

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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November 05, 2024

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CASE#: AP_2023-0027 **DATE FILED:** 6/23/2023

OWNER/APPLICANT: WHITING PAMELA

REQUEST: Administrative Permit for a 10,000 square foot outdoor cannabis cultivation operation (Permit Type 2)

in the Timberland Production Zone.

LOCATION: 10.2± miles north-northeast of Laytonville town center, on the northwest side of Simmerly Ranch Rd (Private), 2.2± miles northeast of its intersection with Simmerly Road (Private), located 8000 Simmerly Ranch

Road, Laytonville; APNs 032-125-26, 032-125-28, 032-125-32.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 3

STAFF PLANNER: ROB FITZSIMMONS **RESPONSE DUE DATE:** November 19, 2024

PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.mendocinocounty.org

Select "Government" from the drop-down; then locate Planning and Building Services/Public Agency Referrals.

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services is soliciting your input, which will be used in staff analysis and forwarded to the appropriate public hearing. You are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed project(s). Please convey any requirements or conditions your agency requires for project compliance to the project coordinator at the above address, or submit your comments by email to pbs@mendocinocounty.org. Please note the case number and name of the project coordinator with all correspondence to this department.

We have reviewed the above	application and recommend the followin	g (please check one):		
☐ No comment at this time.				
☐ Recommend conditional a	approval (attached).			
Applicant to submit additional information (attach items needed, or contact the applicant directly, copying Planning and Building Services in any correspondence you may have with the applicant)				
Recommend denial (Attach reasons for recommending denial).				
Recommend preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (attach reasons why an EIR should be required).				
Other comments (attach as necessary).				
REVIEWED BY:				
Signature	Department	Date		

CASE: AP 2023-0027

OWNER: Pamela Whiting

APPLICANT: Talking Frog Farms

AGENT: Javier Rau

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APN: 032-125-26, 032-125-28, 032-125-32

PARCEL SIZE: 149± acres

GENERAL PLAN: Forest Lands (FL)

ZONING: Timberland Production (T-P)

EXISTING USES: Commercial Cannabis Cultivation

DISTRICT: 3, Haschak

	ADJACENT GENERAL PLAN	ADJACENT ZONING	ADJACENT LOT SIZES	ADJACENT USES
NORTH:	RL	RL	10±	TImberland
EAST:	FL	RL	10±, 20±, 70±	TImberland
SOUTH:	RL	RL	10±, 200±	TImberland
WEST:	FL	T-P	4±, 4.5±, 42±, 105±	TImberland

REFERRAL AGENCIES

LOCAL

☑ Air Quality Management District☑ Archaeological Commission

☒ Assessor's Office☒ Building Division Ukiah

□ Cannabis Department

☑ Department of Transportation (DOT)

☑ Environmental Health (EH)

□ Laytonville MAC

oxtimes Sonoma State University

STATE

□ CALFIRE (Land Use)

☐ California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

oxtimes Regional Water Quality Control Board

TRIBAL

☑ Cloverdale Rancheria

□ Redwood Valley Rancheria

☑ Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This operation grows cannabis within hoophouses. As they are using no artificial light, it meets the definition for "outdoor" cultivation per State and County regulations.

This operation has received an LSAA (EPIMS-MEN-08545-R1). Several conditions of the LSAA have not been met, including preparation of a Biological Assessment and remediations relating to an onsite pond previously used to support an earlier configuration of this cultivation operation. The applicant applied for an amendment to the LSAA, seeking an extension, on 3/28/2024.

STAFF PLANNER: ROB FITZSIMMONS DATE: 11/5/2024

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

1. MAC:

CIC

Laytonville MAC

2. FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE:

CALFIRE FRAP maps/GIS

High

3. FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA:

CALFIRE FRAP maps/GIS

SRA (State Responsibility Area)

4. FARMLAND CLASSIFICATION:

GIS

Grazing Land (G)

5. FLOOD ZONE CLASSIFICATION:

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)

N/A

6. COASTAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCE AREA:

Coastal Groundwater Study/GIS

N1/A

7. SOIL CLASSIFICATION:

Mendocino County Soils Study Eastern/Western Part

226 – Yorktree-Hopland-Woodin complex, 50 to

75% slopes

149 – Hopland-Witherell-Squawrock complex, 30

to 50% slopes

8. PYGMY VEGETATION OR PYGMY CAPABLE SOIL:

LCP maps, Pygmy Soils Maps; GIS

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9. WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT:

GIS/Mendocino County Assessor's Office

NO (Adjacent)

10. TIMBER PRODUCTION ZONE:

GIS

YES

11. WETLANDS CLASSIFICATION:

GIS

Depressional Perennial Natural Non-vegetated and

Fluvial Natural

12. EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONE:

Earthquake Fault Zone Maps; GIS

NO

13. AIRPORT LAND USE PLANNING AREA:

Airport Land Use Plan; GIS

NO

14. SUPERFUND/BROWNFIELD/HAZMAT SITE:

GIS; General Plan 3-11

NO

15. NATURAL DIVERSITY DATABASE:

CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Rarefind Database/GIS

NO

16. STATE FOREST/PARK/RECREATION AREA ADJACENT:

GIS; General Plan 3-1

NO

17. LANDSLIDE HAZARD:

Hazards and Landslides Map; GIS; Policy RM-61; General Plan 4-44

NO

18. WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIRED:

Policy RM-7; General Plan 4-34

NO

19. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER:

www.rivers.gov (Eel Only); GIS

NO

20. SPECIFIC PLAN/SPECIAL PLAN AREA:

Various Adopted Specific Plan Areas; GIS

NO

21. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REQUIRED:

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NO

22. OAK WOODLAND AREA:

USDA

NO

23. HARBOR DISTRICT:

Sec. 20.512

NO



Department of Planning and Building Services

Case No:	
CalFire No:	
Cultivation No:	
Fee:	
Receipt No:	
Received By:	
Date Filed:	
	Office use only

Application for Ca	annabis Administ	trative Permit	
ADMINISTRATIVE PERM	IIT (AP)		
☐ Type C-A Cottage Indoor (500 ft²) ☐ Waive RR:10 Housing Requirement		Setback Reduction (please clearly identify on your Site Pla	
		TPZ or FL (Types 1, 1B, 2, 2B, 4)	
☐ Acreage (3.5 Acres-	4.9 Acres: Type 1, 1B, 4)	☐ RR5 (3.5-4.9 Acres) Waive	Sunset
☐ Acreage (7.0 Acres-	9.9 Acres: Type 2, 2B)		
APPLICANT(S)		Phone: 707-529-9222	
Name: Talking Frog Farms Mailing		Phone. 707 020 0222	
Address: 1123 S. Cloverdale I	Blvd. Suite E 311	uhiting@ool.com	
City: Cloverdale	State/Zip: 95425	email: pgwhiting@aol.cor	<u> </u>
PROPERTY OWNER		Phone:707-529-9222	
Name: Pamela Whiting Mailing		Pnone: 101-323-3222	
Address: 1123 S. Cloverdale I	Blvd. Suite E 311		
City: Cloverdale	State/Zip: 95425	email: pgwhiting@aol.cor	n
AGENT Name: Javier Rau		Phone: 707-489-0207	
Mailing	-1		
Address: 100 North Pine Stree City: Ukiah	State/Zip: 95482	email: javier@rauandasso	oc.com
	Otato/Zip. 99 192		
Parcel Size: 95	acres		
Address of Property: 8000 S	Simmerly Ranch Road		
Assessor Parcel Number(s):	32-125-26, 28, 32		
, ,		TIVATION PERMIT:	
Size ✓ Type of Permit →	OUTDOOR	INDOOR	MIXED LIGHT
Small: (≤2500 ft²)	С	☐ C-A (≤500 ft²) ☐ C-A (501 – 2500 ft²)	□ С-В
Medium: (2501 – 5000 ft²)	<u> </u>	☐ 1-A	│
Large: (5001 – 10,000 ft ²)	2	☐ 2-A	2-B
Nursery: (≤22,000 ft²)	□ 4	4	4

I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and accurate. I have a form if I am not the property owner of the parcel on which the cultivation site is located.

Pam Whiting 10/10/2024 10/10/2024 avier Rau Signature of Owner Date Signature of Applicant/Agent Date

CULTIVATION SITE & PROJECT DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Does the proposed cultivation site meet the following setbacks? ☐ YES ☐ NO				
1,000 feet from all youth-oriented facilities, schools, parks, churches, or residential treatment facilities.				
FOR OUTDOOR AND MIXED LIGHT CULTIVATION SITES				
100 feet from any legal residential structure located on a separate legal parcel.				
 50 feet from any adjoining legal parcel under separate ownership. 				
 If in mobile home park, 100 feet from an occupied mobile home under separate ownership. 				
FOR INDOOR CULTIVATION SITES				
Any building property line setbacks.				
2. In the cultivation site visible from any public right of year publically traveled private read?				
2. Is the cultivation site visible from any public right of way or publically traveled private road? YES NO				
 Please describe the project site. Include improvements such as structures, wells, septic systems, grading, vegetation removal, roads, etc. 				
Ground disturbance is anticipated to be approx. 15K sq feet in size which had occurred 8 years ago.				
4 Will the development of the proposed cultivation site be phased? ☐ YES ☐ NO				
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7. In order to develop the prop	osed cultivation site,	will it be necessary	y to:		
A. Remove oak species B. Make substantial char C. Connect to existing w D. Connect to existing se E. Install a septic system F. Connect to existing se G. Install an individual w	nges in terrain? ater district? ewer district? ? eptic system?		YES		
8. Please provide an inventory separate sheet. Please note in					
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11. Will the proposed cultivation				ina. fillina. or dredgi	na?
□NO	'	•		3, 3, 3	3
☐ YES, the project will in	nvolve: Construction	on of a pond - a total	of	cubic yards will b	e moved
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	☐ Filling	- a total	l of	cubic yards will b	e moved
	☐ Dredging		of		
12. Briefly describe the surrou	nding properties inclu	uding vegetation, a	nimals, structures, and	d/or cultural/historic	assets.
13. Please indicate the surrou	nding land uses. NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	

14. Utilities	s will be supplied to the site as follows:
	Electricity
	☐ Utility Company (existing)
	Utility Company (planned)
	On-Site Generation – Specify
В.	Gas
	Utility Company (existing)
	Utility Company (planned)
	On-Site Generation – Specify
	None
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C.	Water
	Community water system – Specify supplier
	Well
	Spring
	☐ Pond
l	Other – Specify
	Guilet – Speeding
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D.	Sewage
	Community sewage system – Specify supplier
	Septic Tank
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	Other – Specify
15. Will the	ere be any security lighting?
16. Will you	u have employees?
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If YE	ES, how many employees will you have?
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17. Will the	ere be any processing of cannabis on site (trimming, leaf removal, curing, drying, etc)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
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21. Provide an overview of your past cultivation, as well as ancillary activities on this subject please describe past activities within Mendocino County, as well as past cultivation on the applicable:	
22. Describe why the proposed location and operation is the most environmentally superior	Location on the subject
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22. Are used surery of any Archaelegical or Delegatelegical recourses on the aubicat property	-2 CV50 CN0
23. Are you aware of any Archeological or Paleontological resources on the subject property	y? ☐ YES ☐ NO
24. Have you recieved the requisite approvals from CALFIRE or your Local Response Agence	cy? YES NO
If NO, do you intend to submit this information alongside needed building permits?	<u> </u>
25. Have you recieved site inspections from any of the following agencies with regard to this	proposed activity?
□NO	
☐YES, following ☐ Mendocino Cannabis Dept ☐ Date:	
☐ Water Resources Control Board Date:	
CA Dept Fish & Wildlife Date:	
Dept of Cannabis Control	
I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and accurate:	
<u>Pam Whiting</u> <u>Pam Whiting</u> Signature of Applicant/Agent Date Signature of Owner	Date
FOR STAFF PURPOSES ONLY	
Zoning District:	
Subject to Sunset Provision [MCC 10A.17.080(B)(2)(b)]? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
Compliant with Mendocino County Code Chapter 20.242: ☐ YES ☐ NO	

AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT 1. I hereby authorize to act as my representative and to bind me in all matters concerning this application. Pam Whiting Owner Date CERTIFICATION AND SITE VIEW AUTHORIZATION 1. I hereby certify that I have read this completed application and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application, and all attached appendices and exhibits, is complete and correct. I understand that the failure to provide any requested information or any misstatements submitted in support of the application shall be grounds for either refusing to accept this application, for denying the permit, for suspending or revoking a permit issued on the basis of such misrepresentations, or for seeking of such further relief as may seem proper to the county. 2. I hereby grant permission for County, Planning and Building Services staff, and hearing bodies to enter upon and site view the premises for which this application is made in order to obtain information necessary for the preparation of required reports and render its decision. Pam Whiting Owner/Authorized Agent Date INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS ORDINANCE NO. 3780, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 1991, requires applicants for discretionary land use approvals, to sign the following Indemnification Agreement. Failure to Sign this agreement will result in the application being considered incomplete and withheld from further processing. INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT As part of this application, applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the County of Mendocino, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions, as more particularly set forth in Mendocino County Code Section 1.04.120, from any claim, action or proceeding brought against any of the foregoing individuals or entities, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it. The indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorney fees or expert witness fees that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the applicant, arising out of or in connection with the approval of this application, whether or not there is concurrent, passive or active negligence on the part of the County, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions. , hereby agree to the above Indemnification Agreement. (Print Name) Pam Whiting Owner/Authorized Agent Date To facilitate proper handling of this application, please indicate the names and mailing addresses of individuals to whom you wish correspondence mailed to if different from those identified on the Application for Cannabis Cultivation page. Name Name Name Mailing Address Mailing Address Mailing Address

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JULIA KROG, DIRECTOR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPOSIT/HOURLY FEE

By signing below, the applicant acknowledges that the staff at Planning and Building Services has discussed the potential for collection of a deposit fee for the projects listed below (as adopted by the Board of Supervisors Resolution No.'s 11-072, 16-150, 18-122, 19-170, 21-194 and 23-190)

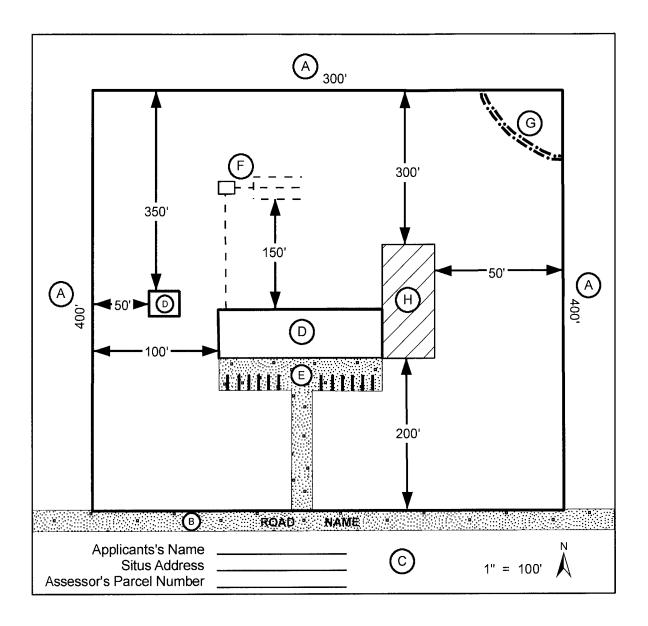
- 1. Division of Land Project
- 2. General Plan Project
- 3. Coastal Project
- 4. Zoning Project
- 5. Administrative Project
- 6. Cannabis Project
- 7. Private Road Naming

Once an application has been submitted and the processing costs approach 80% of the application fee, additional staff processing time will be billed at **\$98.00/hour**. Staff will notify the applicant/owner that a deposit equal to 50% of the initial filing fee is required for further processing, and more than one deposit may be required depending on the complexity of the project and the staff time necessary to complete application processing.

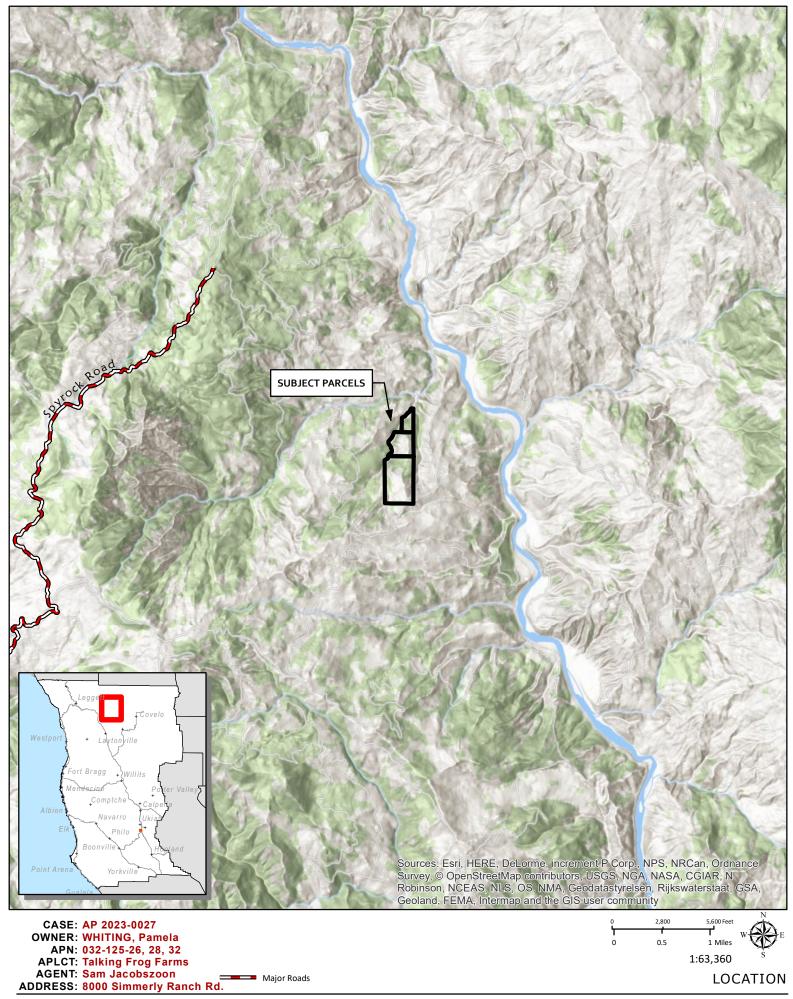
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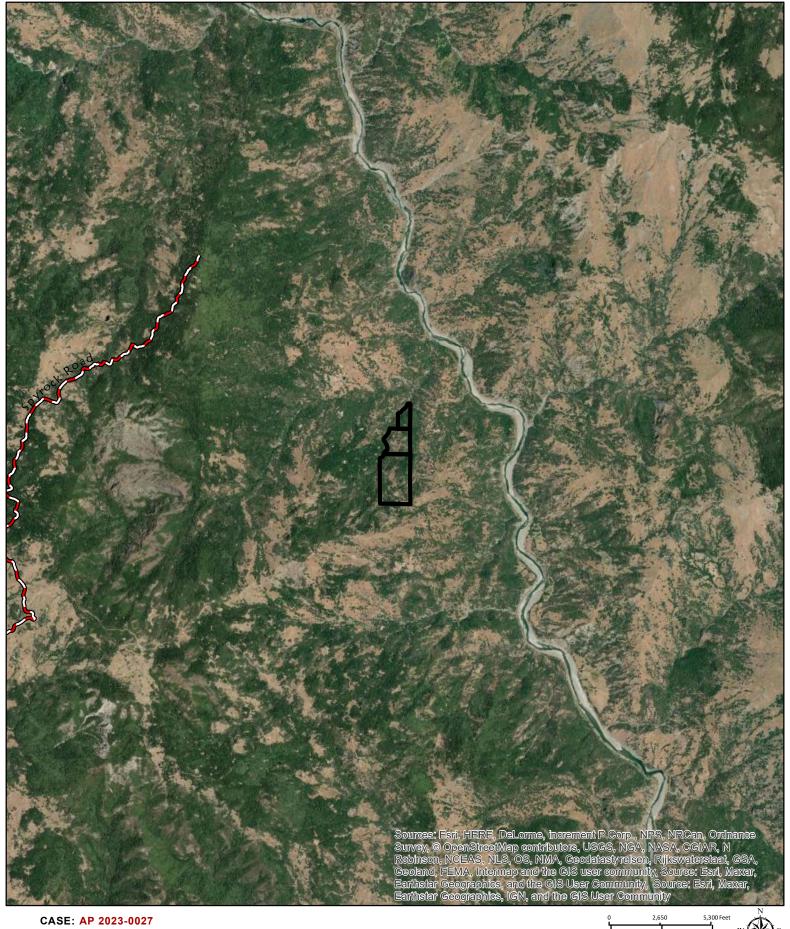
Pam Whiting Applicant Signature	
Applicant Signature	Date
OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Project or Permit Number	

SAMPLE PLOT PLAN



- A. Parcel Shape and Dimensions.
- B. Adjacent Streets.
- C. North Arrow and Scale.
- D. Existing Buildings including distance from property lines.
- E. Driveways, Parking and Loading Areas.
- F. Existing and proposed septic system and wells including distances from structures.
- G. Easements and Utility Lines (power, sewer, water, etc.).
- H. Proposed structure or addition including distance from property lines.





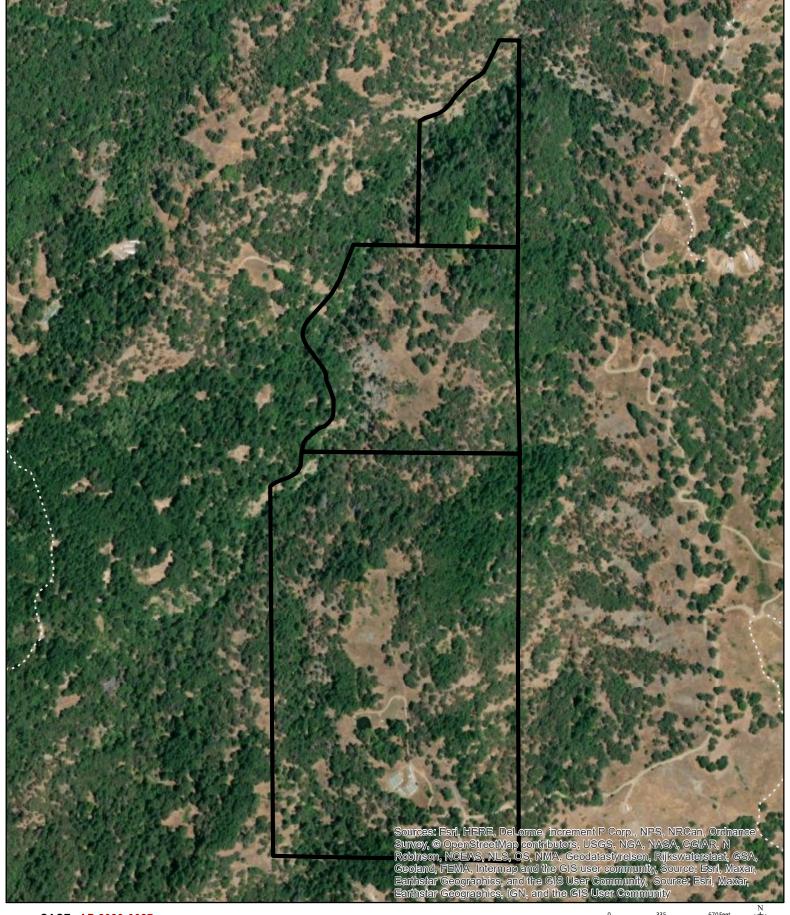
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AGENT: Sam Jacobszoon
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1 Miles 1:60,000

AERIAL IMAGERY

Major Roads



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Driveways/Unnamed Roads

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AERIAL IMAGERY

