating: **Low**

Forest Management
Related Trigger
Mechanisms:

- Poorly sized culvert or excessive debris at watercourse crossings can initiate failure of the fill material creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads and skid trails can initiate or accelerate gully erosion, which can increase the potential for mass wasting processes.

Confidence: High confidence in placement of unit in areas of obviously stable topography.
High confidence in mass wasting potential and sediment delivery potential ratings.

TSU Number: 6

Description: Earth Flow Topography

Materials: Fine-grained soils and clays of highly weathered and sheared marine sedimentary rocks. Soils contain >80% particles less than 2mm in size with boulders, some very large, within the soil matrix.

Landforms: Boundaries of this unit correspond to the mapped, deep-seated earth flows from mass wasting inventory, regardless of state of activity. Characterized by hummocky slopes with localized areas of steep, and areas of flat topography. Slopes commonly contain areas of backtilted topography, creating ponded water. Ground surfaces in this unit commonly contain areas of grassy vegetation, which may be attributed to the inability of the clay-rich soil to support dense forests. Gullies are common in this unit. Rate of movement within earth flows typically is variable and likely fluctuates seasonally according to groundwater conditions. Most of unit 6 is earth flow complexes with many scarps and benches that create a step-like profile.

Slope: Unknown (no field observations)

Total Area: 81 acres; 0.003% of the total WAU.

MW Processes: 1 *Earth Flow*

3 *non-road associated landslides*

- 2 Debris slides
- 1 Debris torrent

Non Road-related
Landslide Density: 0.03 landslides per acre for past 32 years.

Forest Practices
Sensitivity: High to moderate sensitivity to roads, moderate sensitivity to harvesting and forest management practices that increase or redistribute water delivery on active earth flow surfaces. Potential forest practices in this unit should be assessed at a fine spatial scale due to variable topography and differing rates of movement within an earth flow.

Mass Wasting
Potential: High

Delivery Potential: High

Delivery Criteria
Used: Many of the earth flows in the Hollow Tree WAU have the toe or lateral edges along watercourses. If earth flow movement occurs the landslides will deliver sediment.

Hazard Potential
Rating:

High

Forest Management
Related Trigger
Mechanisms:

- Sidecast fill material placed on locally steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from roads can increase groundwater, accelerating movement of earth flows of this unit.
- Poorly sized culvert or excessive debris at watercourse crossings can initiate failure of the fill material creating debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Cut-slope of roads can over-steepen the slope creating debris slides in this unit.
- Concentrated drainage from skid trails onto unstable areas can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.
- Loss of evapo-transpiration from forest harvest can increase groundwater levels initiating or accelerating movement of earth flows of this unit or aid in initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Concentrated drainage from roads and skid trails can initiate or accelerate gully erosion, which can increase the potential for mass wasting processes.
- Cut-slope of skid trails can remove support of the toe or expose potential failure planes of earth flows.
- Sidecast fill material created from skid trail construction placed on locally steep slopes can initiate debris slides, torrents or flows.
- Root decay of hardwood or non-redwood conifer species can be a contributing factor in the initiation of debris slides, torrents or flows in this unit.

Confidence: Confidence in delineation of unit is consistent with confidence level in mass wasting inventory mapping of deep-seated earth flows. High confidence in hazard potential rating due to relatively low hazard for shallow-seated landslides

Sediment Input from Mass Wasting

Sediment delivery was estimated for shallow-seated landslides in the Hollow Tree WAU. Landslides were determined to have either no sediment delivery or to deliver all or a percentage of their total volume. Of the shallow-seated landslides mapped by MRC in this watershed analysis, 88 percent of the landslides delivered some amount of sediment (Table A-4).

Table A-4. Total Shallow-Seated Landslides Mapped for each Planning Watershed in Hollow Tree WAU.

Planning Watershed	Total Shallow Seated Landslides	Landslides with Sediment Delivery	Landslides with No Sediment Delivery
Lower Hollow Tree Creek	62	52	10
Middle Hollow Tree Creek	189	168	21
Upper Hollow Tree Creek	97	84	13
Low Gap Creek	14	14	0
Jack of Hearts	0	0	0
Mill Creek	5	5	0
<i>sum</i>	367	323	44
<i>Percentage</i>	100%	88%	12%

Mass wasting was separated into two time periods for analysis: 1969-1978 and 1979-2000. The dates for each of the time periods are based on the date of aerial photographs used to interpret landslides (1978, 1996, and 2000) and field observations (1999). These time periods allow for a general evaluation of the relative magnitude of sediment delivery rate estimates across the watershed.

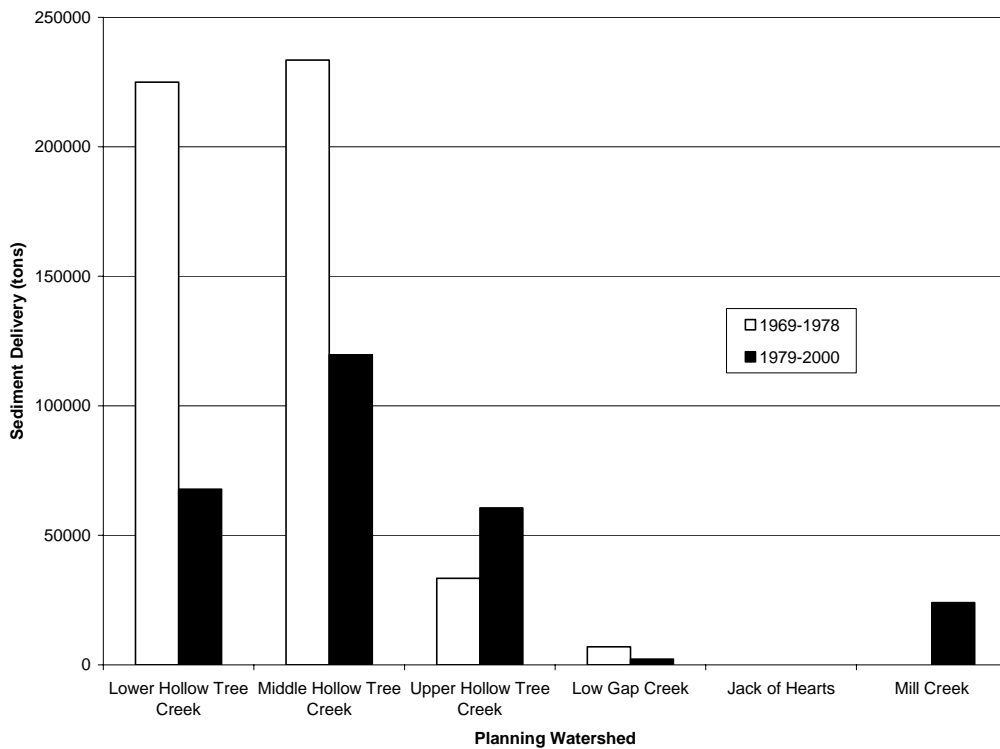
A total of approximately 774,000 tons of mass wasting sediment delivery was estimated for the time period 1969-2000 in the Hollow Tree WAU, resulting in a mean sediment delivery rate of 775 tons/sq. mi./yr. Of the total estimated amount, 500,000 tons (66% of total) occurred from 1969-1978 and 274,000 tons (35% of total) occurred in the 1979-2000 time period (Table A-5). The apparent decrease for the latter time period may in part reflect under-representation of landslides from about 1979 to 1987, which may have been obscured in some cases by vegetation regrowth that occurred prior to 1996 photography.

The highest overall sediment input from mass wasting occurred in the Middle Hollow Tree planning watershed. The large amount of acreage that MRC owns within this planning watershed, along with a large inner gorge along Hollow Tree Creek, contributes to the high sediment input in this planning watershed. In contrast, Jack of Hearts Creek planning watershed has the lowest mass wasting input. The low input for Jack of Hearts Creek on Mendocino Redwood Company property is attributable to relatively gentle terrain within this planning watershed.

Table A-5. Sediment Volume Input by Time Period for Hollow Tree WAU Planning Watersheds. Data Reported in Tons of Sediment Delivered.

Planning Watershed	1969-1978	1979-2000
Lower Hollow Tree Creek	224900	67800
Middle Hollow Tree Creek	233000	119700
Upper Hollow Tree Creek	33400	60500
Low Gap Creek	7000	2200
Jack of Hearts	0	0
Mill Creek	*	24000
Total(rounded to 10000)	500,000	274,000

Chart A-1. Total Mass Wasting Sediment Input Rate (tons/sq. mi./yr.) from Shallow Seated Landslides for MRC Ownership in Hollow Tree WAU Shown by Watershed and Time Period.



Road associated mass wasting was found to have contributed 300,000 tons (300 tons/sq. mi./yr.) of sediment over the 32 years analyzed (1969-2000) in the Hollow Tree WAU (Table A-6). This represents approximately 39% of the total mass wasting inputs for the Hollow Tree WAU for 1969-2000. In Lower Hollow Tree Creek planning watershed, road associated landslide sediment delivery was a major sediment source, contributing 67% of the sediment delivered. However, the rest of planning watershed within Hollow Tree WAU had a low percentage of road associated mass wasting delivery, due to the large amount of sediment delivered from mass wasting along the inner gorge and relatively low road density.

Table A-6. Road Associated Sediment Delivery for Shallow-Seated Landslides for Hollow Tree WAU by Planning Watershed, 1969-2000.

Planning Watershed	Road Associated Mass Wasting Sediment Delivery (tons)	Percent of Total Sediment Delivery of Planning Watershed
Lower Hollow Tree Creek	201000	67%
Middle Hollow Tree Creek	78000	26%
Upper Hollow Tree Creek	20000	7%
Low Gap Creek	2000	<1%
Jack of Hearts	0	0
Mill Creek	0	0

Sediment Input by Terrain Stability Unit

Total mass wasting sediment delivery for the Hollow Tree WAU was separated into six respective terrain stability units. These data are summarized in Table A-7. It should be noted that not all planning watersheds contain all six TSUs.

The terrain stability unit with the highest sediment delivery is TSU 1, which is estimated to deliver 46% of the total sediment input for the Hollow Tree WAU. This is due to the steep slopes of the inner gorge along Hollow Tree Creek. Combining all streamside units (TSU 1, 2, 3) would yield 69% of the total sediment input. TSU 5 is estimated to have delivered less than 0.5% of the total sediment input. TSU 4 delivered 30% of the total estimated sediment inputs, primarily due to the high number of road-related slides occurring in this unit. The total percent of road related slides sediment delivery in TSU 4 was 52%. The total sediment delivered from non-road related slides in TSU 1, 2, and 3 was 83%, while TSU 4 delivered 17% of the total non-road related delivery.

The last row in Table A-7 expresses landslide intensity as the ratio of the percentage of total sediment delivered by the percentage of watershed area in the TSU. High values of this ratio indicate high landslide rates in a concentrated area. The unit with the highest ratio of delivery percent per percent area was TSU six with a ratio 167. This high ratio number is due to landslides delivering sediment in a very small area. The second highest ratio number was TSU 1 with a ratio of 15, indicating concentrated sediment delivery from this portion of the landscape. The ratio for TSU 3 is also relatively high (1.7), but is an order of magnitude lower than in TSU 1. The ratio for TSU 2 (0.6) is substantially lower than in TSU 3, and is comparable to TSU 4 (0.5). This suggests that TSU 2 may have somewhat lower hazard than TSU 3, despite the high mass wasting and delivery potential ratings assigned to these units. The adaptive management process should evaluate whether TSU 2 hazards might be comparable to the moderate hazard assigned to TSU 4. The lowest ratio was TSU 5 with a ratio of 0.003, which is consistent with the low landslide hazard and density in this landscape element.

Table A-7. Total Sediment Delivery by Terrain Stability Unit in the Hollow Tree WAU (1969-2000).

TSU	1	2	3	4	5	6
Road Related Sediment Delivered (tons)	106000	4000	32500	158000	1500	0
Non-Road Related Sediment Delivered (tons)	252000	18500	124500	74000	500	2000
Total Sediment Delivered (tons)	358,000	23000	157000	232000	2000	2000
% road related delivery	35%	1%	11%	52%	1%	0%
% non-road related delivery	53%	4%	26%	17%	0.1%	0.3%
% of total delivered	46%	3%	20%	30%	~<0.5%	~<0.5%
% of Watershed	3%	5%	12%	63%	17%	0.003%
% Ratio: Delivery %/Area %	15	0.6	1.7	0.5	0.003	167

CONCLUSIONS

In natural forest environments of the California Coast Range, mass wasting is a common occurrence. In the Hollow Tree WAU this is due to steep slopes, the condition of weathered marine sedimentary rocks (interbedded sandstone and shale), locally thick colluvial soils, substantial evidence of inactive or dormant rockslides and earth flows, a history of timber harvest practices, and the occurrence of high intensity rainfall events. Mass wasting events are episodic and many landslides can happen in a short time frame. Mass wasting features of variable age and stability are observed throughout the Hollow Tree WAU. The vast majority of the landslides visited in the field during this assessment occurred on slopes greater than 60%, in areas of convergent or very steep planar topography. Groundwater was evident in the evacuated cavity at many sites. Particular concern should be considered when conducting any type of forest management activity in areas with convergent or locally steep topography.

Almost 37% of the number of shallow-seated landslides and 46% of the total sediment delivery occurred within the TSU 1 of Hollow Tree Creek in the Hollow Tree WAU.

The steep streamside areas of TSU 1, 2, and 3 are contributing the highest amount of the sediment delivery per TSU area in the watershed. In the moderate hazard unit of TSU 4, road construction is a significant causative factor of shallow-seated mass wasting events. Improved road construction practices combined with design upgrades of old roads should lower sediment input rates.

Mass wasting sediment input is estimated to be at least 775-tons/sq. mi./yr. during the 1969-2000 time period for the entire Hollow Tree WAU. Overall in the Hollow Tree WAU, sediment delivery from mass wasting was highest in Middle Hollow Tree Creek and Lower Hollow Tree Creek planning watersheds. Middle Hollow Tree Creek and Lower Hollow Tree Creek planning watersheds have the longest stretch of inner gorge along Hollow Tree Creek in the Hollow Tree WAU, providing a high amount of mass wasting sediment delivery for these planning watersheds.

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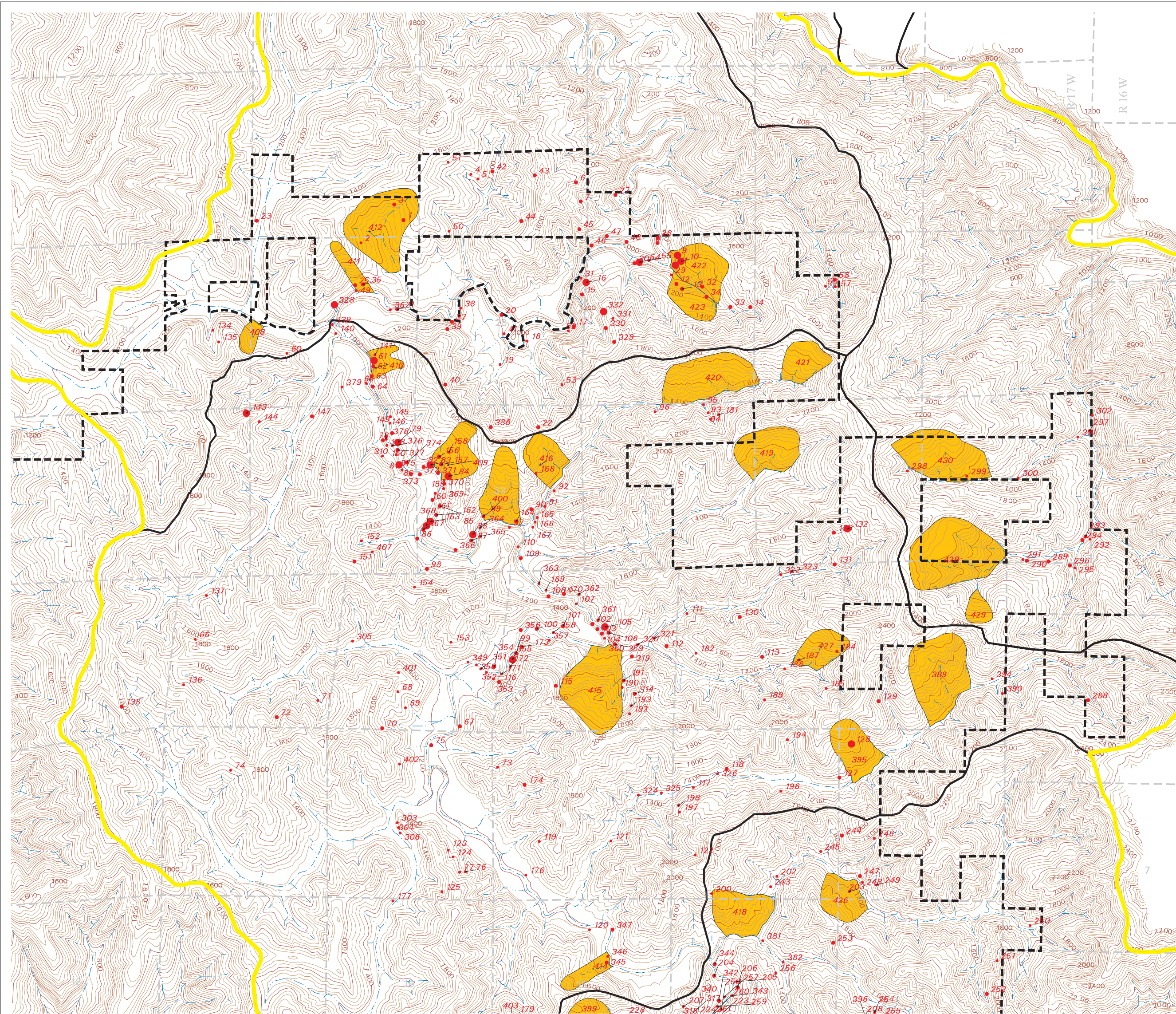
APPENDIX A

Mass Wasting

Hollow Tree Creek Watershed Analysis Unit

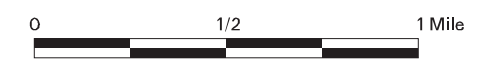
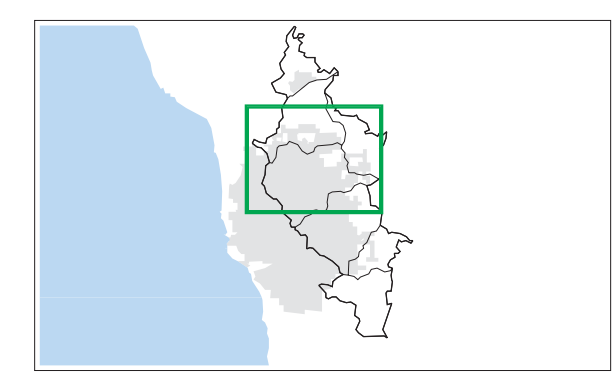
Map A-1 Mass Wasting Inventory

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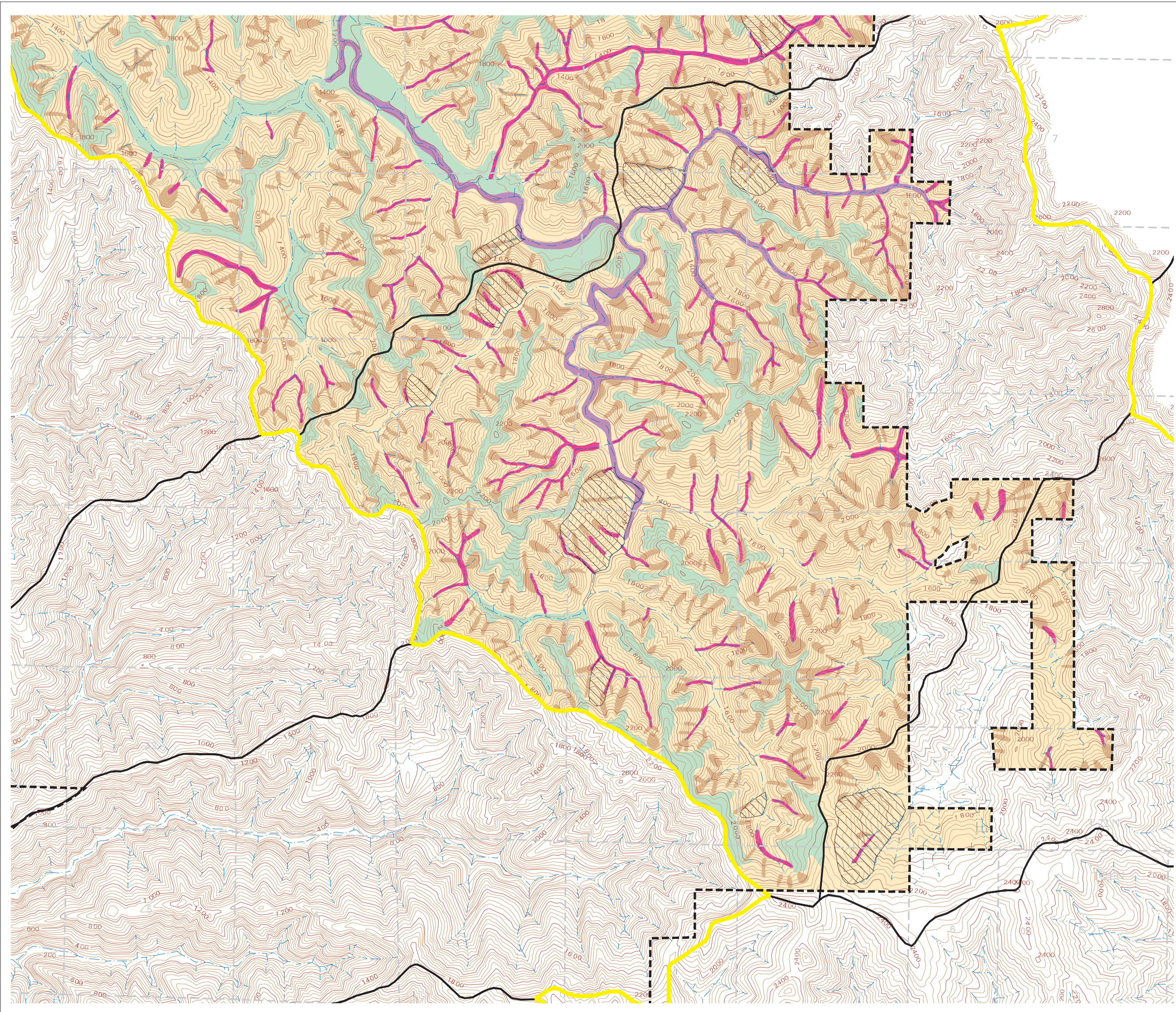
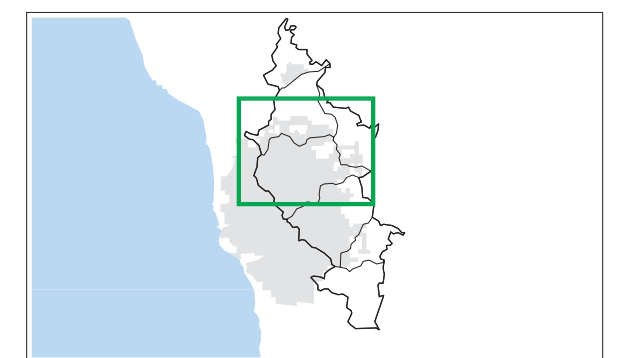
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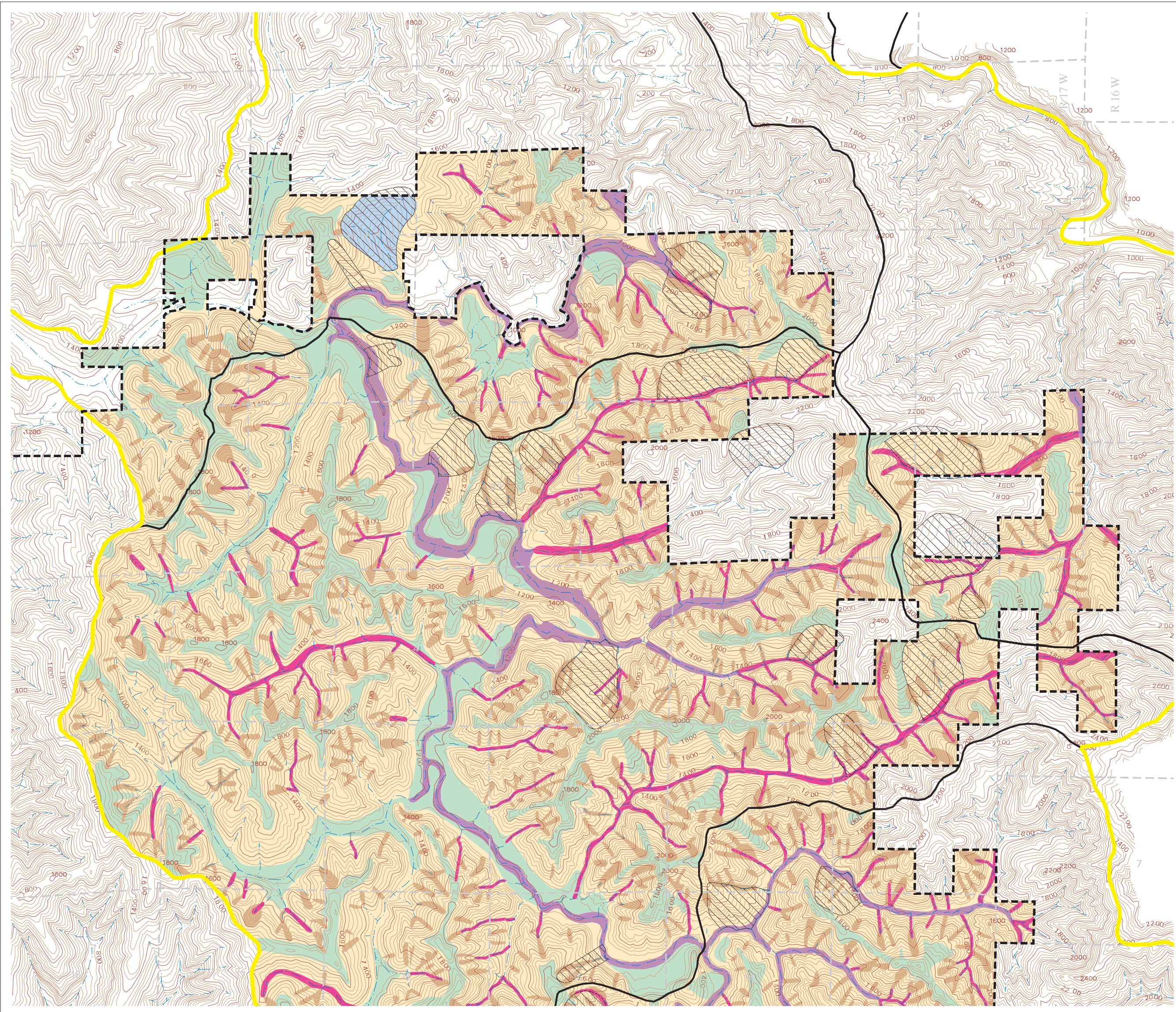
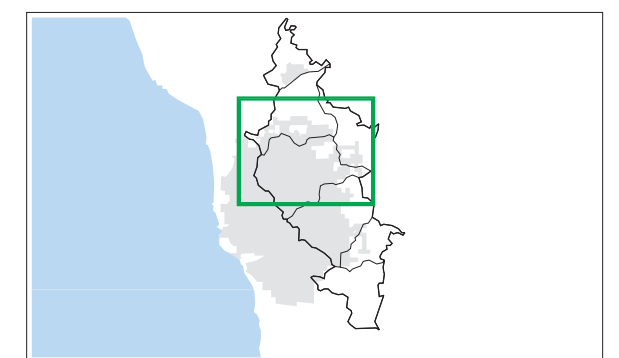
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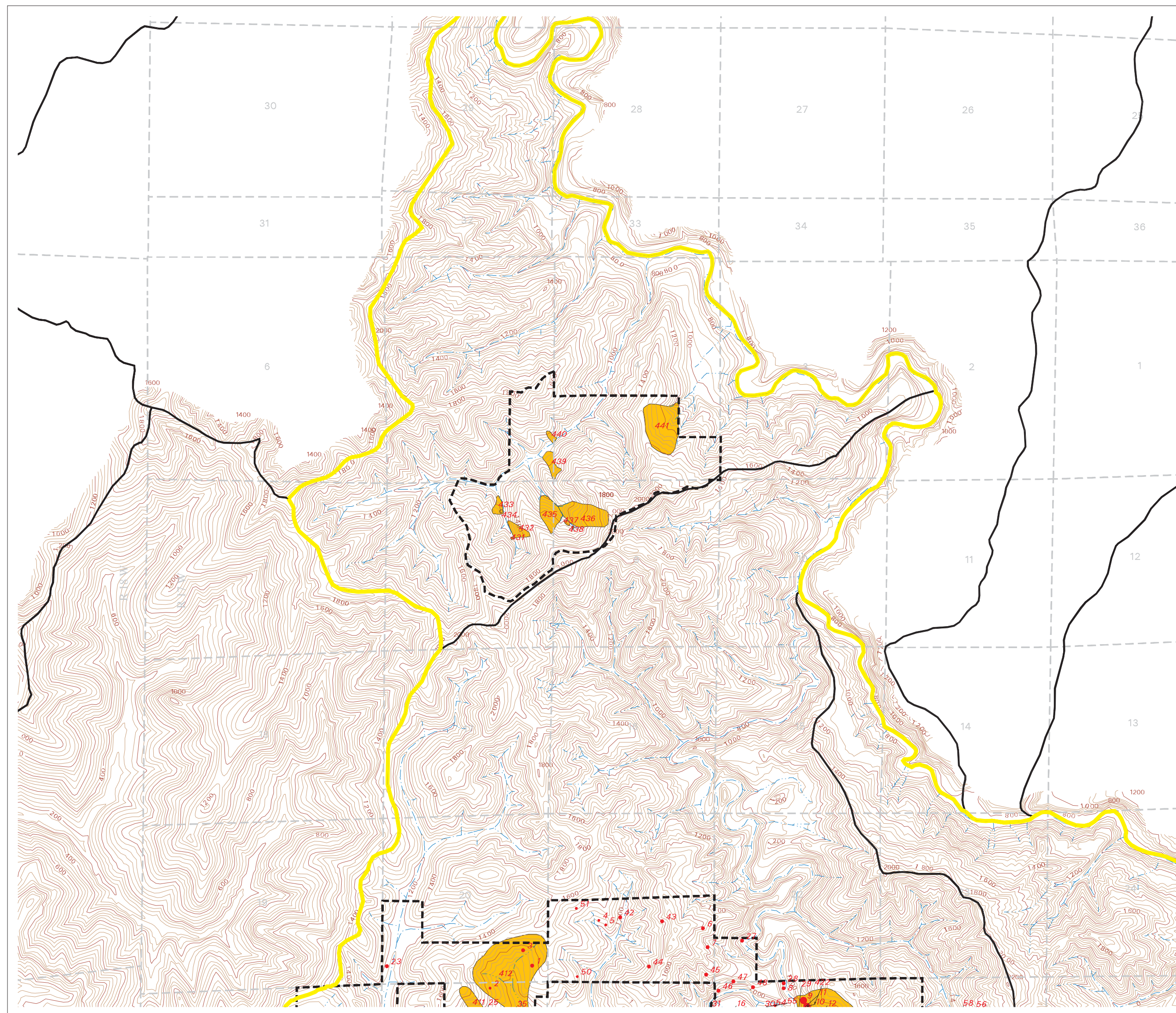
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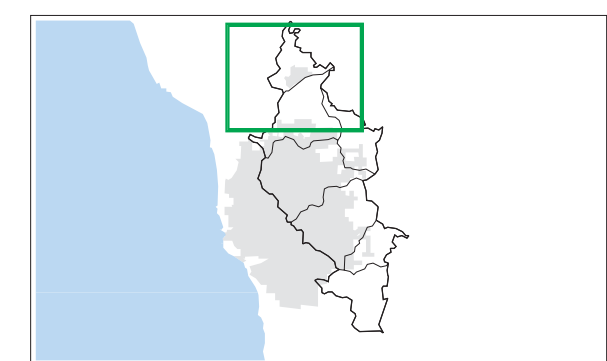
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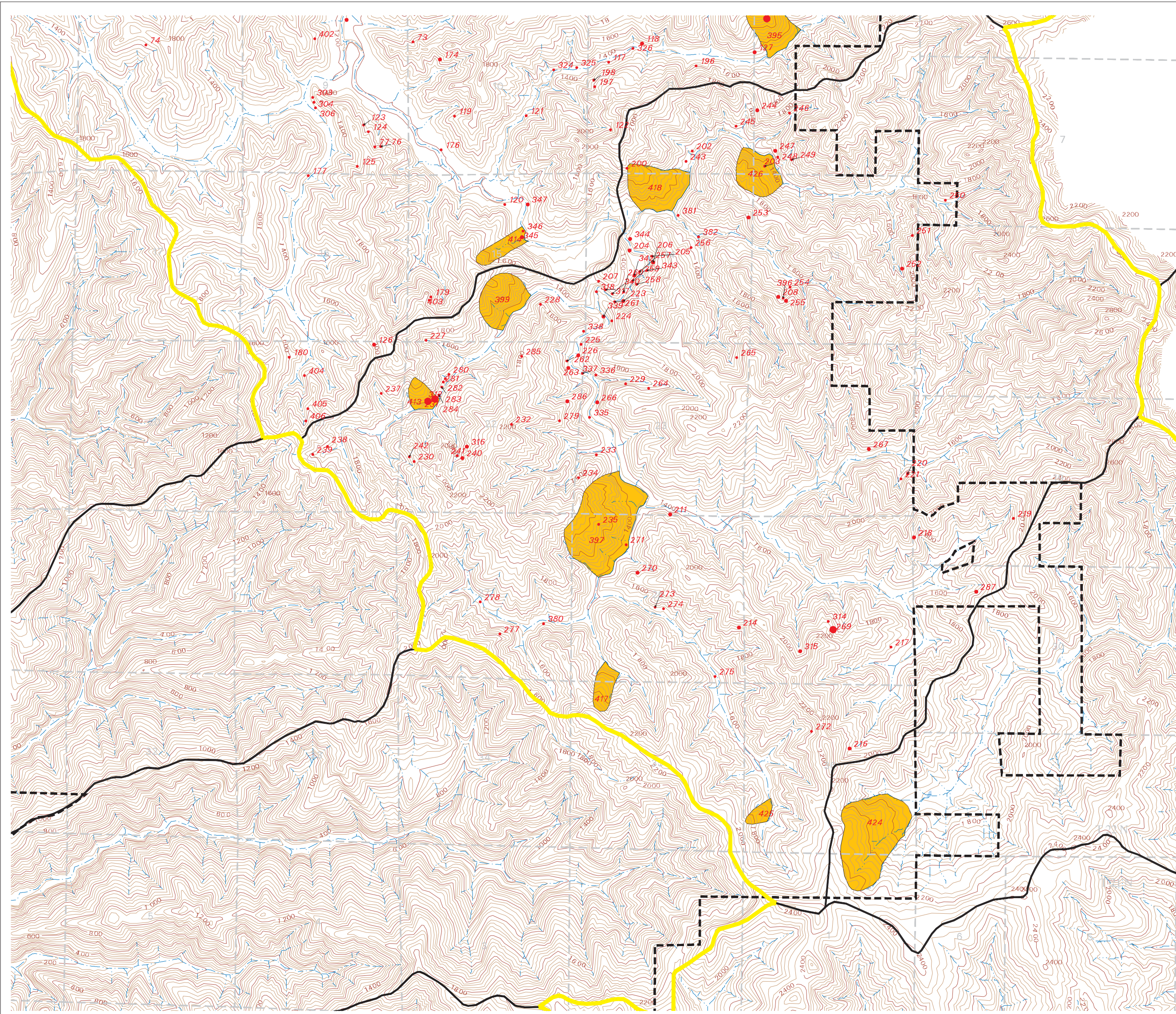
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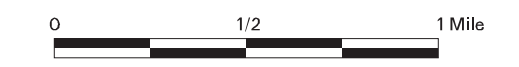
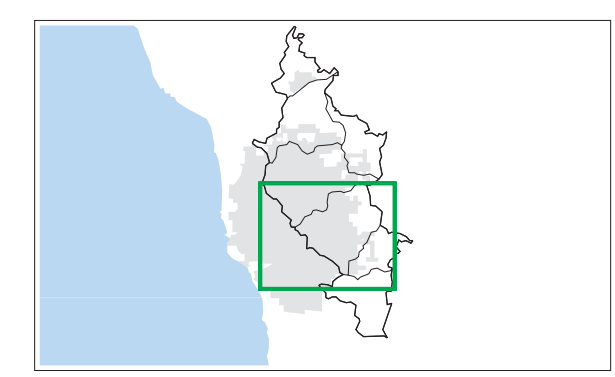
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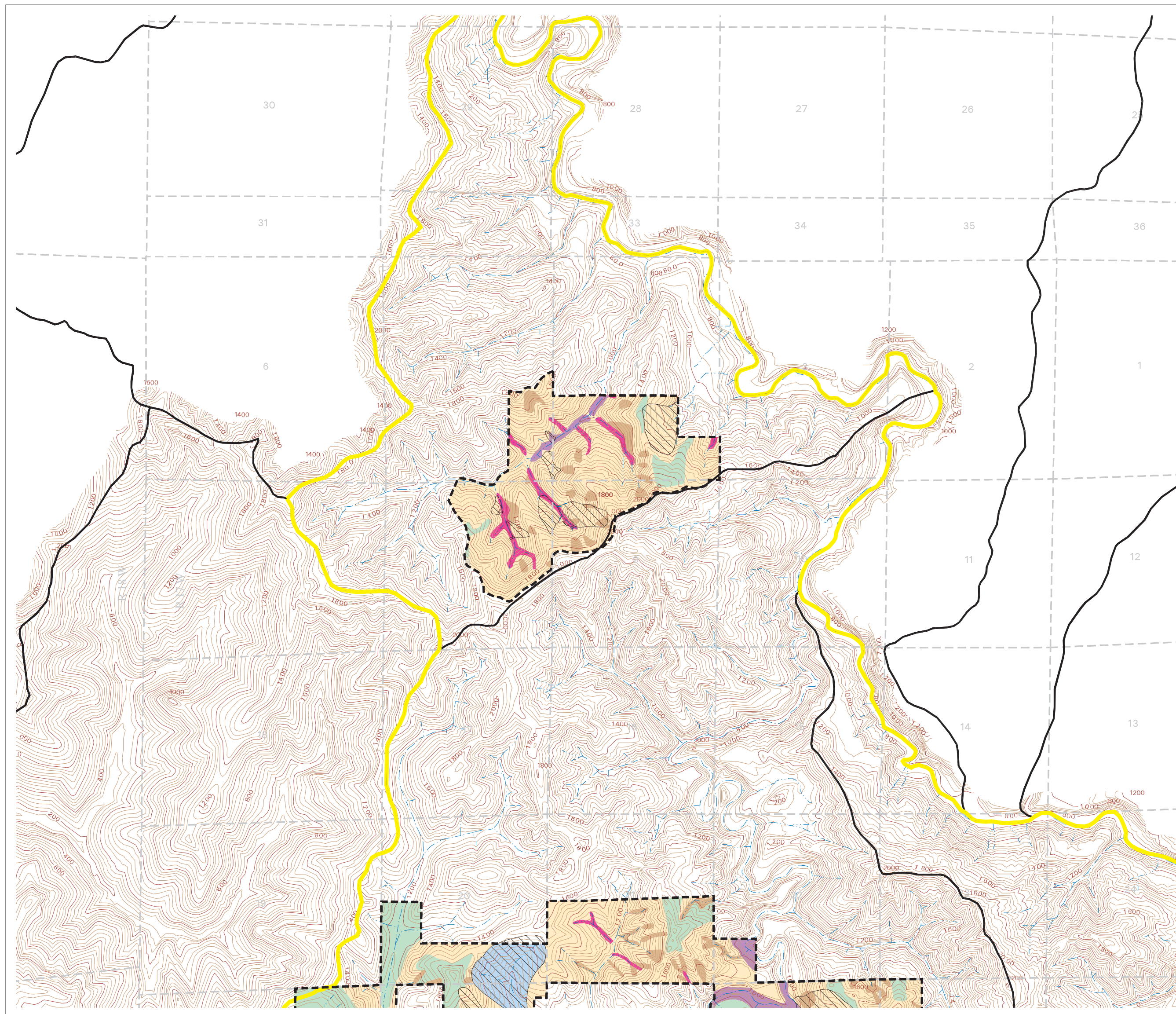
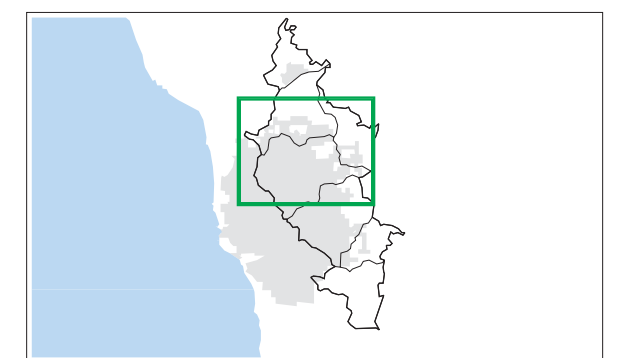
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