



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service



EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

-Provides cost share funding for pre-commercial forestry related projects designed to address resource concerns such as:

Wildfire Hazard

Plant Productivity & Health

Plant Structure and Composition

Plant Pest Pressure

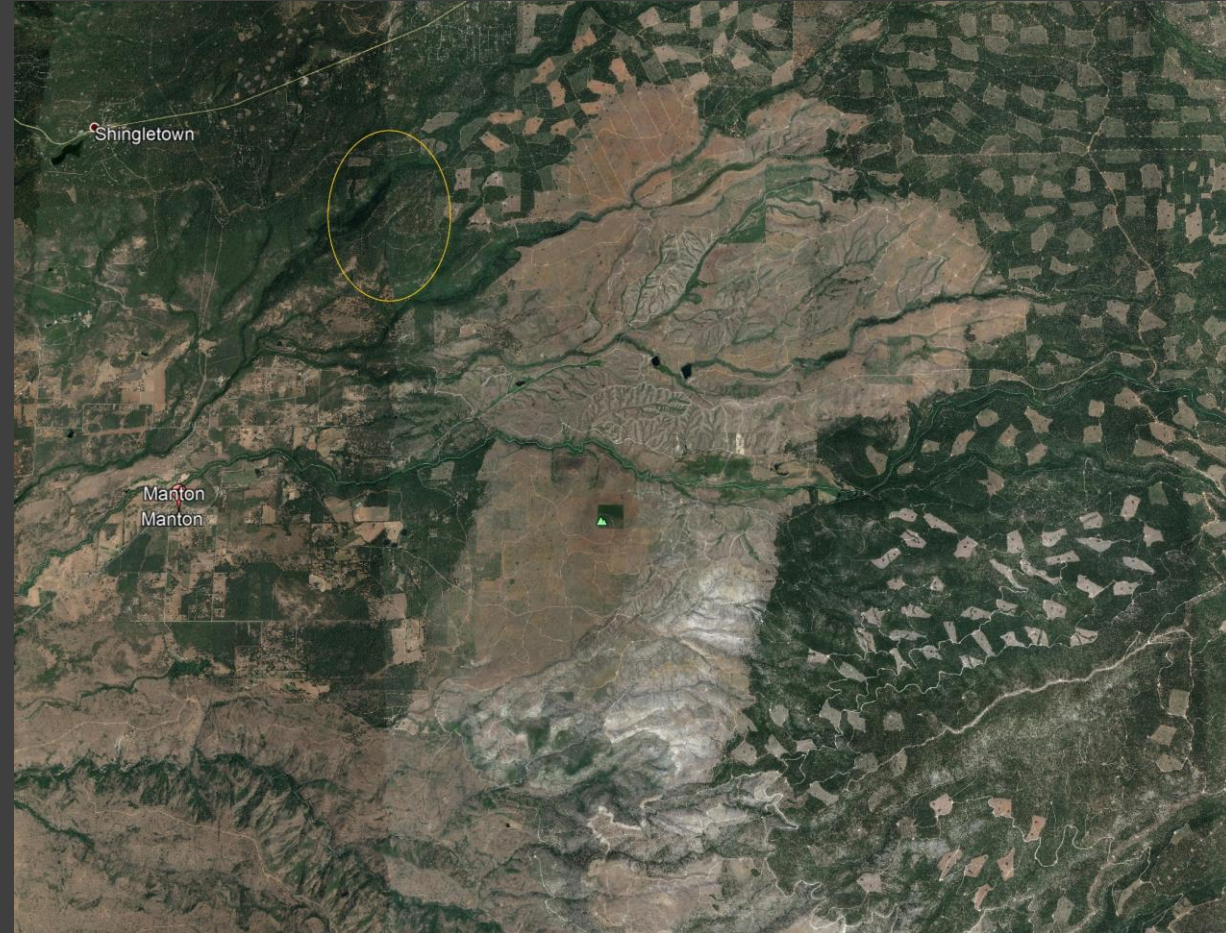
Wildlife Habitat

Soil Erosion

Great! So what *exactly* is a “Resource Concern”?

Resource
Concerns:
Plant Productivity,
Wildfire Hazard

Shingletown, CA.
~3500ft elev.





Before Fuels Reduction, 2009





After Thinning & Pruning, 2010



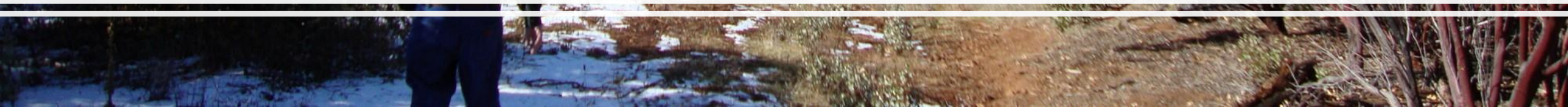
Resource
Concerns:
Wildfire Hazard,
Plant Structure
and Composition

Whitmore, CA.
~2500ft elev.





Before Fuels Reduction, 2009





During Site Prep, 2012



After Slash Treatment, 2013

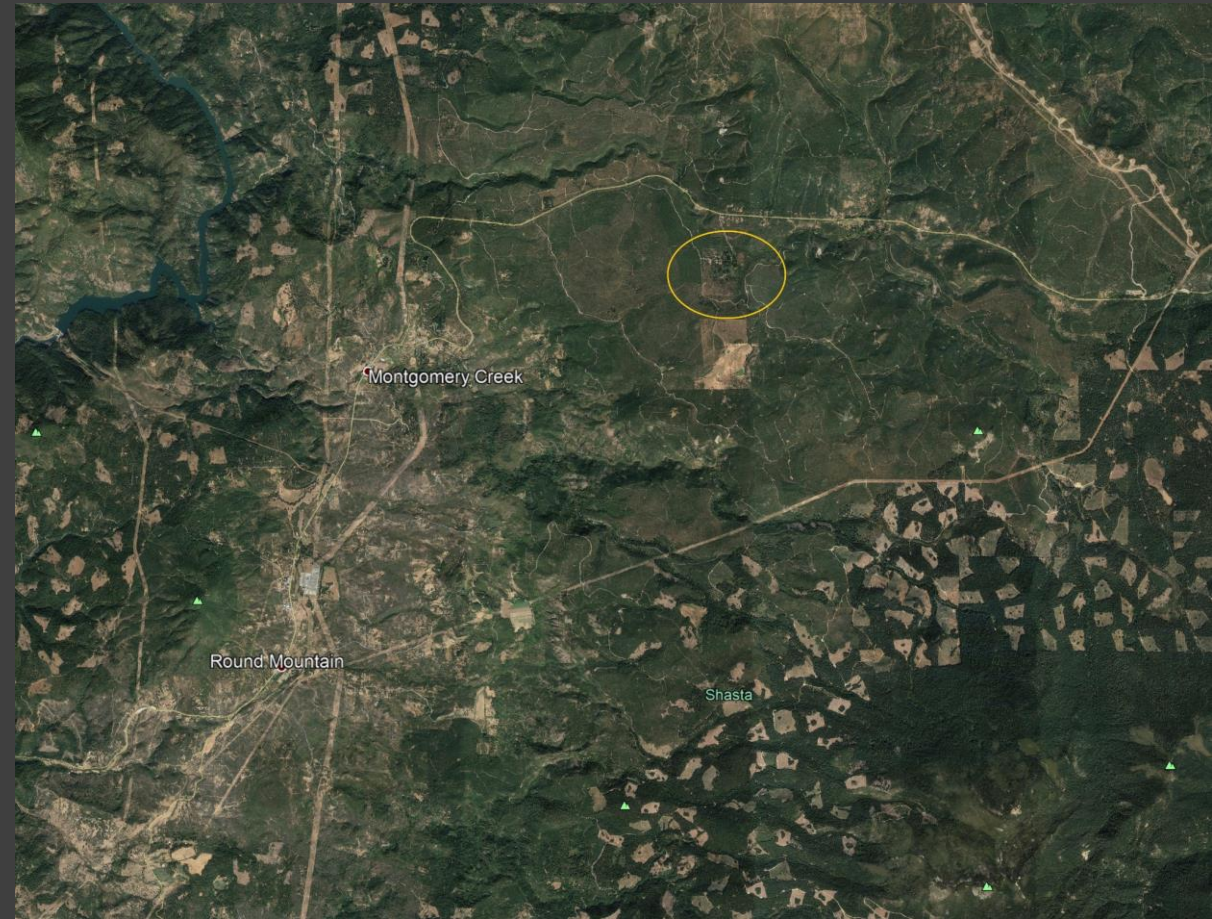


After Tree Planting (2014) & Brush Control (2015)



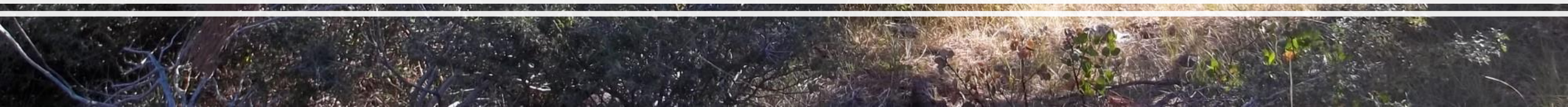
Resource
Concerns:
Wildfire Hazard,
Plant Productivity

Montgomery
Creek, CA.
~4000ft elev.





After Biomass Thinning. Before Mastication & Pruning, 2012





After Mastication & Pruning, 2014

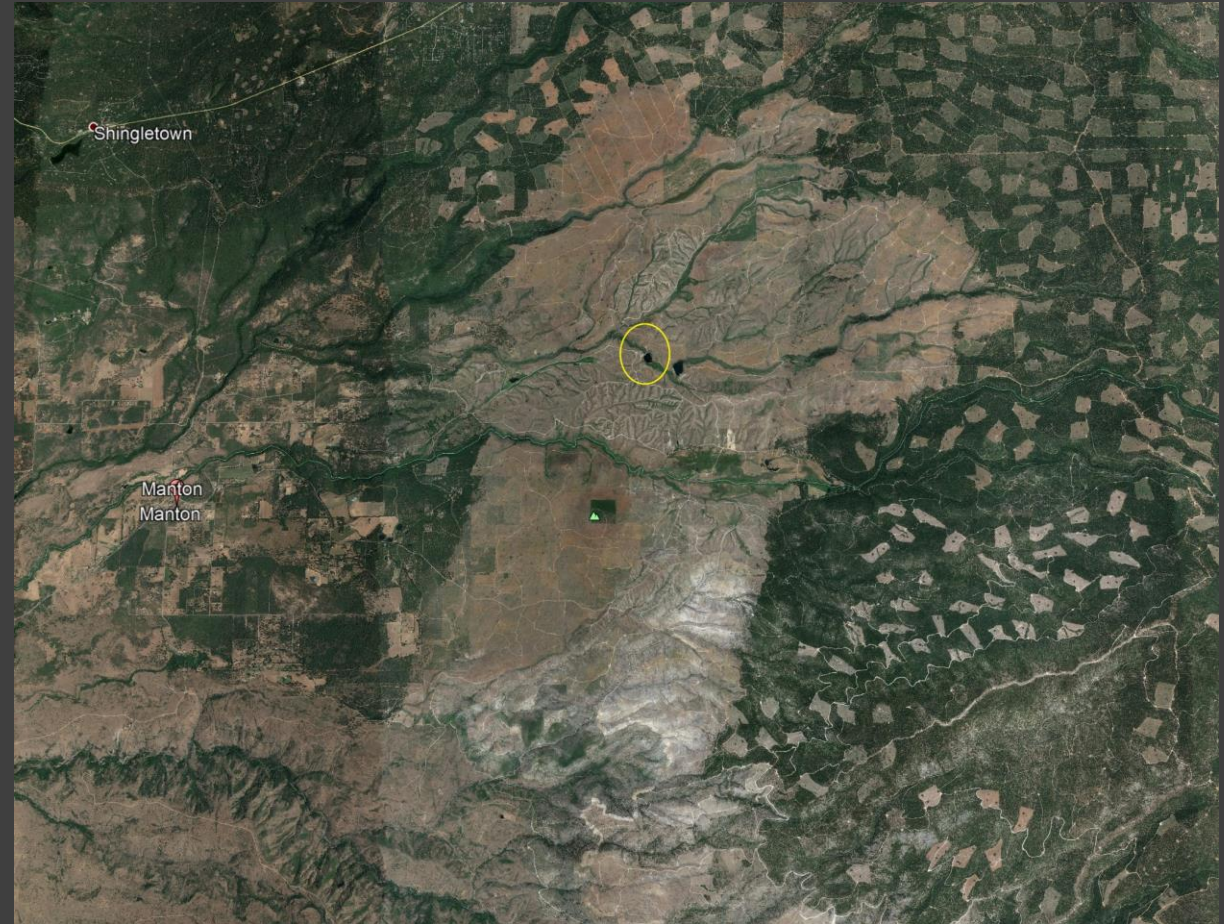




After Brush Control, 2016

2012 Ponderosa Fire Recovery

Manton, CA.
~3300ft elev.





Resource Concern: Wildfire Hazard, Plant Structure & Composition,
Plant Pest Pressure, Wildlife Habitat, Soil Erosion





After Slash Treatment, 2013



After Site Prep & Tree Planting, 2014



After Herbicide for Brush Control, 2016

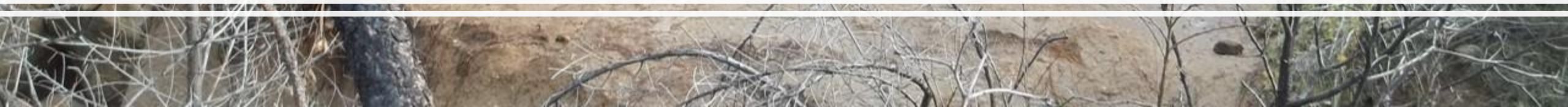




Resource Concerns: Soil Erosion, Wildlife Habitat,
Sediment transport to Waterways



Temporary erosion control measures, 2014





Final Spillway Repair- Grouted Rock Chute, 10/2015





Final Spillway Repair- Grouted Rock Chute, 1/2016



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Program Highlights:

- Funding is available annually via the Farm Bill
- Must own or lease forestland
- Adjusted Gross Income Payment Limitations: \$900,000yr
- Reimbursement rates 50-90% (+/-) of actual cost for Forest Management Plans & the implementation of forestland projects
- Obtaining funding can take up to a year, approval to begin implementation can take an additional year.



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California NRCS Forestry Information:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ca/technical/landuse/forestry/>



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