

Meadows Restoration in the Scott River Watershed



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Why Meadows?



Ground Water Storage



**High
Biodiversity**



Carbon Sequestration



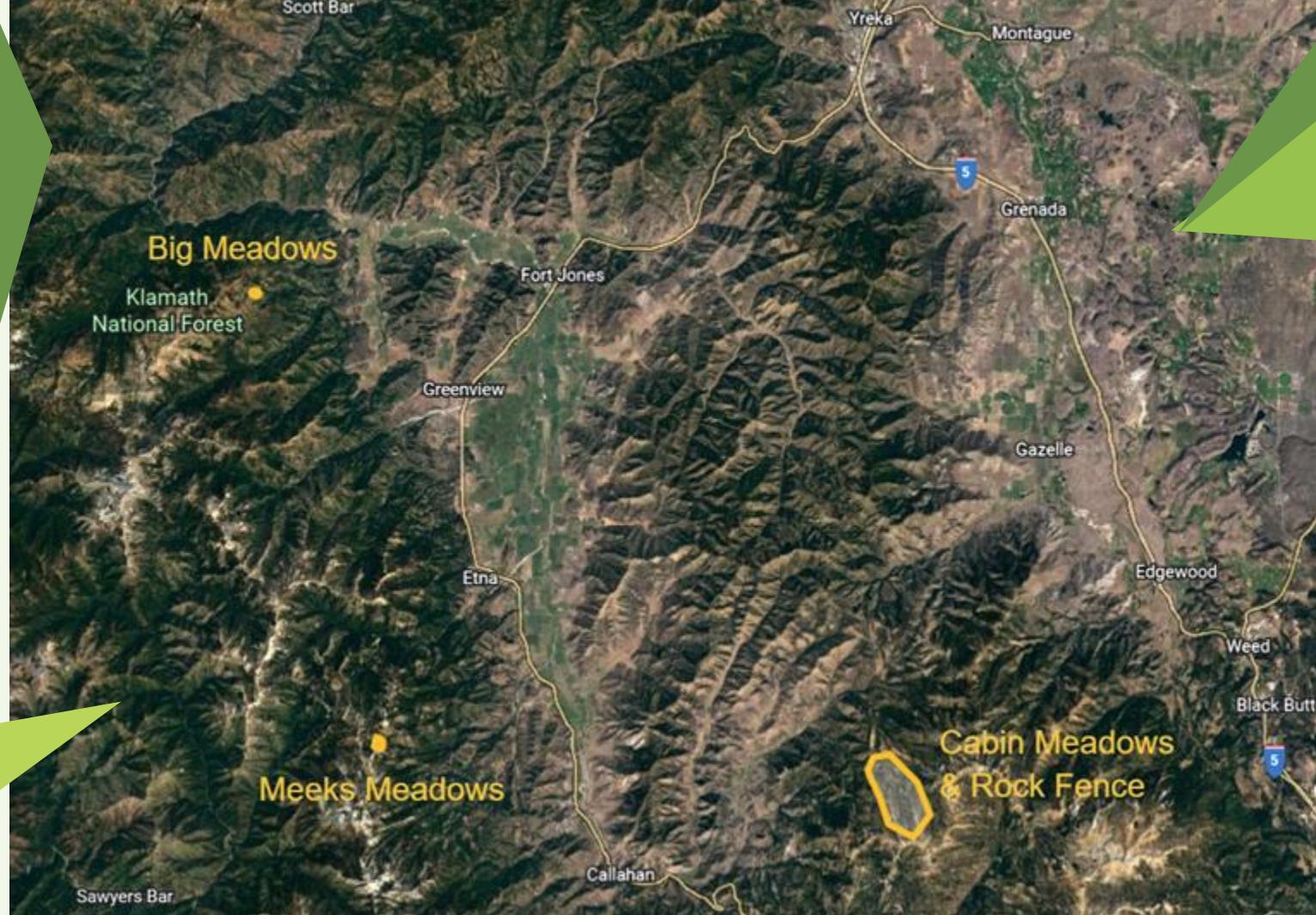
Wildfire Refugia



Cultural Use by Indigenous peoples



Recreation





Big Meadows

- USFS & Ecotrust Forest Management
- Wilderness Area includes active grazing allotment





Restoration Activities

Aspen Stand Restoration & Protection

Cottonwood Stand Protection

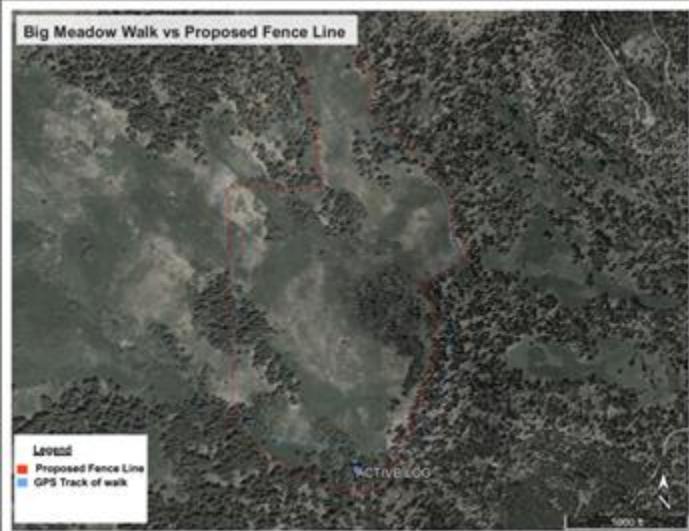
Invasive Weed Management

Gully Treatment

Conifer Removal 2020 & 2021



Cattle Exclusion 2021



Prescribed Burn 2021



Aspen Transects



2018

2024

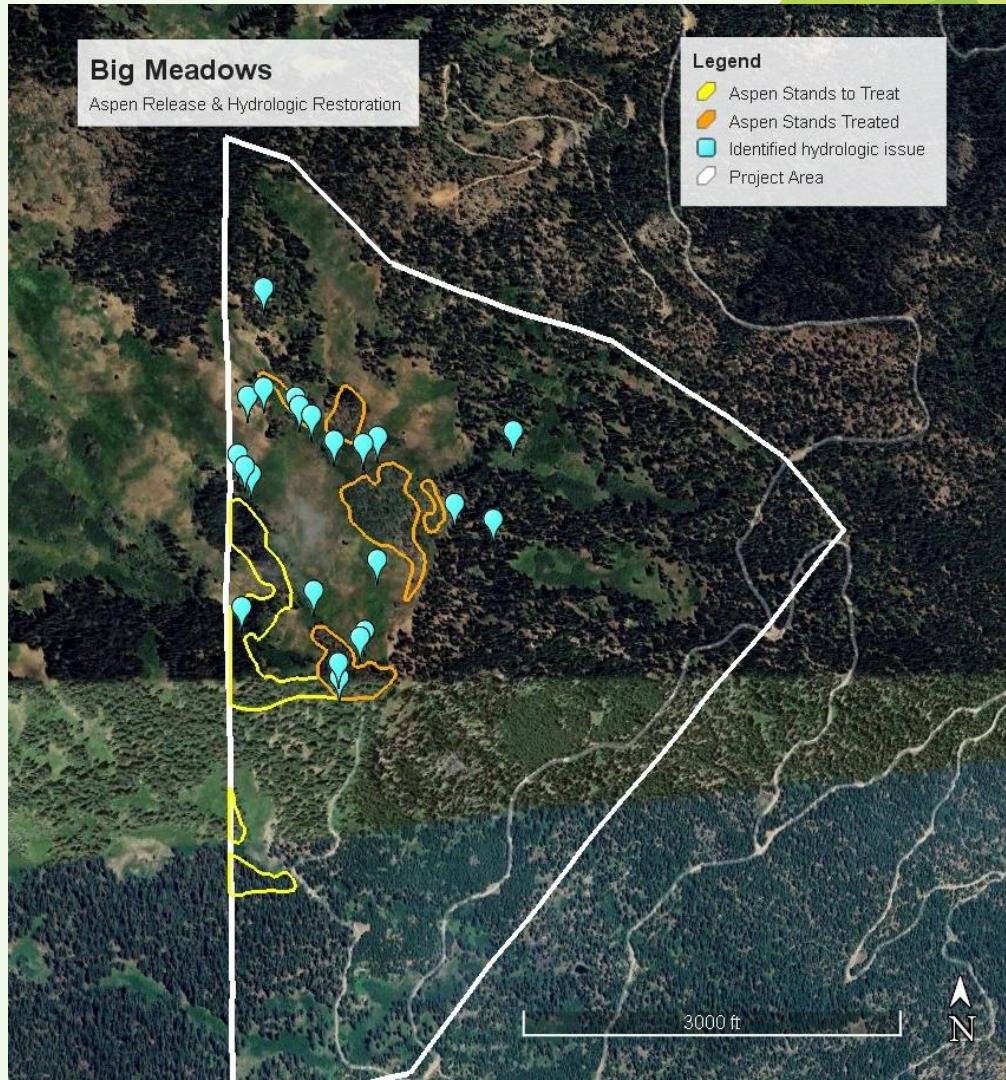
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Big Meadows Aspen Transects



Invasive Weeds Management 2018-present



Work planned for 2025-2026





Meeks Meadows

USFS land outside the Russian Wilderness
active grazing allotment



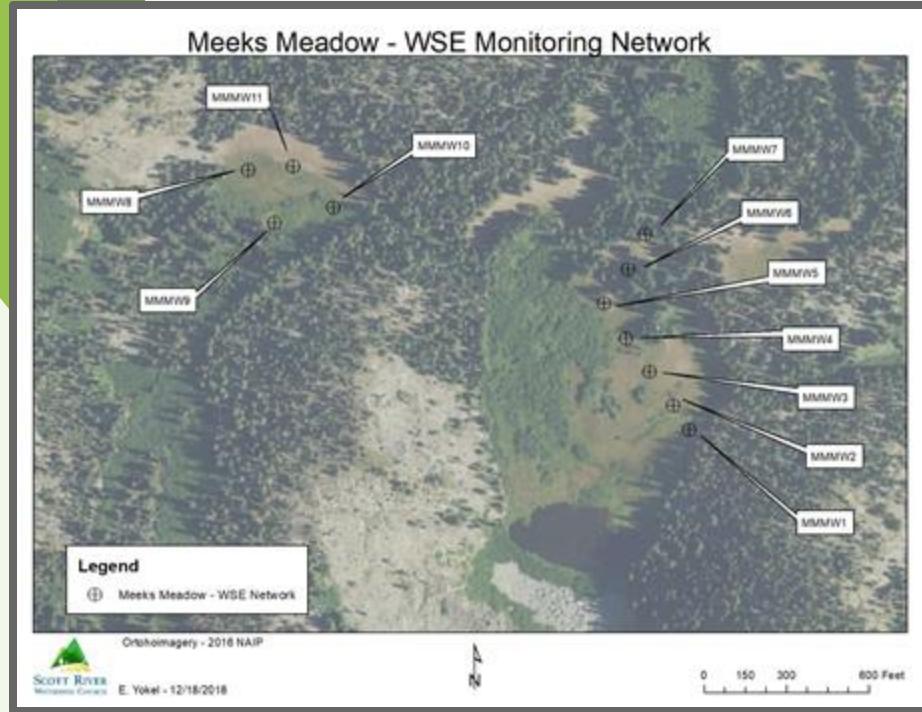
Meeks Meadows Monitoring Activities



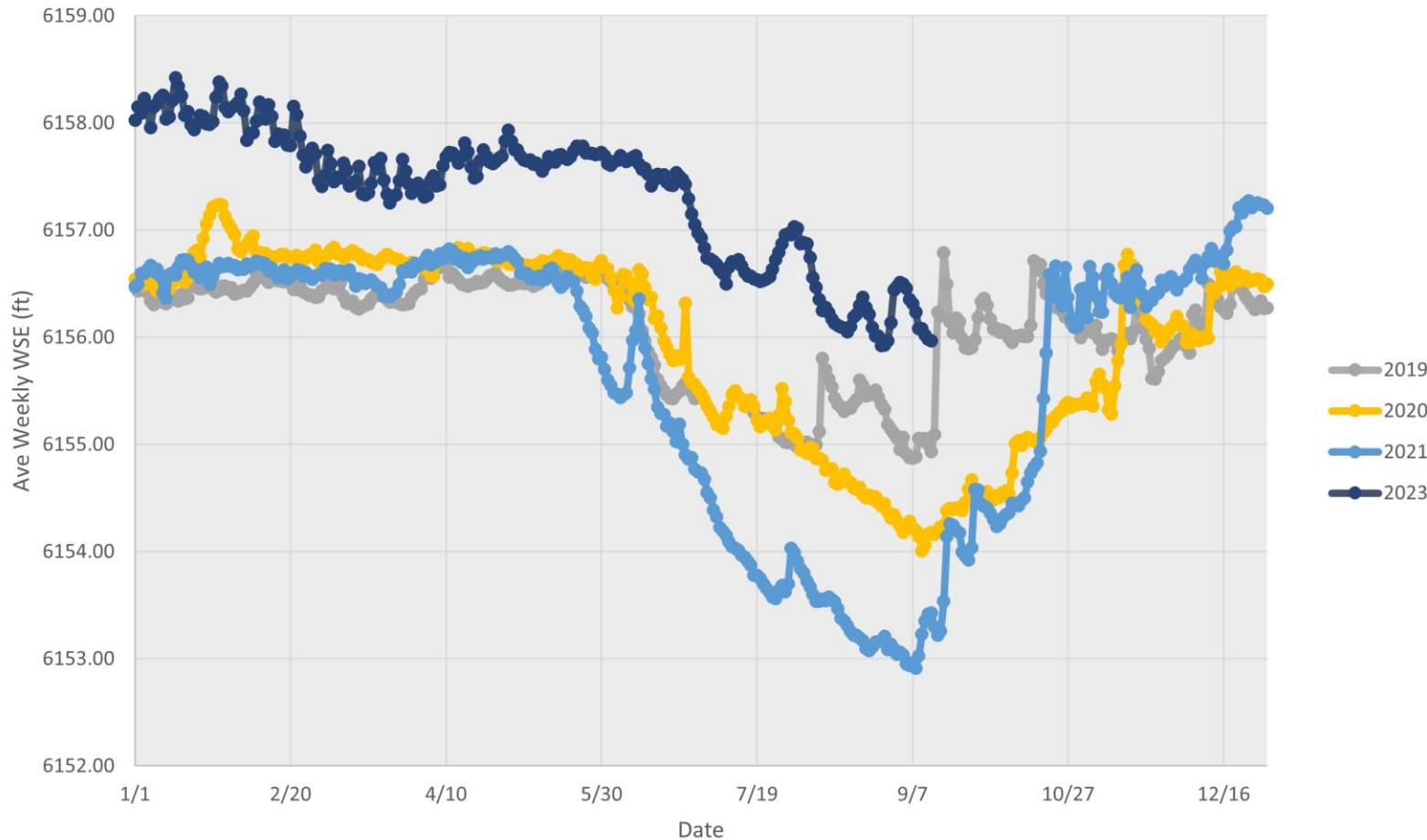
Groundwater monitoring

Aspen Stand monitoring and fencing

Groundwater Monitoring Wells Installed 2017



MMMW4 Average WSE



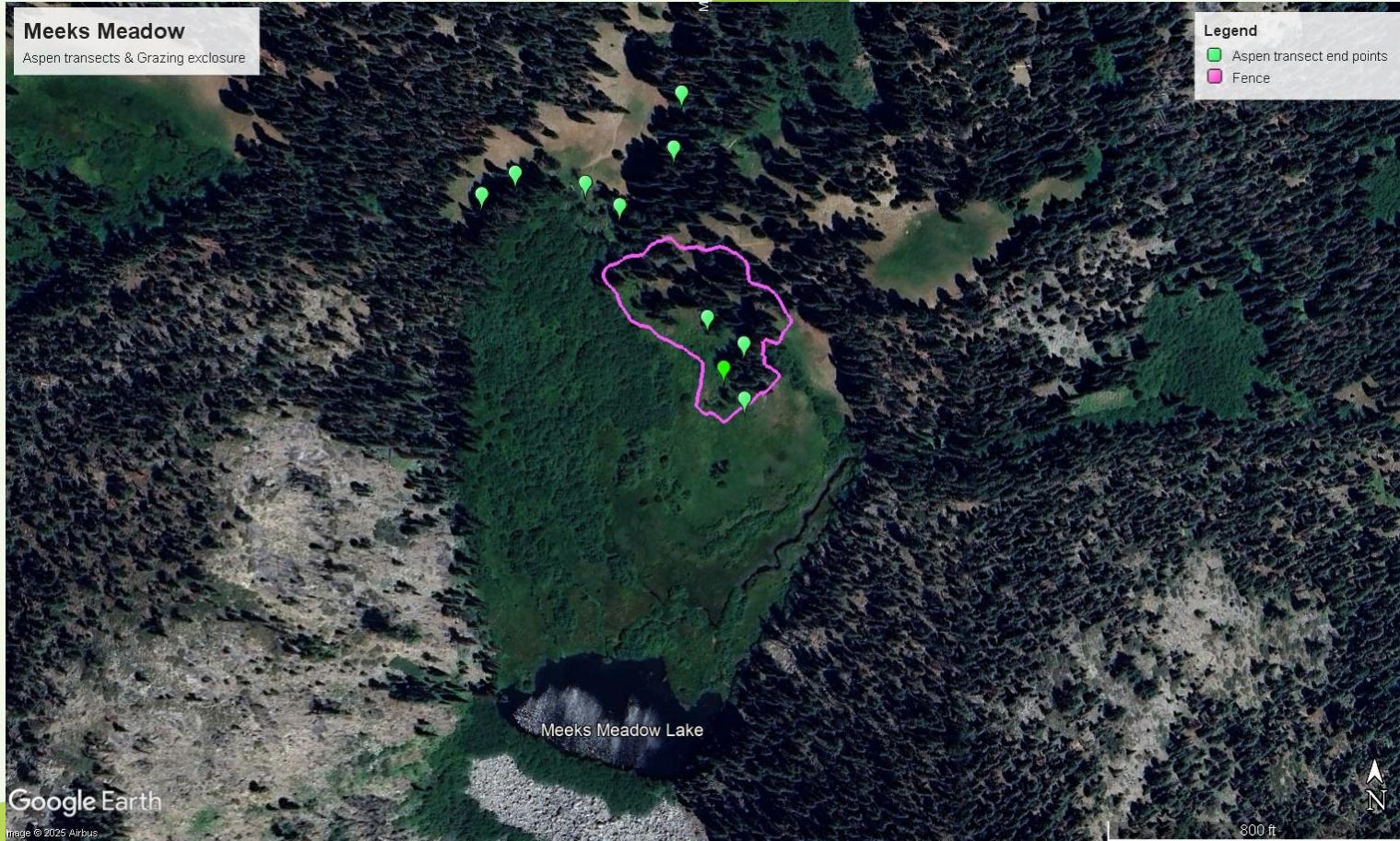
Aspen Stand Monitoring: began in 2018

Cattle impact aspen regeneration.

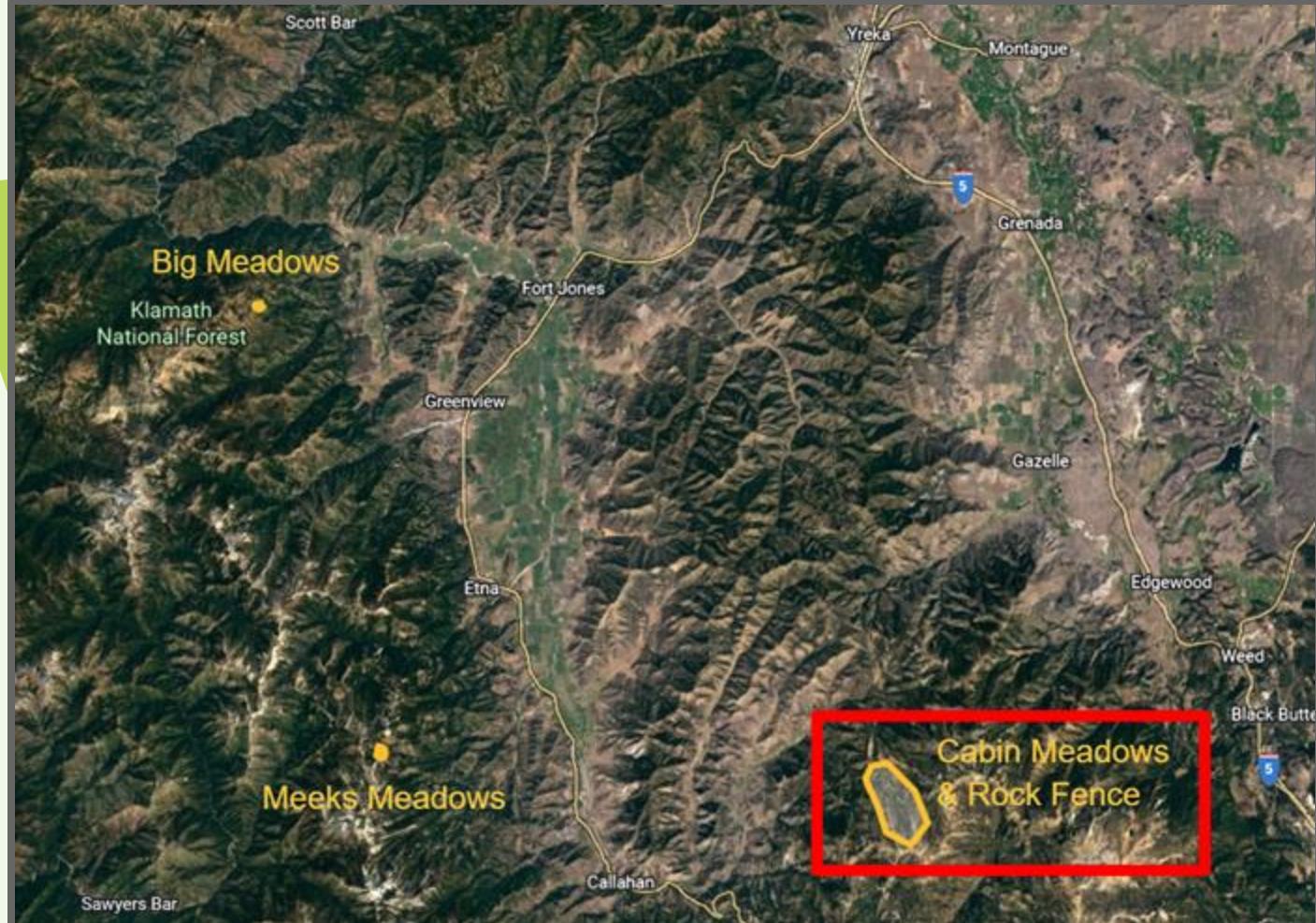
Up to 90% of young aspen are browsed.

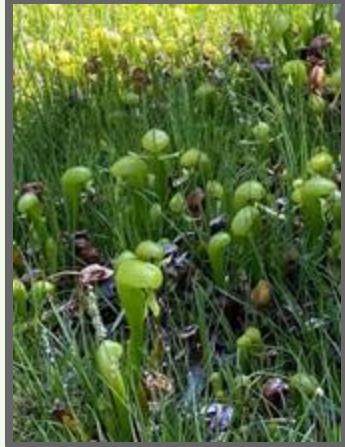


Grazing Exclusion 2024



Cabin Meadows & Rock Fence





Cabin Meadows & Rock Fence

USFS land
Two sub-watersheds
flow into the East Fork of the Scott River



Stillwater
Sciences



NORTH RIVERS
CONSTRUCTION



Culvert Removal





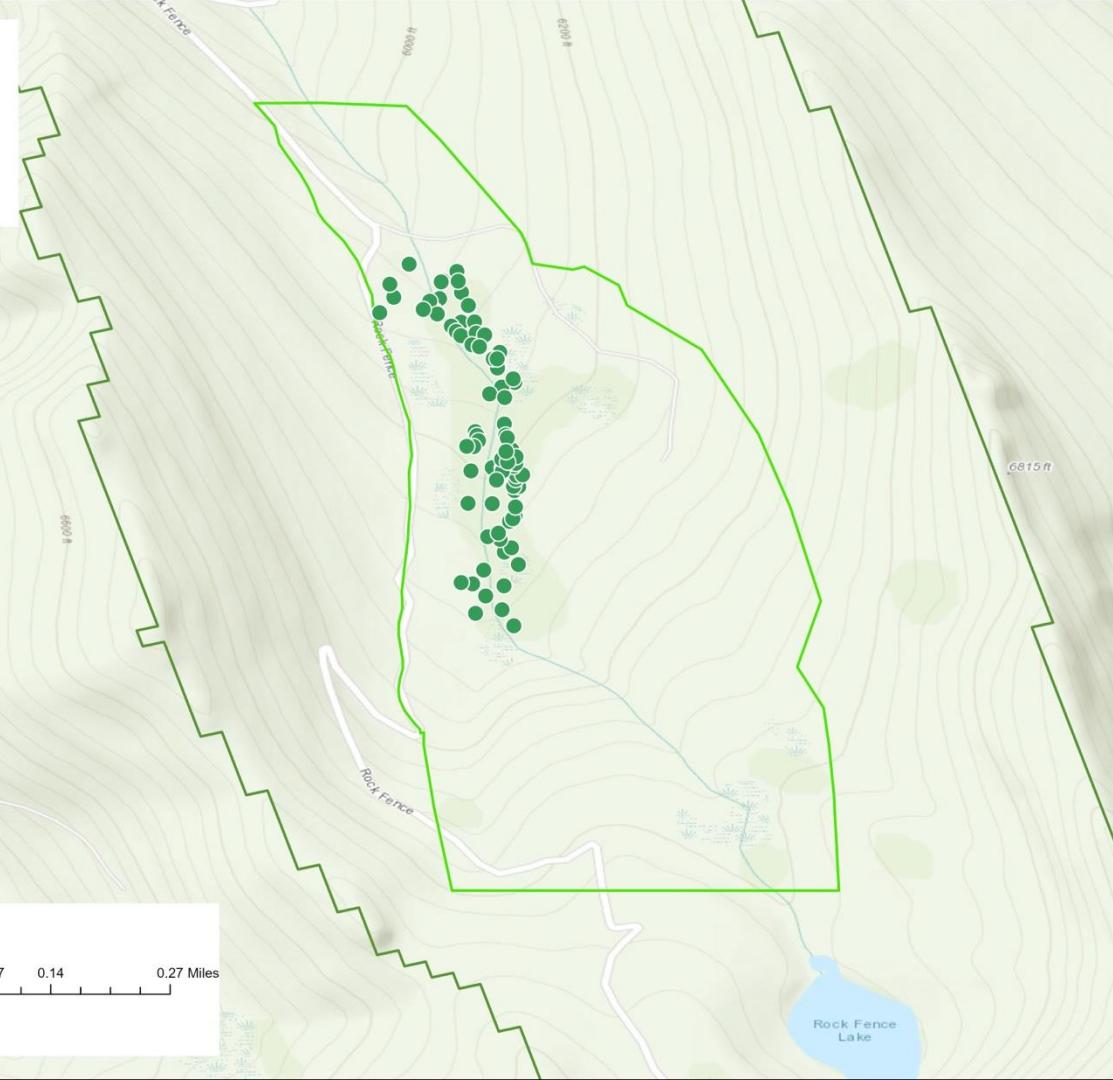
Slow it, spread it, sink it!





Flood it!

Rock Fence Creek Structures Built



Legend

- Structures built 2023-2024
- NEPA wet meadow restoration ur
- Rock Fence Creek watershed



0 0.07 0.14 0.27 Miles

Forestry Treatments



Monitoring

- Hydrology
- Water quality
- Vegetation & seed bank
- Grazing impact
- Channel morphology
- Cascades frogs
- Soil carbon and nitrogen
- and more



Restoration Plans

Road system improvements

Recovery of degraded stream channels

Meadow & fen recovery

Improved forest health

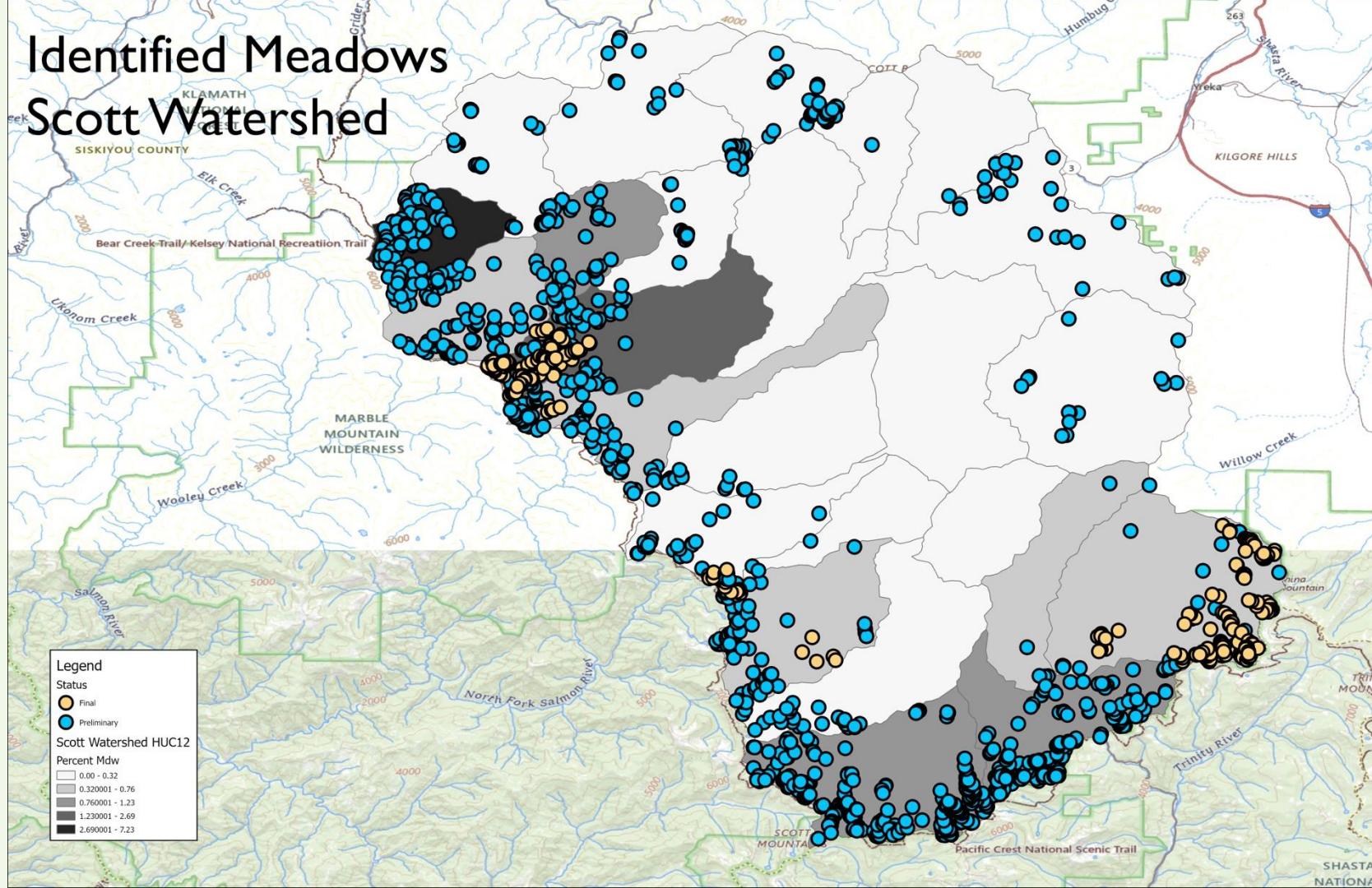


Meadows Inventory, Restoration Planning, and Implementation



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Identified Meadows Scott Watershed





Klamath Meadows Partnership

klamathmeadows.org



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