

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

Applicant: SIERRA COUNTY LAND TRUST

Project Title: SIERRA BUTTES/LAKES BASIN APPRAISAL AND
LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM (PACKER SADDLE PROPERTY)

Application Number: SNC 080231

PROJECT SCOPE

The property is located in Sierra County near the town of Sierra City. It lies within the Sierra Buttes/Lakes Basin Special Treatment Area (STA), a key recreational and economic resource for Sierra County. The designation of an SPA indicates that Sierra County recognizes that the area contains significant natural and other resources that require specialized management in order to protect those resources. The project site has the highest recreational use of any properties in the Treatment Area, and includes a crucial staging area for the internationally renowned Downieville Downhill Trail. The Pacific Crest Trail also passes through the site. Development pressures are significant due to the easy access, good soils, moderate topography, and ridge top building sites. This acquisition project will protect the headwaters of Upper Ladies Canyon Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Yuba River as well as the water quality of sub alpine lakes Tamarack and Packer. The acquisition will allow for the development and implementation for a trails maintenance plan that will address increased sediment loads caused by recreational activities into the surrounding water features.

Outcomes delivered through the SNC grant:

- Acquisition of 204 acres (Sierra County APN 08-007-027) providing permanent protection of the natural resources within its boundaries.

Additional Project Benefits:

- Enhanced protection of water quality of the Yuba River
- Management for erosion control associated with trail use
- Secured public recreational access
- Continued economic activity through Christmas tree harvesting

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Sign SNC grant contract	The Project Schedule will be set at the time the agreement is finalized.

Order acknowledgement signs	
THP lease agreement completed	
Open escrow, bill SNC for acquisition cost	
Post signage	
Review of Transaction Documents by SNC	
Close escrow	
6 month progress report	
Project closeout and final report including Performance Measure accounting	

SNC PORTION OF PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Fee title acquisition	\$ 403,200
Title report / insurance, escrow fees, transfer fees	3,000
Administration and consultant costs	12,000
Project performance measures	3,600
Signs	1,800
SNC Grant Total	\$ 423,600

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Sierra County Land Trust	\$ 6,000
TOTAL	\$ 6,000

PROJECT SUPPORT LETTERS

- Sierra County Board of Supervisors
- High Sierra Rural Alliance

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Linear Feet of Stream Protected
- Acres of Land Conserved
- Number of New Recreation Access Points