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RE: Community Plan and Area Plan Evaluation

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01 | Introduction and the Community Plan Process

The Community Plan process is a relatively new addition to the Trinity County General Plan Update. In fact, the creation or adoption of new community plans were not originally part of the overall Update effort. In mid-2022, the Board of Supervisors approved modifying the General Plan Update to include the updating and inclusion of new community plans in tandem with the preparation of the General Plan Policy Document. In response to the Board's direction, the General Plan Team initiated a series of workshops and exercises to assist in the formation and updating of the community/area plans. Several of these efforts have been completed and/or are ongoing. Outlined below is the community engagement strategy employed for this process, with a brief description of each of the completed and/or anticipated steps.

Community Plan Workshops Round 1 | Assets, Issues, and Opportunities.

From November 1 to November 5, 2022, Trinity County facilitated workshops at 10 communities around the county. The workshops focused on how to better incorporate the 28 unincorporated communities into the overall General Plan update in preparation for the addition of up to five community and/or area plans, along with updates to the existing five for Weaverville, Hayfork, Lewiston, Junction City, and Douglas City. These workshops also served as a forum for community members to discuss and learn about each other's views on their communities' assets, issues, and opportunities. The 10 community workshops included a range of participation levels based on location and yielded community input and expectations from each of the identified areas. A complete summary of all communities and collected feedback from the first round of community plan workshops is located on the Trinity2050.com General Plan website.

Community Plan Virtual Exercises | Community Boundaries and Unique Identifiers.

Between July 24 and August 11, 2023, the General Plan Team conducted a third-round of community engagement using an online mapping and survey tool. This virtual workshop built upon the feedback collected during the November 2022 workshops. During this phase, community members were first asked to define the boundaries of their respective communities, as many of the smaller outlying communities in the county lack officially adopted boundaries. This input will form the foundation for determining these boundaries.

The second part of the virtual workshop focused on identifying what makes each community unique from the perspective of its residents. Participants were tasked with pinpointing unique landmarks, distinguishing features, and community gathering places on a virtual map of their community. The insights gained from this virtual workshop will guide recommendations regarding which communities should receive a dedicated community plan. The General Plan Team intends to present their findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in September 2023. Subsequently, the Board will make decisions regarding which communities will proceed with the development of a community plan or a community area plan.

Board of Supervisors Meeting | Determination of Community Plan Boundaries.

On September 6, 2023, the General Plan Team will deliver a presentation to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors. This presentation will unveil the outcomes of the Community Plan virtual exercises, which concentrated on determining each communities' distinctive landmarks, notable features, and community centers. During this meeting, the General Plan team will present two options to the Board of Supervisors. These options will address the need for individual community or area plans, excluding the existing five community plans, and seek a recommendation.

Community Plan Workshops Round 2 | Community Plan Visioning.

In November 2023 (tentatively scheduled for November 6-10), the General Plan team will facilitate a second round of community plan workshops. These workshops will be held in the Board of Supervisor selected community plan communities. These workshops will present the Board approved boundaries for each Plan area from the October 3, 2023, Board meetings as well as revisit the selected Countywide Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. As part of this meeting each community and/or region selected for a community and/or area plan will develop a community vision. This community specific vision will help guide future goals, policies, and programs as part of the overall General Plan Update. Following this meeting, the County and General Plan team will craft a community vision and incorporate those into the draft community plans.

Community Plan Workshops Round 3 | Draft Community Plans.

In Spring 2024, dates yet to be determined, the General Plan team will facilitate the third round of community plan workshops. These workshops will be held in the same communities and locations as those in the second round of workshops (November 2023). These workshops will present the Draft Community Plans incorporated into the County General Plan for initial feedback, comments, and suggestions. As part of these workshops, County staff and the General Plan team will solicit all community feedback for future Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors review.

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02 | Unincorporated Communities in Trinity County

Trinity County is one of only three counties in California with no incorporated cities. Instead, the county is composed of 28 unincorporated communities, some of which are Census Designated Places. The largest unincorporated communities by population are Weaverville (the county seat), Post Mountain, Lewiston, and Hayfork. Other communities include Trinity Center, Coffee Creek, Covington Mill, Minersville, Mad River, Zenia, Kettenpom, Ruth, Hettenshaw, Peanut, Forest Glen, Wildwood, Douglas City, Hyampom, Big Bar, Big Flat, Helena, Junction City, Del Loma, Cedar Flat, Burnt Ranch, Hawkins Bar, Trinity Village, Denny, and Salyer.

Of the 28 unincorporated communities in Trinity County, five have adopted community plans. These plans outline specific land use and development goals and policies at the community level to supplement the County's General Plan. The five communities which have adopted community plans are Douglas City, Hayfork, Junction City, Lewiston, and Weaverville.

Communities with Existing Community Plans.

Weaverville

The Weaverville Community Plan was adopted in 1990 and was amended in 1997 to include land use map revisions. The planning area covers approximately 20 square miles (about 12,800 acres) of which approximately 46 percent are Federally managed. Weaverville is the most "urban" of all the communities in Trinity County, resulting in several issues similar to that of urban areas, including utilities and capacities, circulation problems, land use conflicts, and concerns about architectural compatibility.

During the November 2022 Workshop Series, Weaverville's workshop was held at the Veteran's Hall and had 20 attendees. Weaverville received 88 Community Mapping survey responses.

Lewiston

The Lewiston Community Plan was adopted in 1986 and covers approximately 10,277 acres. The Plan covers nine topic areas: housing and population, transportation, public facilities and services, economic development, parks and recreation, natural resources, hazards, community design, and land use. The Community Plan identifies specific goals and policies unique to Lewiston and preserving community character and resources. The Plan has not been updated or amended since 1986.

During the November 2022 Workshop Series, Lewiston's workshop was held at the Lewiston Community Center and had 15 attendees. Lewiston received 35 Community Mapping survey responses.

Junction City

The Junction City Community Plan was adopted in 1987 and covers 42 square miles (about 27,000 acres). The Plan covers nine topic areas: housing and population, transportation, public facilities and services, economic development, parks and recreation, natural resources, hazards, community design, and land use. The Plan has not been updated or amended since 1987.

During the November 2022 Workshop Series, Junction City's workshop was held at the Junction City School and had 11 attendees. Junction City received 17 Community Mapping survey responses.

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Hayfork

The Hayfork Community Plan was adopted in 1996 and consists of approximately 42 square miles (about 26,628 acres). The Plan covers seven topics: population and housing, transportation, public services and facilities, parks and recreation, natural resources, hazards, economic development, and land use and community design. The Plan has not been updated or amended since 1996.

During the November 2022 Workshop Series, Hayfork's workshop was held at County Fairgrounds and had seven attendees. Hayfork received 22 Community Mapping survey responses.

Douglas City

The Douglas City Community Plan was adopted in 1987 and consists of approximately 35 square miles (22,400 acres). The Plan covers nine topics: housing, transportation, public facilities, economic development, parks and recreation, natural resources, hazards, community design, and land use. The Plan has not been updated or amended since 1987.

During the November 2022 Workshop Series, Douglas City's workshop was held at the Douglas City Volunteer Fire Department and had nine attendees. Douglas City received 28 Community Mapping survey responses.

Communities without Existing Community Plans.

Downriver Communities

The Downriver communities include Salyer, Hawkins Bar, Burnt Ranch, Cedar Flat, Helena, Denny, Del Loma, Big Bar, and Big Flat, which are located along SR 299 and Trinity River. During the November 2022 Workshop Series, the Downriver meeting was held at the Hawkins Bar Fire Station and had 10 attendees.

Big Bar
- Population: 230
- Commercial/Retail: Green Source Genetics (plant nursery)
- Community Services: Big Bar Ranger Station, US Forest Service Ranger Station, Cox Bar Elementary School
- Recreational Amenities: Big Bar Campground
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 1

Big Flat
- Population: unknown
- Retail/Commercial: Steelhead Cottages, Strawhouse Resorts and Café, Trinity Adventure Park
- Services: Down River Fire Station
- Recreational Amenities: Bigfoot rafting, Big Flat Campground, Trinity River Rafting
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 1

Burnt Ranch
- Population: 250
- Services: Post Office

- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Indian Hall (site of historic school), China Slide, Gray Falls (hiking trail), Burnt Ranch Gorge access point (class 4/5 whitewater rafting run), Trinity Aretes (rock climbing destination)
- Recreational Amenities: Burnt Ranch Campground
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 7

Cedar Flat
- Population: unknown
- Recreational Amenities: Cedar Flat Campground
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 1

Helena
- Population: unknown
- Community Mapping Survey Response: None

Del Loma
- Population: unknown
- Recreational Amenities: Del Loma RV Park and Campground
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 3

Denny
- Population: unknown
- Retail/Commercial: New River Cannabis Company
- Recreational Amenities: Denny Campground
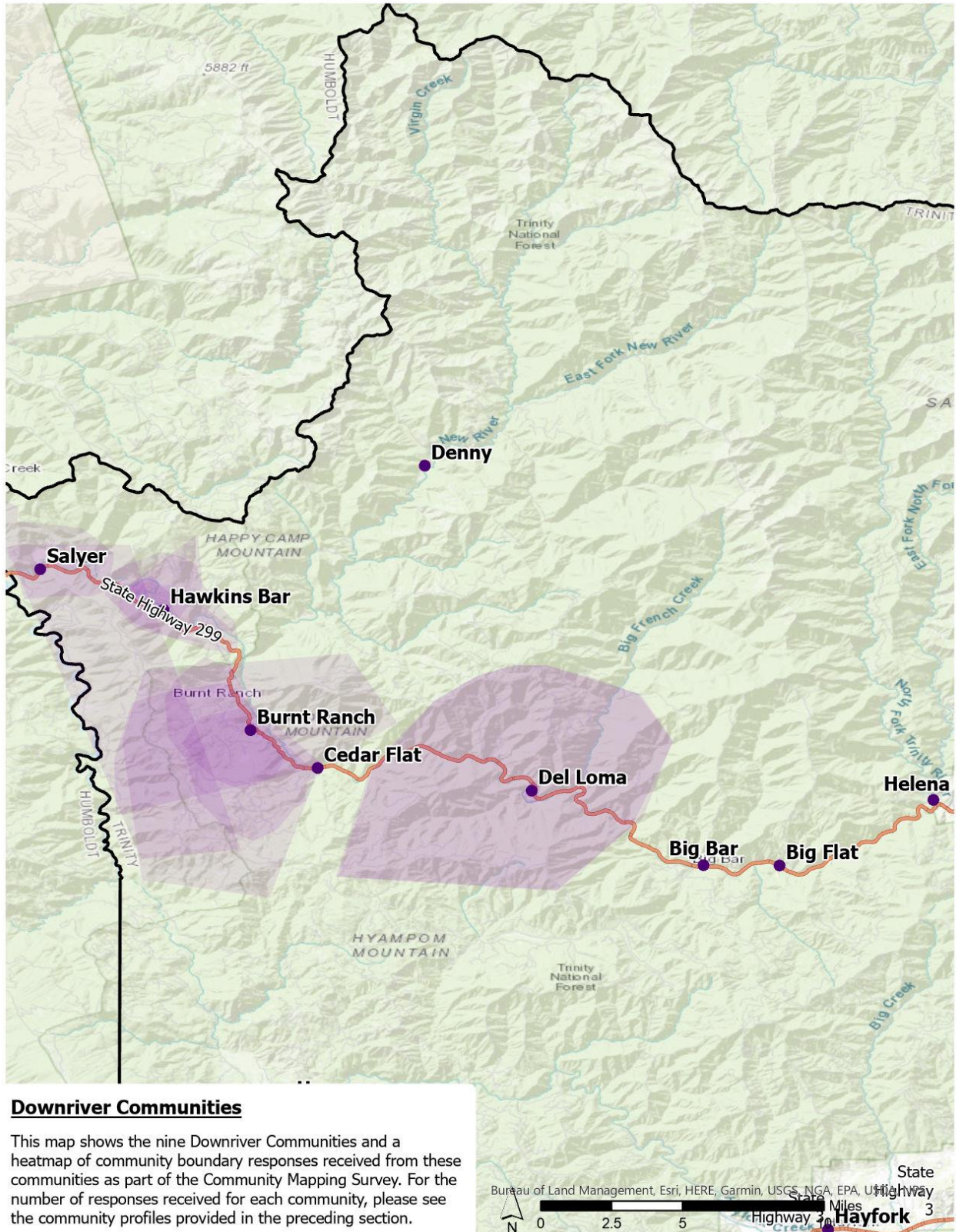- Community Mapping Survey Response: None

Hawkins Bar
- Population: 278
- Retail/Commercial: The River Guest House, The Rock Slide Bar and Grill, Paula's Corner Store
- Amenities: The Grange (Community Center), Francis B. Mathews Rest Area
- Services: Hawkins Bar Fire Station, Trinity Village Water
- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Ironsides Museum
- Recreational Amenities: Public River access at Grace Falls, Gray Falls Picnic Area (trailhead, Burnt Ranch Gorge kayak run access)
- Other: The Colony (Christian commune and working farm), The Hess Ranch (working farm and commune)
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 5

Salyer
- Population: 389
- Retail/Commercial: Amon Ranch, Salyer Store, Smallest of Seeds (store), Sun Run (solar energy company)
- Amenities/Services: Salyer Wayside Chapel, Post office, Salyer Volunteer Fire Department, US Forest Service Guard Station
- Recreational Amenities: Lazy Double B Campgrounds
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 6

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Figure 1: Downriver Communities

Downriver Communities

This map shows the nine Downriver Communities and a heatmap of community boundary responses received from these communities as part of the Community Mapping Survey. For the number of responses received for each community, please see the community profiles provided in the preceding section.

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North Lake Communities

The North Lake communities include Trinity Center, Coffee Creek, Covington Mill, and Minersville, which are located around Trinity Lake in the northern part of the County. During the November 2022 Workshop Series, the North Lake meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Trinity Center and had 13 attendees.

Coffee Creek
- Population: 152
- Economic Features
- Amenities: Farm stand off South Derrick Flat Road, Coffee Creek Country Store, Trailhead Pizza
- Services: US Forest Services Ranger Station, Coffee Creek Fire Station
- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Billy's Peak, Coffee Creek
- Recreational Amenities: Coffee Creek Campground and RV Park, Bonanza King Resort
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 11

Covington Mill
- Population: 141
- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Site of Covington Mill, Bowerman Barn/Ranch/Cemetery
- Recreational Amenities: Bowerman Boat Ramp, Alpine View Campground, Hayward Flat Campground
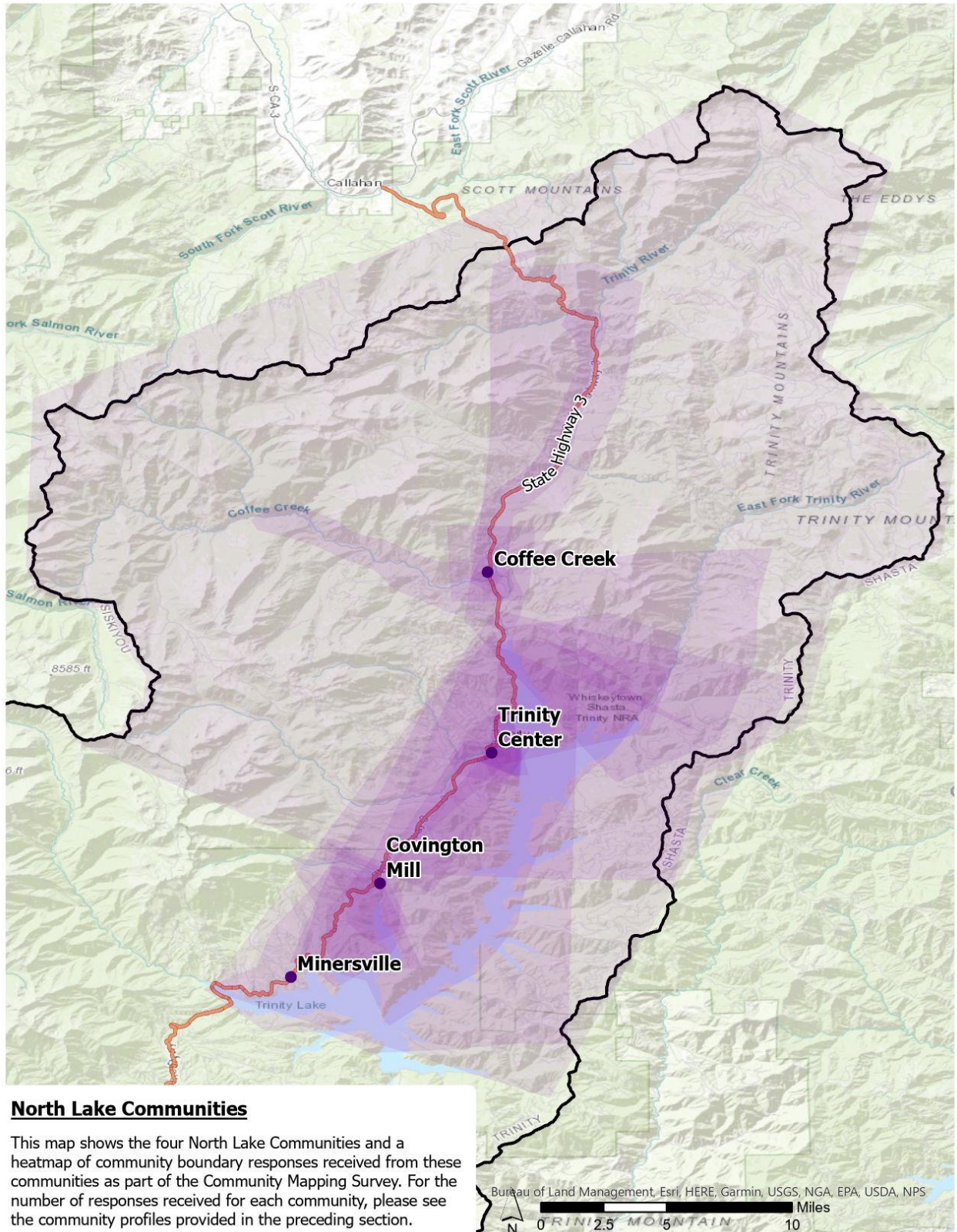- Community Mapping Survey Response: 3

Minersville
- Population: unknown
- Recreational Amenities: Minersville Public Boat Ramp, Minersville Campground, Bushytail Campground
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 1

Trinity Center
- Population: 198
- Amenities/Services: Trinity Center Community Church, IOOF Hall (Oddfellows Hall) Trinity Center Elementary School, Trinity Center Branch Library, Post Office, Caltrans Maintenance Station, Fire Station, Trinity Center Mutual Water Station, Trinity Center Airport
- Retail/Commercial: Yellow Jacket Eatery, Trinity Center General Store, Morgan Towing's Corp, Trinity Center Fuels, Carrville Inn
- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Scott Museum, Carrville Inn (historic hotel), Bowerman Ranch
- Recreational Amenities: KOA Campgrounds, Bowerman boat ramp
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 18

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Figure 2: North Lake Communities

North Lake Communities

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Southern Trinity Communities

The Southern Trinity communities include Mad River, Ruth, Kettenpom, Hettenshaw, and Zenia, which are located in the southwestern part of the County near Ruth Lake. During the November 2022 Workshop Series, the Southern Trinity meeting was held at Ruth Lake CSD Hall and had 16 attendees.

Hettenshaw
- Population: unknown
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 3

Kettenpom
- Population: unknown
- Retail/Commercial: B&L Logging (logging contractor), Kettenpom Store
- Services: Kettenpom Fire Station
- Community Mapping Survey Response: None

Mad River
- Population: 361
- Retail/Commercial: Mad River Burger Bar, Mad River Off Sales (bar)
- Services: Southern Trinity Fire Station #1, Mad River Volunteer Fire Department, Mad River Fire Station (US Forest Service), Six Rivers Forest Compound (Federal), Mad River Forest Services Housing Compound (Federal), US Forest Service Mad River Ranger District Office, Southern Trinity High School, Southern Trinity Joint School
- Recreational Amenities: Mad River Campground, Riverbend RV Park
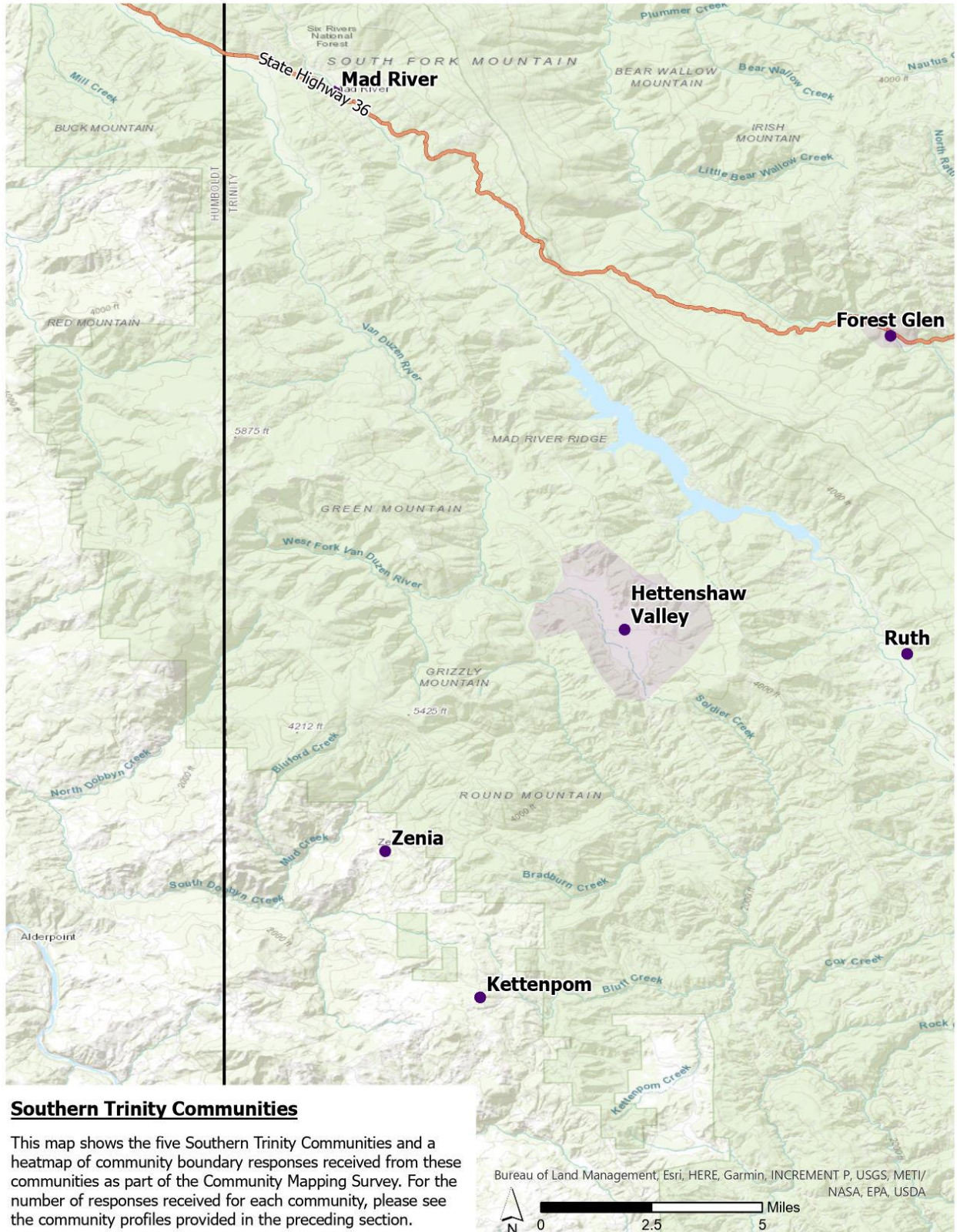- Community Mapping Survey Response: 1

Ruth
- Population: 254
- Amenities/Services: Ruth Trailer Park, Ruth Community Church, Flying Double A Guest Ranch, Patriot Fuel, Southern Trinity Fire Station, Ruth Airport, HBMWD (water utility company), Ruth Lake Community Services District
- Retail/Commercial: Journey's End (bar), White Stump BBQ, South Fork Mountain Timber Cutters
- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Ruth Rodeo Grounds, Old Ruth (historic townsite)
- Recreational Amenities: Ruth Lake Marina (boat launch), Ruth Lake CSD Campground and Recreation Area, Marshall Rock (lake view)
- Barlow Campground
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 5

Zenia
- Population: unknown
- Services: Post Office
- Community Mapping Survey Response: None

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Figure 3: Southern Trinity Communities

Southern Trinity Communities

This map shows the five Southern Trinity Communities and a heatmap of community boundary responses received from these communities as part of the Community Mapping Survey. For the number of responses received for each community, please see the community profiles provided in the preceding section.

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Post Mountain Communities

Post Mountain is located at the junction of SR 36 and SR 3, in addition to the community of Post Mountain, the communities of Forest Glen, Peanut, and Wildwood are included in this area. During the November 2022 Workshop Series, the Post Mountain meeting was held at the Post Mountain Volunteer Fire Department and had five attendees.

Forest Glen
- Population: unknown
- Services: Forest Glen Guard Station (Forest Service)
- Recreational Amenities: Forest Glen Campground
- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Marble Caves Trail
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 1

Peanut
- Population: unknown
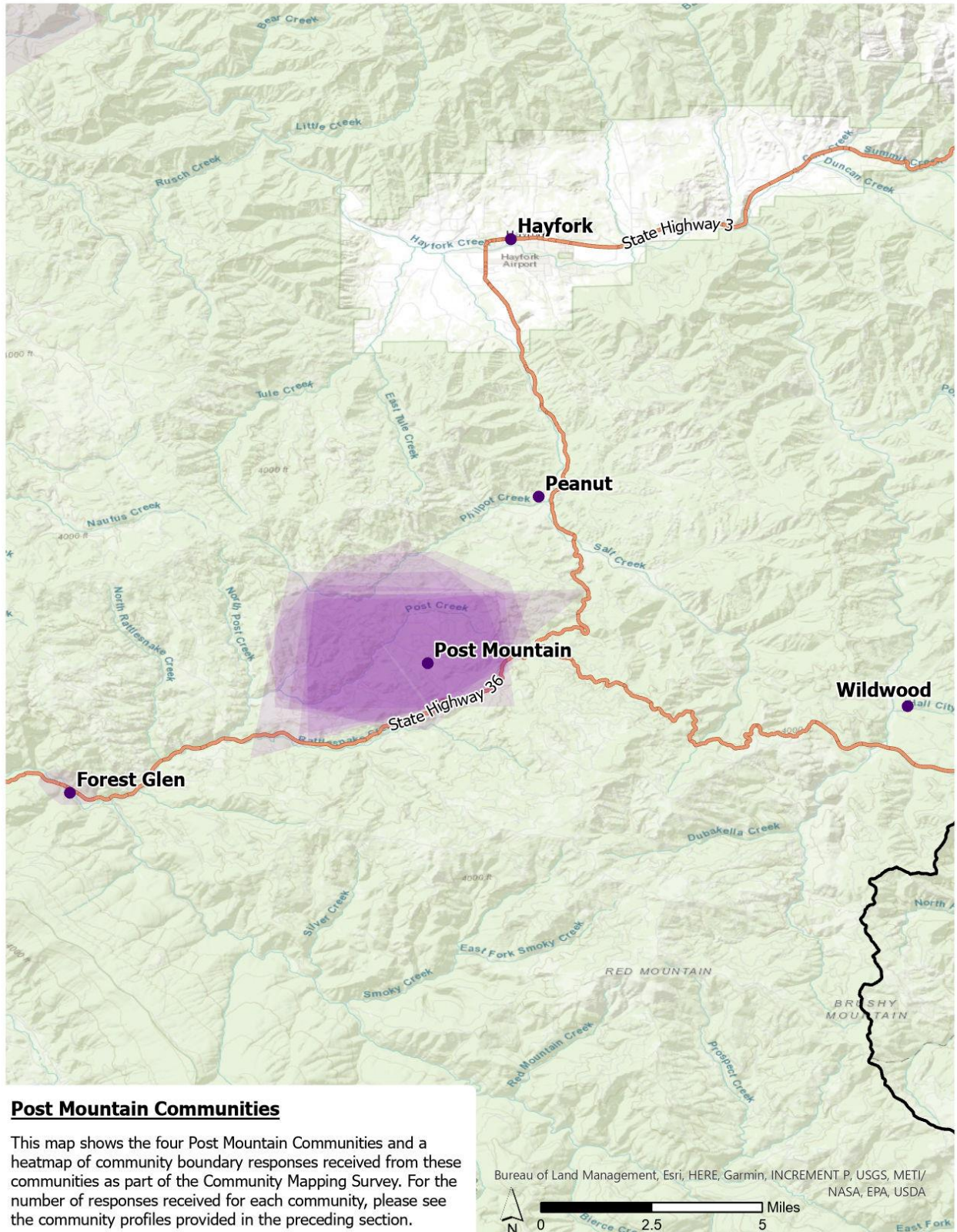- Community Mapping Survey Response: 1

Post Mountain
- Population: 3,032 (population fluctuates seasonally)
- Economic Features: Cannabis growing
- Services: Post Mountain Volunteer Fire Department
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 8

Wildwood
- Population: unknown
- Retail/Commercial: Smokey Signals (souvenir shop)
- Other: St. Xenia's Skete (monastery)
- Services: Wildwood Fire Station
- Recreational Amenities: Critter Creek Campground and RV Park
- Community Mapping Survey Response: None

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Figure 4: Post Mountain Communities

Post Mountain Communities

This map shows the four Post Mountain Communities and a heatmap of community boundary responses received from these communities as part of the Community Mapping Survey. For the number of responses received for each community, please see the community profiles provided in the preceding section.
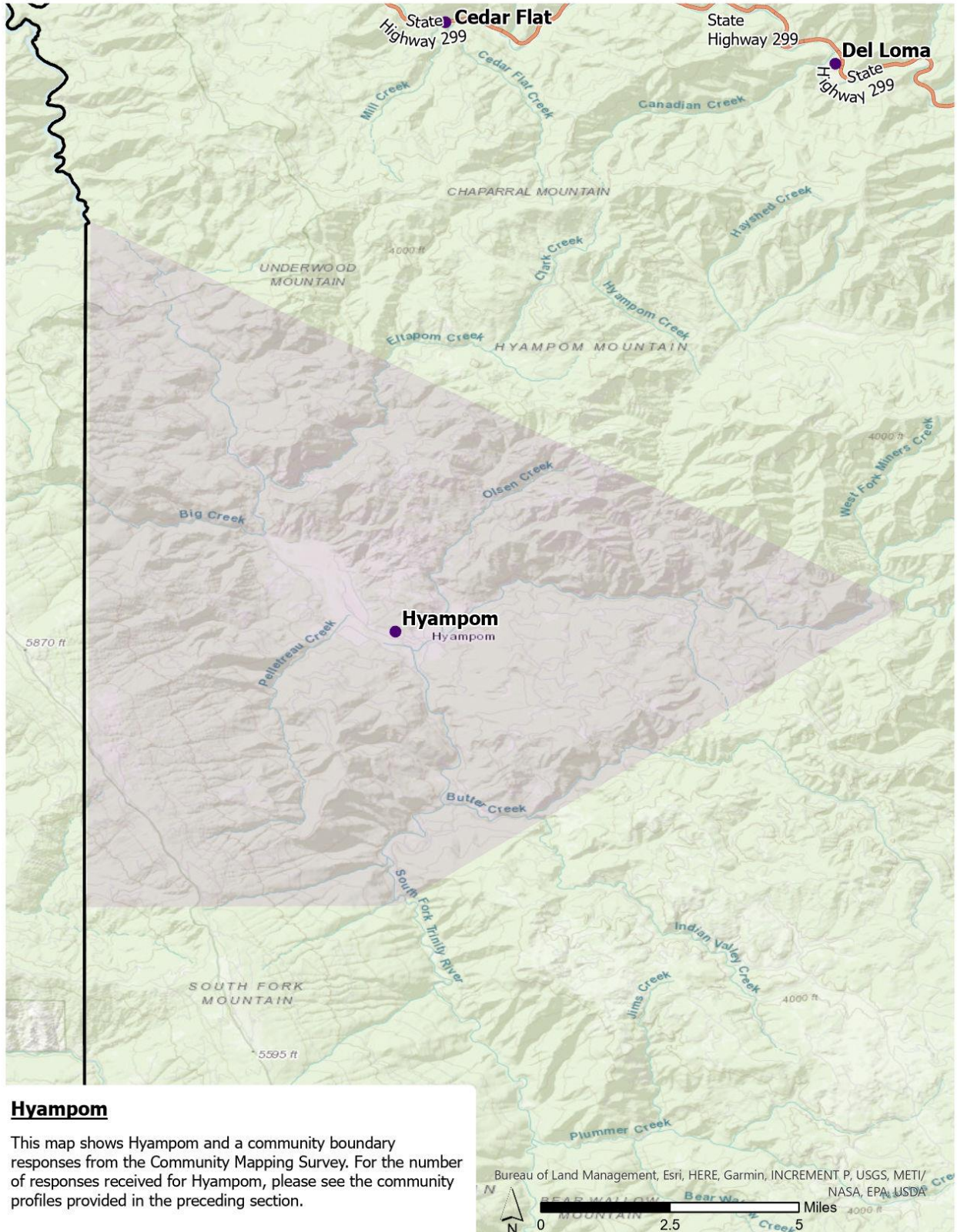
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Hyampom

Hyampom is located on the western side of the county. The next closest community is over 20 miles away from Hyampom. Due to its more remote location, during the November 2022 Workshop Series, Hyampom had its own workshop held at the Hyampom Community Center that had 12 attendees.

- Population: 241
- Unique Features: Closest communities are 20+ miles away
- Commercial/Retail: Merlo Vineyards, Cannabis tourism, Hyampom General Store, Brews and Screws
- Amenities/Services: Hyampom Community Center, Post Office, Hyampom Fire Station, Hyampom Elementary School, Hyampom Airport
- Landmarks/Unique Identifiers: Mule Bridge, Lover's Leap Swimming Hole, The Gorge, Butter Creek access
- Other: Salmon Festival, Good Times Fair
- Community Mapping Survey Response: 4

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Figure 5: Hyampom Community

Hyampom

This map shows Hyampom and a community boundary responses from the Community Mapping Survey. For the number of responses received for Hyampom, please see the community profiles provided in the preceding section.

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03 | Criteria and Metrics for Determination

Criteria and Metrics.

As part of the 2050 General Plan Update, the County will create and adopt up to five new community or area plans. These new community or area plans will be in addition to the five existing community plans. The County will not repeal or eliminate any of the existing five community plans as a part of this effort. The General Plan Team developed criteria for determining which communities, or groups of communities, should have a separate community or area plan prepared as a part of the General Plan Update. The criteria consist of a series of metrics which enable comparisons between the different communities and provide an objective measurement to evaluate the various services and amenities available within each. The metrics developed by the General Plan Team are subject to change based on Borad of Supervisor's direction. A summary of the developed metrics are as follows:

- *School.* Schools and educational facilities are not just centers of learning; they are fundamental institutions for personal development, community progress, and societal advancement. Schools are an investment in the present and future well-being of its residents and are integral to the development and prosperity of a community. The "School" metric considers both public and private schools and educational institutions.

- *Post Office.* Post offices play a multifaceted and important role in communities, serving as essential hubs for communication, commerce, and government services. Post offices in Trinity County continue to provide a range of critical services to those communities which still have limited access telephone and internet service.

- *Fire Station.* Wildfires continue to be the largest threat to life, safety, and property in Trinity County. As such, fire stations are vital to the safety, well-being, and resilience of Trinty County communities. They provide essential emergency response services, promote fire safety and prevention, and play a central role in protecting lives and property during fires and other emergencies. The "Fire Station" metric considers volunteer fire departments (VFDs), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) stations, United States Forest Service (USFS) stations, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire stations.

- *Community Center.* Community centers are vital for building strong, connected, and resilient communities. They offer a wide range of social, cultural, educational, and support services that enhance the quality of life for residents and foster a sense of community pride and unity. The "Community Center" metric considers social halls, lodges, places of worship, and other formal places of assembly.

- *Medical Services.* Access to healthcare and medical services is not only a matter of individual health but also a cornerstone of public health, societal well-being, and economic stability. Healthcare access not only benefits individuals but also strengthens communities. The "Medical Service" metric considers ambulatory surgical centers, hospitals, birth centers, clinics and medical offices, mental health and addiction treatment centers, and urgent care facilities.

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- **State or Local Building.** State or locally owned buildings offer a range of practical benefits. From an economic development perspective, they serve as anchors and attract businesses and services that cater to government employees and visitors. State and local buildings create job opportunities for residents, not only in government positions but also in support services like restaurants, retail, and service. These buildings can also attract infrastructure investments such as improved roads, public transportation, and utilities, benefiting the entire community. The "State or Local Building" metric considers State or County owned or leased structures and services including, but not limited to, libraries, public utility and transmission facilities and substations, energy generation facilities, construction/materials storage yards, corporation yards, and County government buildings.

- **Commercial Land Use.** Commercial and service-based land uses enhance the convenience and overall quality of life for residents. Commercial establishments create employment opportunities, stimulate the local economic development, and increase tax revenue. The "Commercia Land Use" metric considers retail establishments, food and beverage businesses, human and wellness services, financial and professional services, transportation and logistics facilities, professional training services, and entertainment and recreation.

- **Landmark or Unique Identifier.** Landmarks and unique identifiers play a multifaceted role in shaping the identity, economy, culture, and social fabric of a community. They enhance the quality of life for residents, promote tourism and economic development, and contribute to the overall vitality and resilience of the community. The "Landmark or Unique Identifier" metric considers points of local and regional interest, Federal or State historical landmarks, recreational water bodies, and airports.

Community Plan and Area Plan Determination Methodology.

The following Community Plan Metrics Table is a graphic evaluation applied to all communities in Trintiy County under consideration for a community and/or area plan. The methodology uses the above-mentioned criteria and metrics and applies a total number of indicators that were satisfied for each of the metrics. These totals were then evaluated to make a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. There are two options for the Board's consideration on the formation of additional community and/or areas plans outlined In Section 04 below.

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		Amenity, Service, and/or Land Uses								
Community	**Population**	**School**	**Post Office**	**Fire Station**	**Community Center**	**Healthcare and Medical Services**	**State/Local Buildings and Services**	**Commercial Uses**	**Landmarks and Unique Identifiers**	**Total**
Big Bar	230	X	X	X			X			4
Big Flat	Unknown			X				X		2
Burnt Ranch	250		X	X			X			3
Cedar Flat	Unknown									0
Coffee Creek	152			X	X		X	X		4
Covington Mill	141									0
Del Loma	Unknown			X						1
Denny	Unknown									0
Douglas City	868	X	X	X				X		4
Forest Glen	Unknown						X			1
Hawkins Bar/Trinity Village	278			X				X		2
Hayfork	2,324	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
Helena	Unknown									0
Hettenshaw	Unknown			X						1
Hyampom	241		X	X	X			X		4
Juntion City	658	X	X	X			X	X	X	6
Kettenpom	Unknown			X				X		2
Lewiston	1,222	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	7
Mad River	361	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7
Minersville	Unknown			X				X	X	3
Peanut	Unknown									0
Post Mountian	3,032			X						1
Ruth	254		X	X			X	X	X	5
Salyer	389		X	X	X			X		4
Trinity Center	198	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	7
Weaverville	3,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
Wildwood	Unknown									0
Zenia	Unknown	X	X							2

04 | Recommendations and Options

Upon completion of the analysis using the provided metrics, multiple community engagement touchpoints, and subsequent feedback thus far on the community plan effort, the General Plan Team in consultation with County staff has two recommended options for the Board of Supervisors consideration. These options span two approaches that accomplish the primary goal of maintaining and updating the five existing community plans, while laying the groundwork for the preparation for up to five additional community and/or area plans.

Option A:

Option A includes the existing five community plans within the County (e.g., Douglas City, Hayfork, Lewiston, Weaverville, Junction City) in addition to one community plan and four area plans. The additional community plan would be for Hyampom, which scored high on the total indicators that are typical when evaluating communities for community plans. Hyampom is also geographically isolated and is not within proximity to any other communities that would necessitate a fifth area plan. The remaining communities will be part of four County Area Plans. These Plans will be similar in content to the five community plans

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but include a larger geographic area. Each plan will include a vision for the community area; discuss community history, issues and opportunities, land use, circulation; and include community specific goals, and policies to address topics unique to the community. Determination of the groupings of communities for each area plan are generally based on several factors, including geographic proximity, road connectivity, common areas of interest, and similar service areas (e.g., schools, fire protection, emergency response areas, commercial centers). The following are the Community Plans and County Plan Areas recommended by the General Plan Team. The community area plan names, as well as communities to be included in each area plan are subject to change based on Board of Supervisors direction.

Community Plans
- Douglas City
- Hayfork
- Hyampom
- Junction City
- Lewiston
- Weaverville

County Area Plans
- Down River Area Plan (Highway 299 West to the Humboldt County Line)
  - Big Bar
  - Big Flat
  - Burnt Ranch
  - Cedar Flat
  - Del Loma
  - Denny
  - Hawkins Bar
  - Salyer
- North Lake Area Plan (Highway 3 North to the Siskiyou County Line)
  - Coffee Creek
  - Covington Mill
  - Minersville
  - Trinity Center
- Central Trinity Area Plan (Southeast of Highway 3 and Hayfork)
  - Forest Glen
  - Peanut
  - Post Mountain
  - Wildwood
- South County Area Plan (Highway 36 Corridor and South of Highway 36)
  - Hettenshaw
  - Kettenpom
  - Mad River
  - Ruth
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Option B:

Option B includes the existing five community plans within the County (e.g., Douglas City, Hayfork, Lewiston, Weaverville, Junction City) in addition to four community plans and one area plan. The additional community plans were decided based on the evaluation of community plan metrics as. Each of the four communities including Ruth, Trinity Center, Mad River, and Hyampom had a higher number of service, amenities, and land use categories than similar communities in the county. The area plan will cover all communities down river along the 299 corridor west of Junction City from Big Flat to Salyer. This recommended grouping is based on several factors, including geographic proximity, road connectivity, common areas of interest, and similar service areas (e.g., schools, fire protection, emergency response areas, commercial centers).

All plans will include a vision for the community area; discuss community history, issues and opportunities, land use, circulation; and include community specific goals, and policies to address topics unique to the community. Remaining communities in the County not covered by a Plan area in Option B (e.g., Helena, Denny, Coffee Creek Zenia, Kettenpom, Hettenshaw, Post Mountain, Peanut, Wildwood, Forest Glen, Minersville, Covington Mill) will be folded into the overall General Plan and will be supported by the countywide goals, policies, and programs as it relates to economic development, land use, open space and conservation, and mobility. The following are the Community Plans and Community Plan Areas recommended by the General Plan Team. The community area plan names, as well as communities to be included in each area plan are subject to change based on Board of Supervisors direction.

Community Plans

- Douglas City
- Hayfork
- Hyampom
- Junction City
- Lewiston
- Ruth
- Mad River
- Trinity Center
- Weaverville

County Plan Areas

- Down River Area Plan (Highway 299 East to the Humboldt County Line)
  - Big Bar
  - Big Flat
  - Burnt Ranch
  - Cedar Flat
  - Del Loma
  - Hawkins Bar
  - Salyer

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05 |Action by the Board of Supervisors

County staff is requesting that the Board of Supervisors review both recommended options by the General Plan Team and select which communities will include a community and/or area plan as part of the General Plan Update.

06 | Conclusion and Next Steps

After the Board of Supervisors determines the additional community and/or areas plans on September 6, 2023, the Geneal Plan Team will recommend a boundary for each community based on the community survey mapping exercise. This is a critical part of the community plan process as it provides a definitive boundary for which future goals, policies, programs, and County projects specific to each community will be focused. Following the finalizing and refinement of boundaries on October 3, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors, County staff and the General Plan Team will facilitate the third round of community workshops as described in Section 01 above.