Trinity County General Plan Update

Planning Commission Meeting

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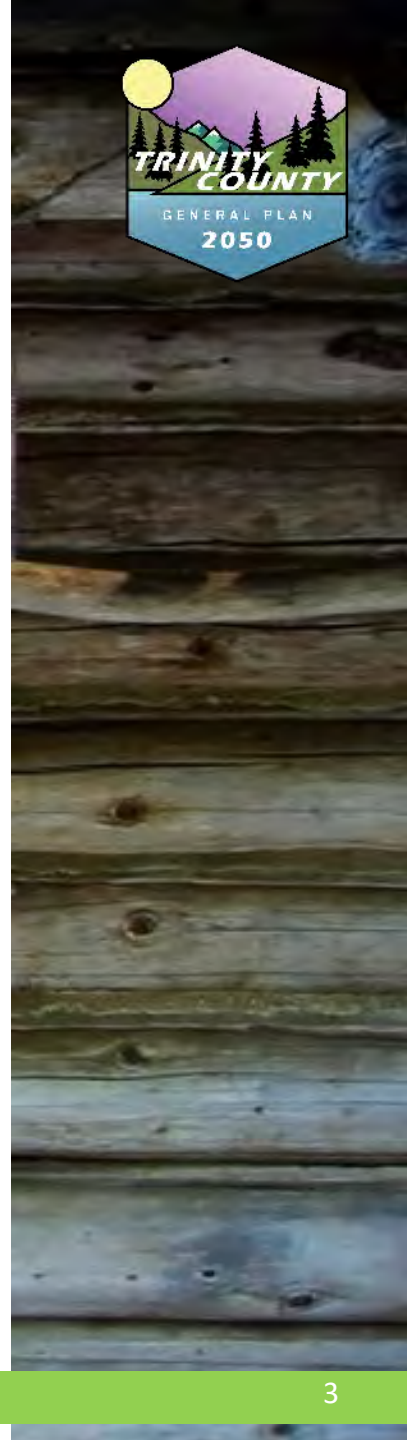
GENERAL PLAN
2050

General Plan, Zoning Ordinance Update, and EIR

Presentation Overview

Meeting **TOPICS:**

- Countywide Vision Statement and Guiding Principles Recommendations
- Community/Area Plan Determination
- Community/Area Plan Boundaries
- Commission Discussion and Recommendation
- Next Steps



Countywide Vision Statement and Guiding Principles Recommendations

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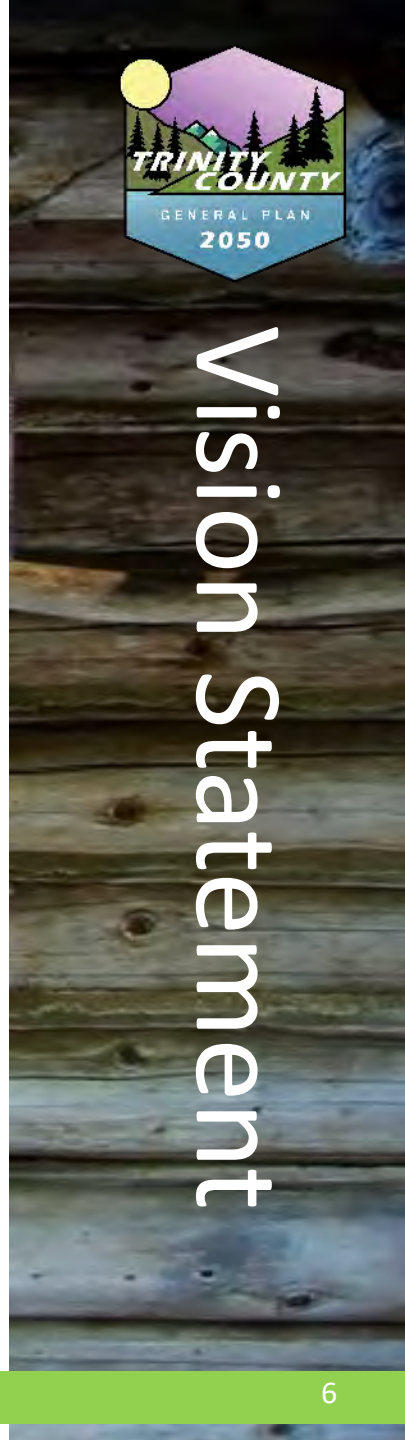
What is a Vision Statement?

- Ideal future aspirations to work towards
- Inspiration for decision-makers and the community
- Comprehensive, long-term, visionary, and positive

Vision Statement

Creation of a Vision Statement

- Vision and guiding principles concepts based on all the community input received through June 2023, including
  - The first countywide community workshop
  - Focus Group meetings,
  - Placemaking Project,
  - 2022 County Fair information booth
  - 10 Community Plan Workshops (November 2022)
- The Focus Groups then met in June 2023 to review and discuss the initial vision and guiding principle concepts
- Revisions were made to the vision and guiding principle concepts and provided to the public for feedback
- Vision and guiding principle concepts were brought to the Commission in August 2023 for discussion
- Revision were made to the vision and guiding principle concepts and presented to the Board for discussion in October 2023



Countywide Vision Statement | Option 1

Trinity County is the place where people can have a fulfilled life in a natural setting, where the opportunities for work, play, and housing are abundant, the sense of community and family is strong, people are kind, and residents feel safe and secure. Equally important is for the community to retain the peace and quiet that comes from its rural setting. The county supports a self-sustaining, resilient, and creative culture and economy with a vibrant, diverse business base. The County is fiscally responsible, environmentally conscious, and inclusive. The county offers a welcoming place for people of all ages, incomes, and ethnicities to live, work, and visit.

Countywide Vision Statement | Option 2

Trinity County is the place where people can have a fulfilled life in a rural setting where natural and cultural resources are maintained and protected. The county is a place where opportunities for work, housing, and recreation are abundant, and strong families, kind people, safety, peace, and quiet are valued and supported.

Countywide Vision Statement | Option 3

Trinity County is the place where people can have a fulfilled life in a rural, natural setting that is peaceful and quiet. Where the opportunities for work, play, housing, recreation, and cultural and natural resources are abundant. The county has a strong sense of community and family, where people are kind and residents feel safe and secure.

Countywide Vision Statement | Recommendation

Trinity County is a place where people can experience a fulfilled life in a peaceful, rural, setting while allowing for existing and new development to thrive in appropriate ways and locations. It is a place where employment, housing, world class recreation, and cultural and natural resources opportunities are abundant; where there is a strong sense of community and family, neighbors support neighbors, and residents feel safe and secure.

What are Guiding Principles?

- Guiding Principles are central ideas (themes) that articulate the County's commitment to achieving the Vision of the General Plan.
- They establish the framework for the ideas and concepts behind the General Plan and serve as a touchstone during the process to develop and refine goals, policies, and programs.
- Guiding principles were crafted based on community feedback and align with the six key topical areas addressed in the 2050 General Plan.

Guiding Principles Options:
Hazards and Safety

1

Minimize health and safety impacts to residents, businesses and visitors from human-caused hazards such as hazardous materials, noise, air, and water pollution, as well as managing lands to reduce the impacts of natural hazards such as wildland fires, flooding, and geological events.

2

Provide for safe communities through resilient infrastructure, communitywide education and preparation, effective coordination with regional, State, and Federal agencies, and hazard planning that is responsive to potential climate-related, natural, and human-caused disasters.

Guiding Principles Recommendation:
Hazards and Safety

Provide for safe communities through resilient infrastructure, communitywide education and preparation, effective coordination with State and Federal agencies, and hazard planning that that includes managing lands to reduce the impacts of climate-related, natural, and human-caused disasters including wildland fires, flooding, and geological events.

Guiding Principles Options:

Community Health and Health Services

1
Promote economic, social, and physical health and wellness by investing in infrastructure that promotes physical activity and access to healthy foods, emphasizing healthcare resources for seniors, and integrating public health into policies and the built environment.

2
Protect natural environments and develop healthy built environments to help reduce stress, depression, and other health disparities; mutually support each other in performing all functions of life and developing maximum mental capacity.

3
Reduce the potential and severity of short- and long-term health emergencies, control the rate and extent of the spread of illness, reduce economic and social displacement, and reduce loss of life.

Guiding Principles Recommendation:
Community Health and Health Services

Promote economic, social, and physical health and wellness by investing in infrastructure and services that promote physical activity and access to healthy foods; help reduce health disparities; and integrate public health into public policies and the community.

Guiding Principles Options:
Land Use, Housing, and Zoning

1 Expand available land for future development, incentivize new development, get vacant and abandoned properties back into active use, increase affordable housing options such as tiny homes and accessory dwelling units (ADUs), build local wealth, increase fire resiliency that includes shaded fuel breaks, and emphasize unified, collaborative approaches to housing challenges.

2 Maintain the unique geographic identities of communities, separated by agriculture and open space lands. Carefully plan new development, including the establishment of community services and facilities that balances the need for new housing with preservation of community character.

Guiding Principles Recommendation:
Land Use, Housing, and Zoning

Identify additional land for future development while ensuring the compatibility of adjoining land uses; incentivizing new development; returning vacant and abandoned properties to active use; increasing affordable housing options; improving resiliency to wildfire through defensible space, home hardening, and fuel management; and emphasizing collaborative approaches to housing challenges.

Guiding Principles Options:
Mobility and Infrastructure

1
Maintain and enhance existing multimodal transportation network, infrastructure, and services to meet the unique circumstances of each community and the needs of residents and businesses; ensure development does not outpace the provision of services and infrastructure; maintain law enforcement and fire protection services to protect residents and property; and enhance availability of communications infrastructure to residents and businesses.

2
Invest in public roadways, facilities, infrastructure, services, and renewable energy to promote efficiency and economic vitality. Ensure public safety and improve quality of life for all residents.

3
Communities are internally connected through an efficient and safe network of roadways, bridges, transit, bikeways, and pedestrian trails and sidewalks that are coordinated and adequately constructed and maintained to meet the needs of residents and businesses.

Guiding Principles Recommendation:
Mobility and Infrastructure

Invest in and develop an efficient and safe multimodal transportation network with infrastructure and services that meet the needs of residents and businesses; maintain and enhance law enforcement and fire protection services to protect residents and property; and enhance availability and reliability of communications infrastructure to residents and businesses.

Guiding Principles Options:
Watersheds and Natural Resources

1
Conserve, develop, and sustainably manage the county's open spaces and natural resources, including soils, water, air quality, minerals, biological resources, scenic resources, rivers and forests, as well as historic and cultural resources, while balancing the needs of communities, agriculture, and healthy ecosystems.

2
Natural assets, such as air quality, mountains, forests, river corridors, and soils, are preserved; energy efficiency and use of alternative modes of transportation conserve energy resources, and new, sustainable energy resources are fully developed, providing clean and inexpensive energy.

3
The county values and protects its natural and cultural resources with expanded opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the county's heritage and natural setting. Recreation and entertainment opportunities, such as the Trinity Alps, waterways, and State and Federal parks and forests, are available and accessible to all residents and visitors.

Guiding Principles Recommendation:
Watersheds and Natural Resources

Conserve, develop, and sustainably manage the county's open spaces and natural resources with expanded opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the county's heritage and natural setting. Promote the availability and accessibility of recreation sites, entertainment opportunities, waterways, and State and Federal lands to all residents and visitors.

Guiding Principles Options:
Economic Development

1
Local business development and employment opportunities to keep capital and growth within the community; characteristics that support local substantive businesses are recognized, enhanced, and maintained over time; and independent businesses are attracted to the area.

2
In order to maximize benefit from local market demand and financial resources, there is a high level of continuous coordination and collaboration within the business community and with the County. County resources for economic development are distributed throughout all communities in the county. A strong focus exists on workforce development, identifying existing assets and gaps in the workforce ecosystem, building a coalition of stakeholders to strengthen the ecosystem, training the existing workforce for new industries and opportunities, and expanding the county workforce and capacity.

3
The county's economy will expand, diversify, and strengthen its role globally as a source of food and agricultural commodities; an important cannabis producer; and a destination for tourists. Expanded educational opportunities provide a broad range of jobs across diverse industries, emphasizing small, local businesses and start-ups. Excellent schools and leadership programs prepare youth as the next generation of the county's workforce.

Guiding Principles Recommendation:
Economic Development

Maintain a high level of coordination and collaboration within the local business community to incentivize business development and employment opportunities, encourage economic growth, and retain capital within the community; strategically distribute resources for economic development throughout all communities in the county; and expand educational and workforce development opportunities, to provide a broad range of jobs across diverse industries.

Board Discussion on Vision and Guiding Principles

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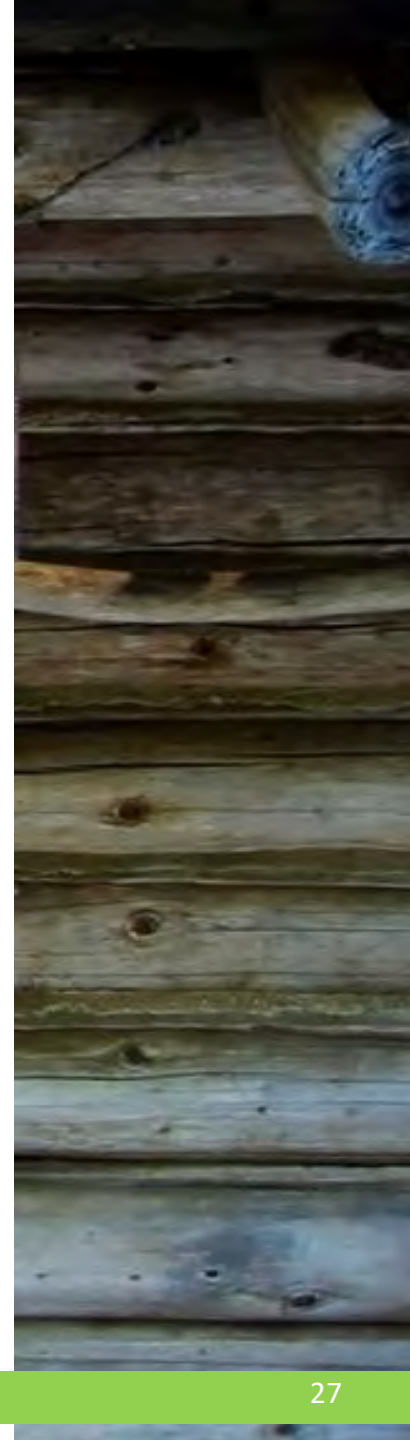
Vision and Guiding Principles Commission Discussion:

- Questions
- Comments on the recommended Vision and Guiding Principles
- Discussion and Recommendation

Community and Area Plan Determination

Community and Area Plan Determination

- June - July 2023
  - Second Round of Focus Group Meetings
  - Community Plan Mapping Online Exercise
  - Draft Countywide Vision and Guiding Principles
- August 2023
  - Board presentation on the results of the Community Plan Mapping Online Exercise
  - Board recommendation in September 2023



Community Plan Boundaries Determination

Communities with Community Plans

1. Weaverville
2. Lewiston
3. Junction City
4. Hayfork
5. Douglas City

Communities without Community Plans

- Big Bar
- Bid Flat
- Burnt Ranch
- Cedar Flat
- Helena
- Del-Loma
- Denny
- Hawkins Bar
- Salyer
- Coffee Creek
- Covington Mill
- Minersville
- Trinity Center
- Hettenshaw
- Kettenpom
- Mad River
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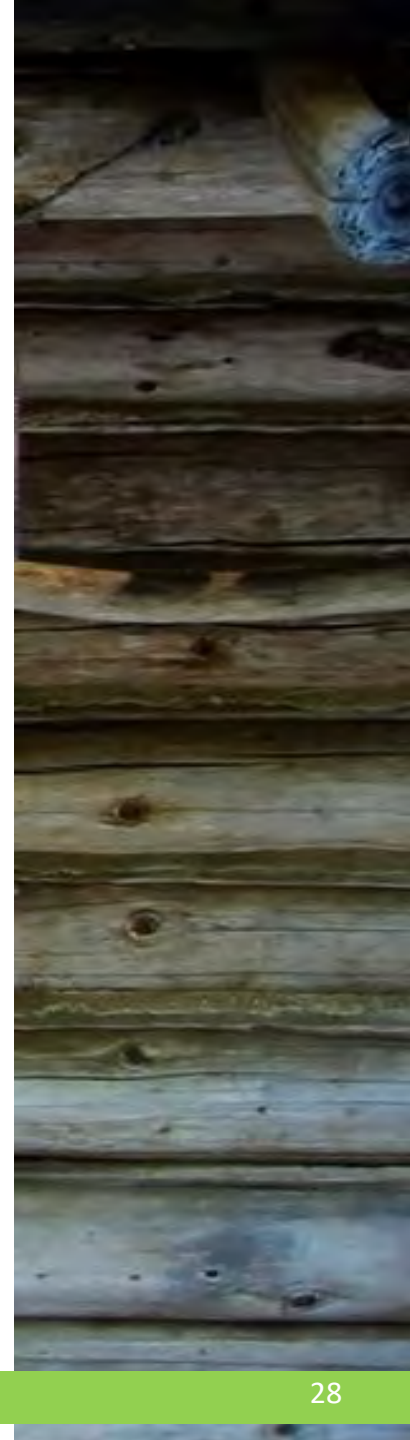
- Forest Glen
- Peanut
- Post Mountain
- Wildwood
- Hyampom

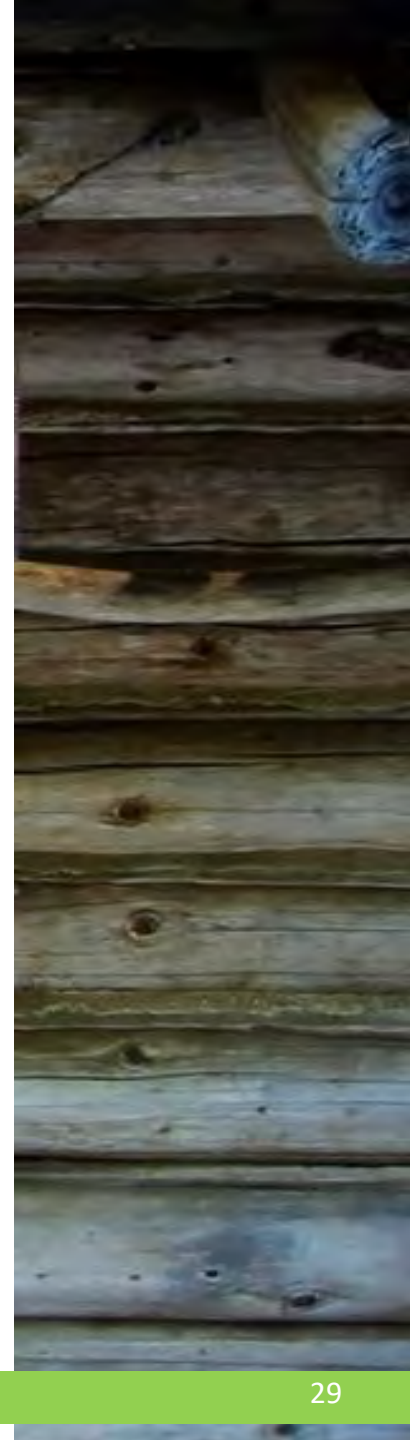


Community Plan Boundaries Determination

Criteria and Metrics

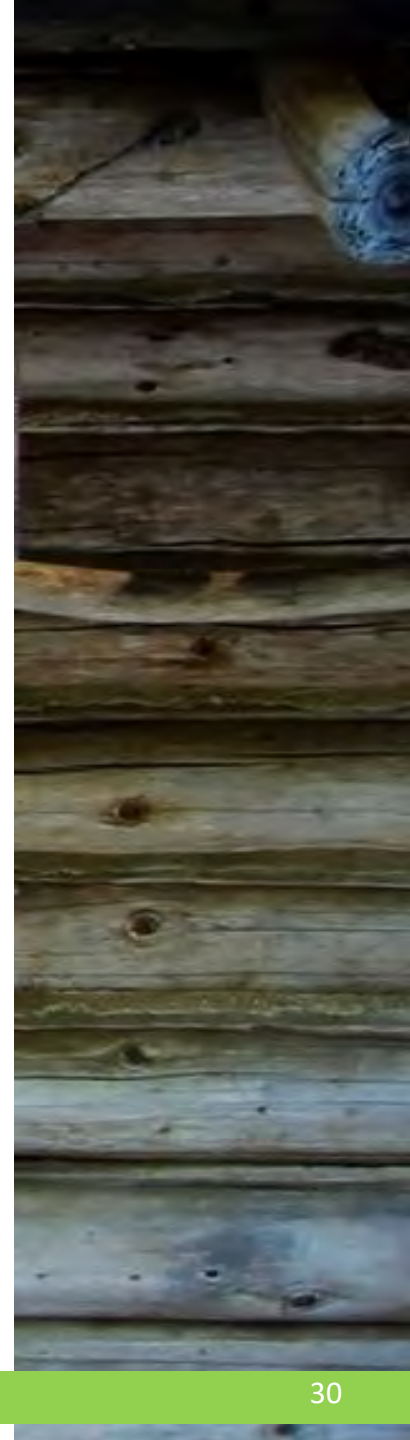
1. Direction to create five new community or area plans while preserving existing plans
2. Team developed criteria for determining which communities, or groups of communities, should have a separate community or area plan
3. The criteria consist of metrics which enable comparisons between communities and provide an objective measurement to evaluate the various services and amenities available within each
4. Metrics include:

- Population
- School
- Post office
- Fire station
- Community center
- Medical services
- State or local building
- Commercial land use
- Landmark and unique identifiers



Community Plan Metrics

Community	Population	Amenity, Service, and/or Land Uses								Total
		School	Post Office	Fire Station	Community Center	Healthcare and Medical Services	State/Local Buildings and Services	Commercial Uses	Landmarks and Unique Identifiers	
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



Community Plan and Area Plans

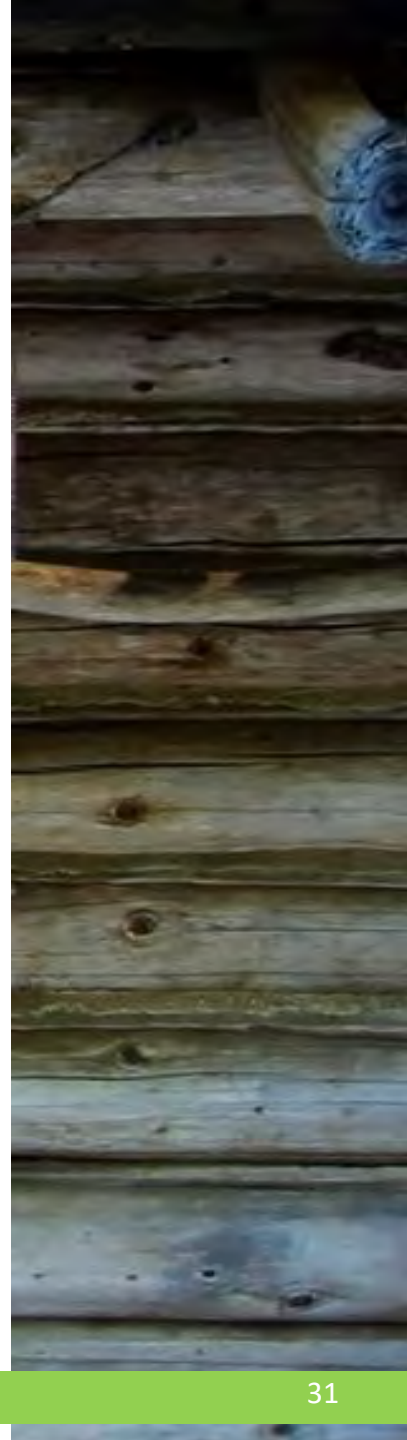
Community Plan -vs- Area Plan

- Community specific
- Goals and policies apply to that particular community

- Can include multiple communities
- Goals and policies apply to area-wide
- Potential for community specific goals and policies

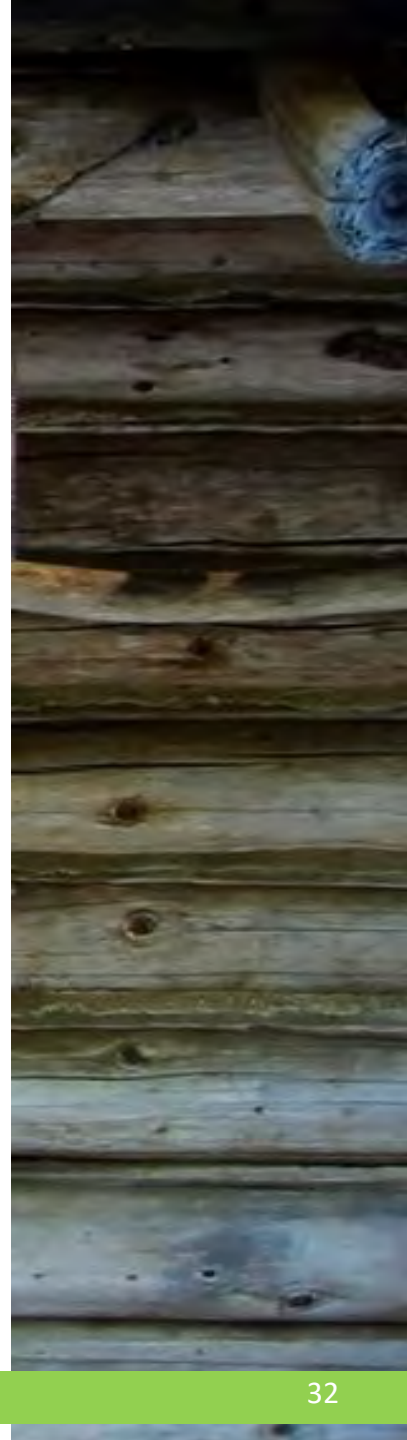
IMPORTANT NOTE:

Communities in the County not covered by a Community or Area Plan will be folded into the overall General Plan and will be supported by the countywide goals, policies, and program.



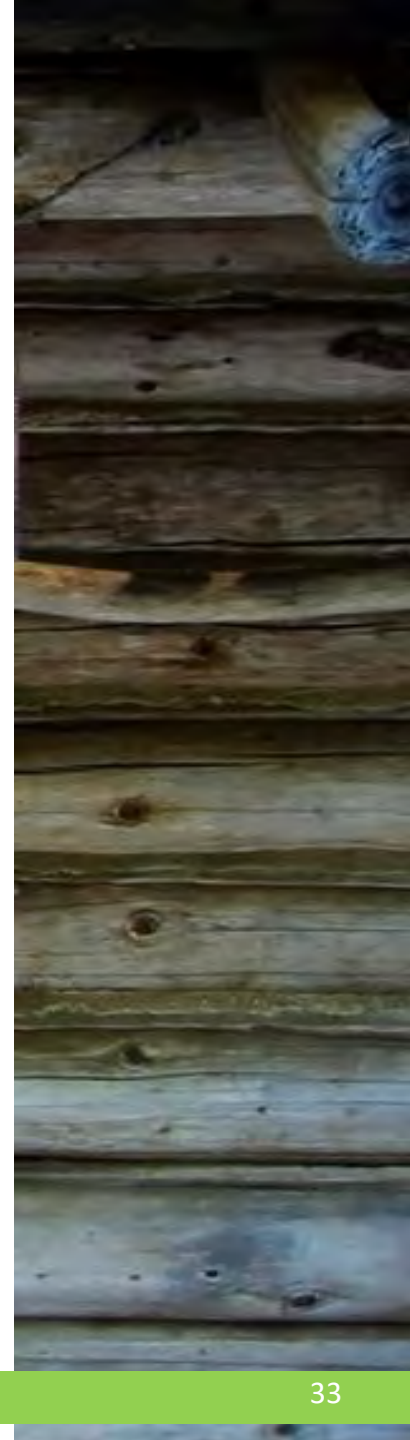
Community/Area Plans: Option A

- Existing **five** *Community Plans* remain in effect and are updated
- Creation of **four** *Area Plans*
  - Downriver Communities (Salyer, Hawkins Bar, Burnt Ranch, Cedar Flat, Helena, Denny, Del Loma, Big Bar, and Big Flat)
  - North Lake Communities (Trinity Center, Coffee Creek, Covington Mill, and Minersville)
  - Southern Trinity Communities (Mad River, Ruth, Kettenpom, Hettenshaw, and Zenia)
  - Post Mountain Communities (Post Mountain, Forest Glen, Peanut, and Wildwood)
- Creation of **one** *Community Plan* for Hyampom
  - scored high on the total indicators
  - geographically isolated



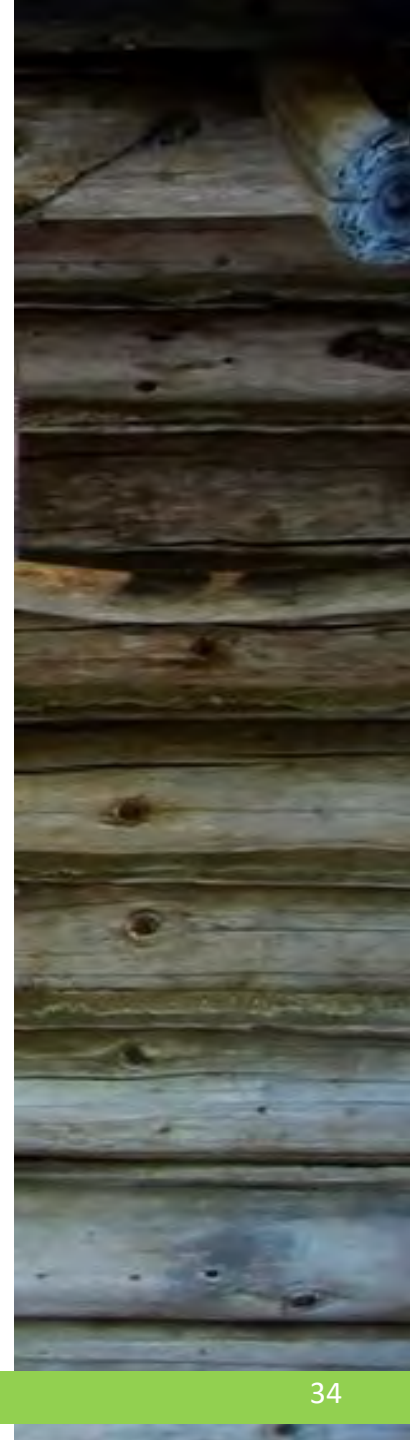
Community/Area Plans: Option B

- Existing **five** *Community Plans* remain in effect and are updated
- Creation of **four** *Community Plans*
  - Hyampom
  - Ruth
  - Mad River
  - Trinity Center
- Creation of **one** *Community Plan* for the downriver communities
  - Communities include Salyer, Hawkins Bar, Burnt Ranch, Cedar Flat, Helena, Denny, Del Loma, Big Bar, and Big Flat



Community/Area Plans: Option C (Board Recommendation)

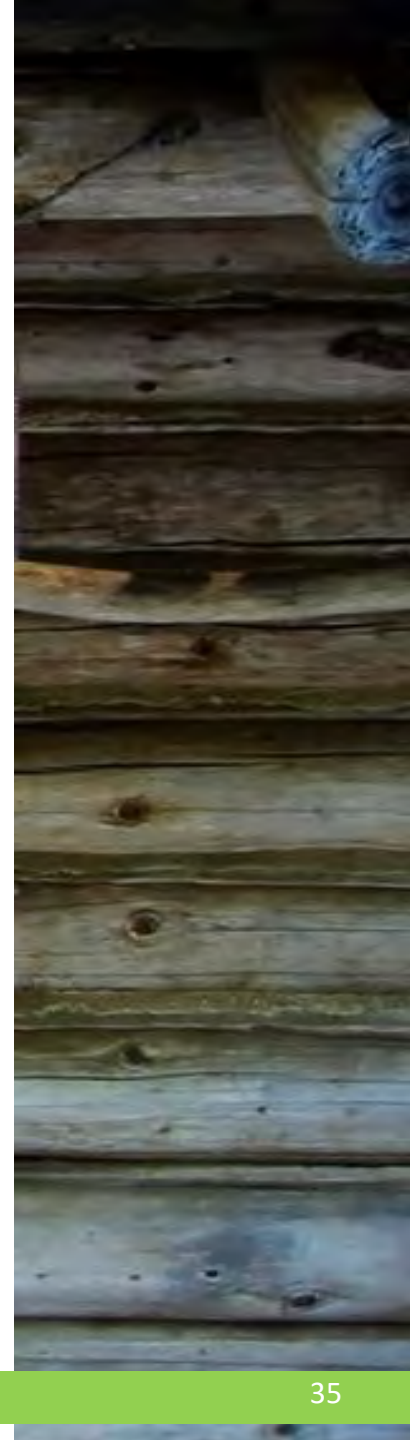
- Existing **five** *Community Plans* remain in effect and are updated
- Reduce the number of plans to eight instead of 10
- Creation of **three** *Community Plans*
  - Hyampom
  - Post Mountain
  - Trinity Center



Community/Area Plans: Option D (Recommendation)

- Existing **five** *Community Plans* remain in effect and are updated
- Reduce the number of plans to eight instead of 10
- Creation of **two** *Community Plans*
  - Hyampom
  - Post Mountain

- Creation of **one** *Area Plan*
  - North Lake Area Plan. Would include Trinity Center, Minersville, and Covington Mill



Community/Area Plan Determination Commission Discussion:

Questions

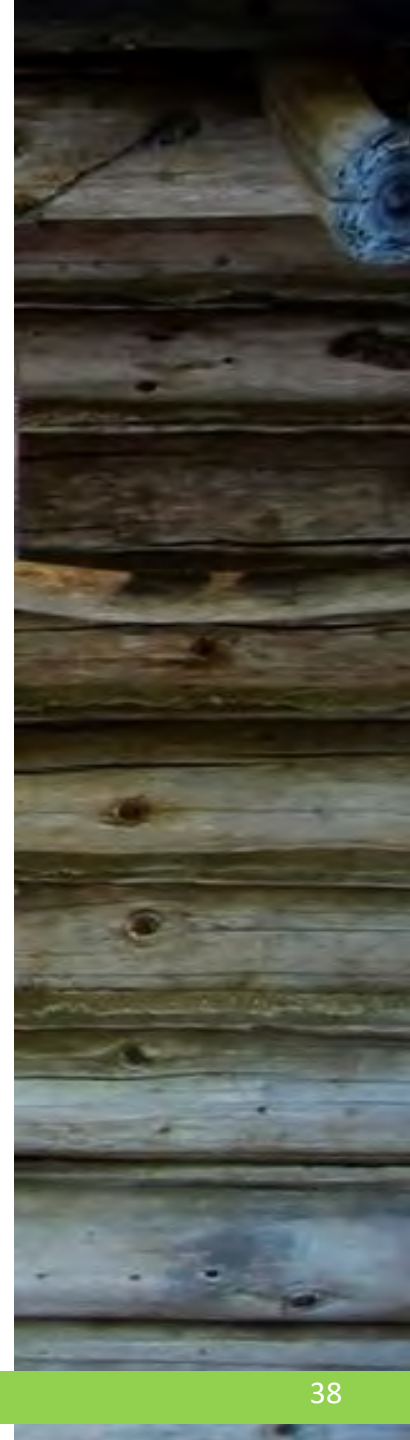
Comments on presented options

Discussion and Recommendation

Community Plan Boundaries

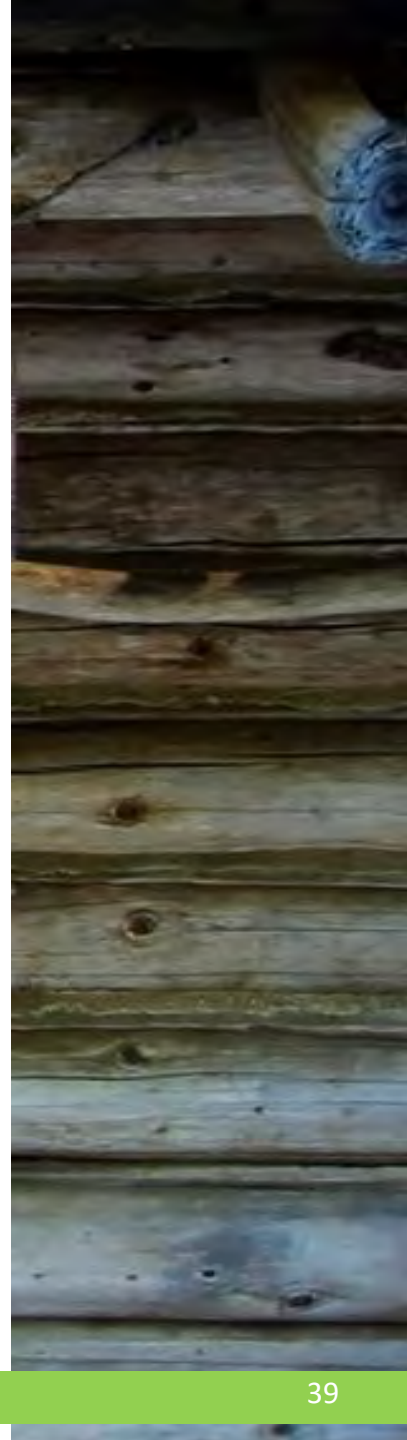
Community Plan Boundaries Methodology

1. Community feedback collected through the Community Plan Mapping Online Exercise
2. Identification of existing Census Designated Place (CDP) boundaries
3. Identification of community service districts (CSDs) and fire protection districts (FPDs)
4. Review of Census Block data
5. Compared and overlapped the above mentioned above to determine quantifiable/measurable boundaries that provide updated data (Census)
6. Developed boundaries for each community/area plan using established methodology



Community Plan Boundaries Discussion

- Review each of the draft community/area plan boundaries based on the methodology shown in the following steps using maps:
  1. Review of community feedback overlayed with existing Census Designated Place (CDP) boundaries, census blocks, FPDs, and CSDs
  2. Recommended community/area plan boundary for incorporation into the General Plan
  3. Recommended community plan boundary with identified parcels within the boundary
- Following review of each community/area and each recommended boundary, the Commission will discuss and recommend boundaries that will be carried forward into the General Plan



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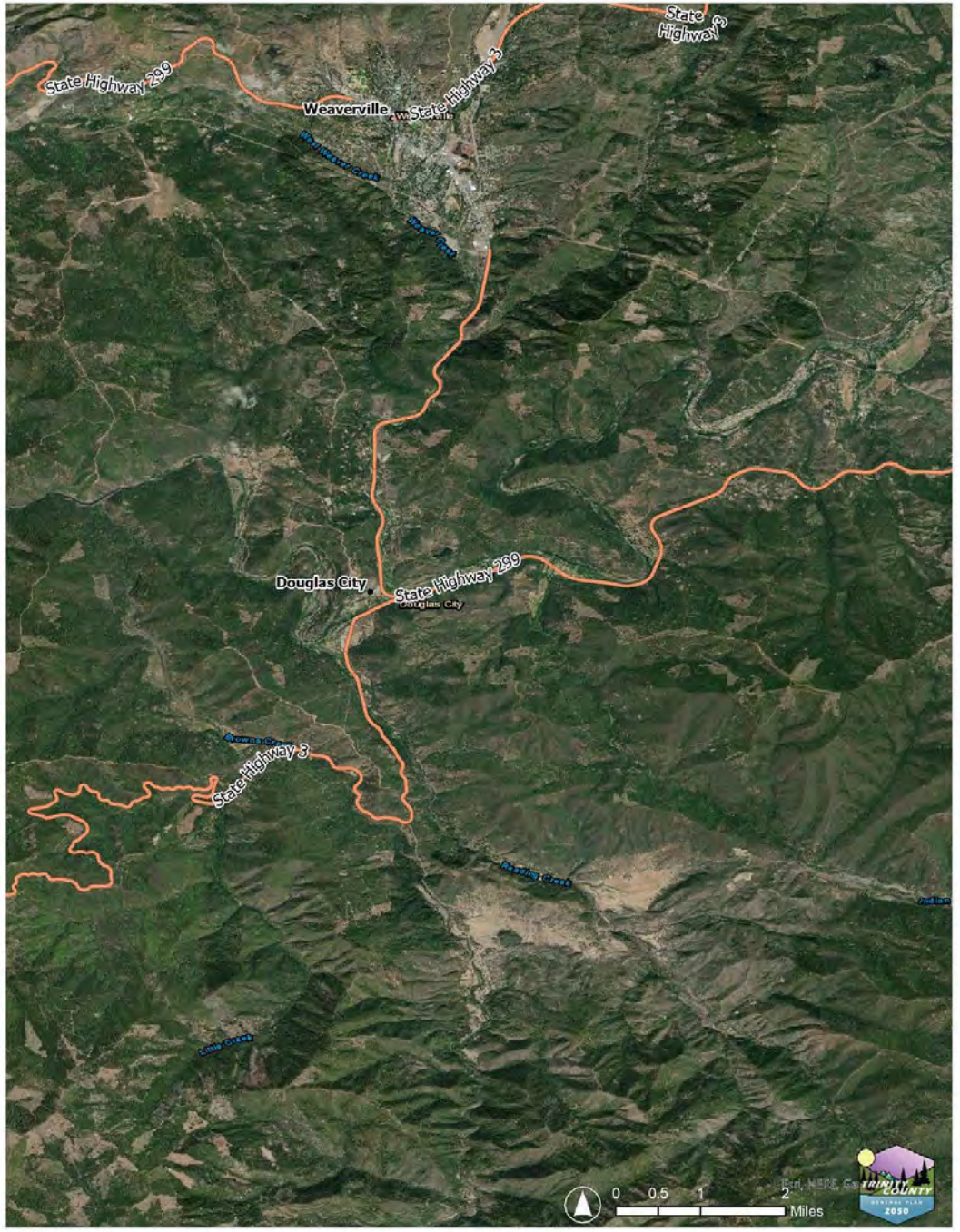

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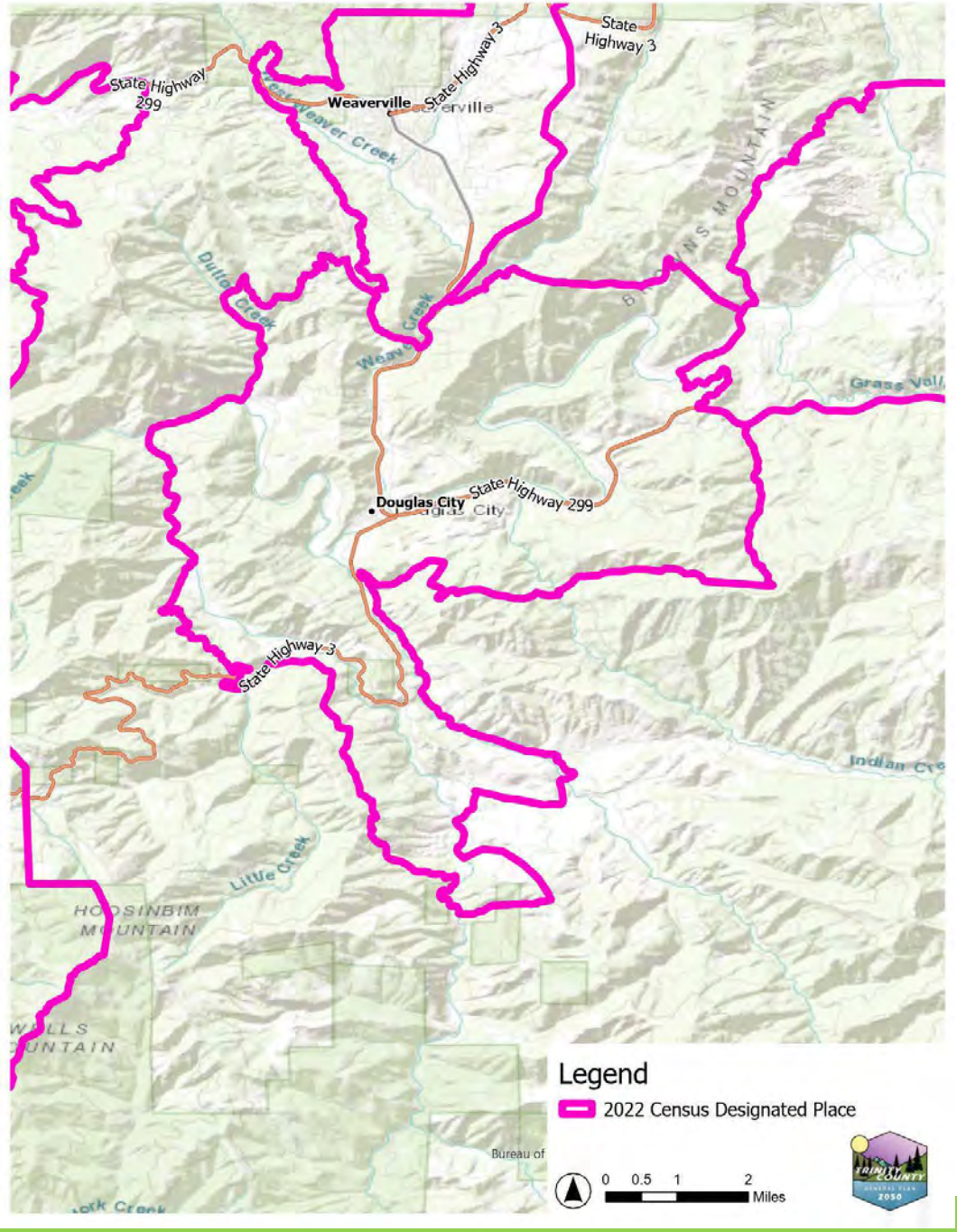
Basemap with CDP



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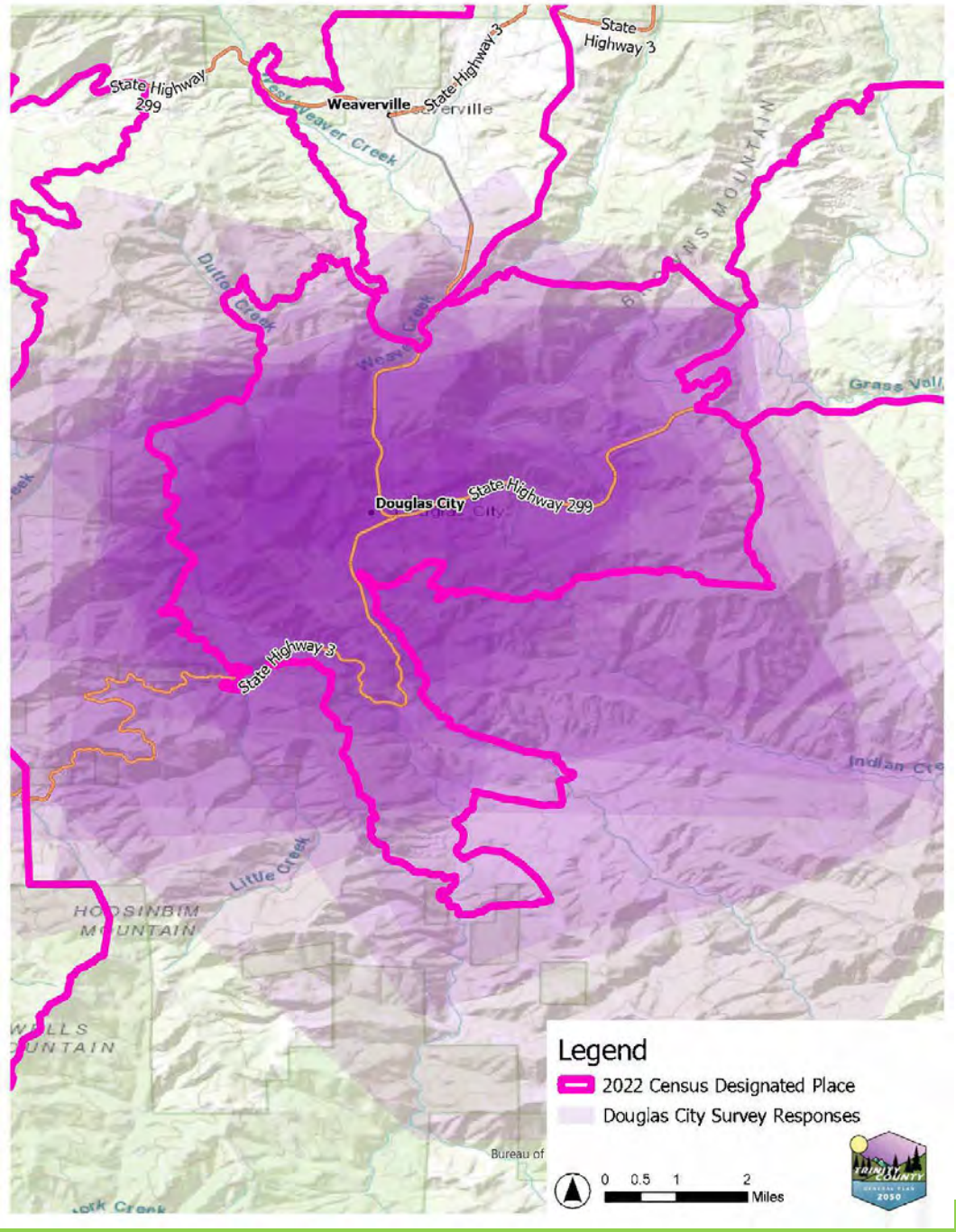
Basemap with CDP

- Community responses



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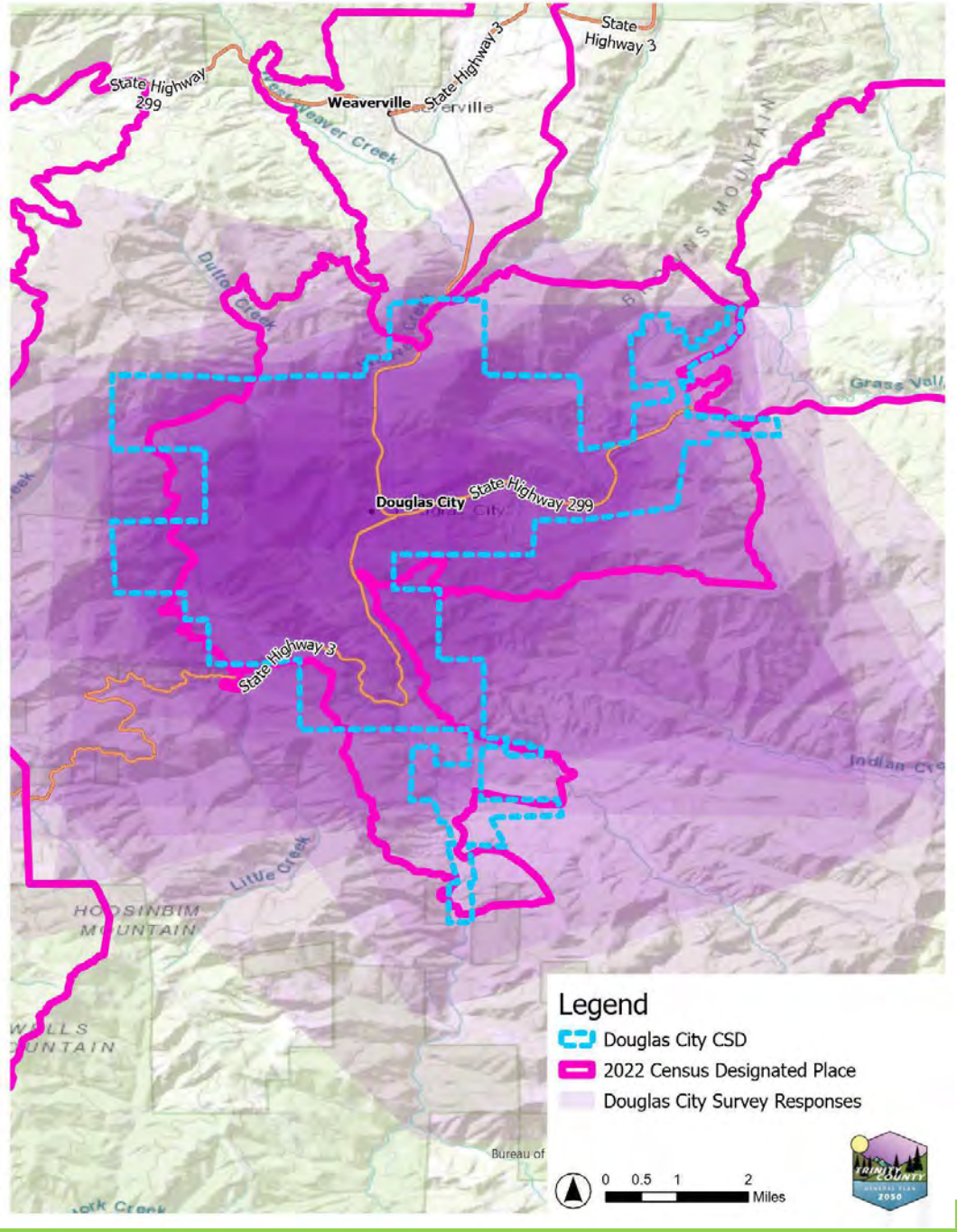
- Community responses
- CSD



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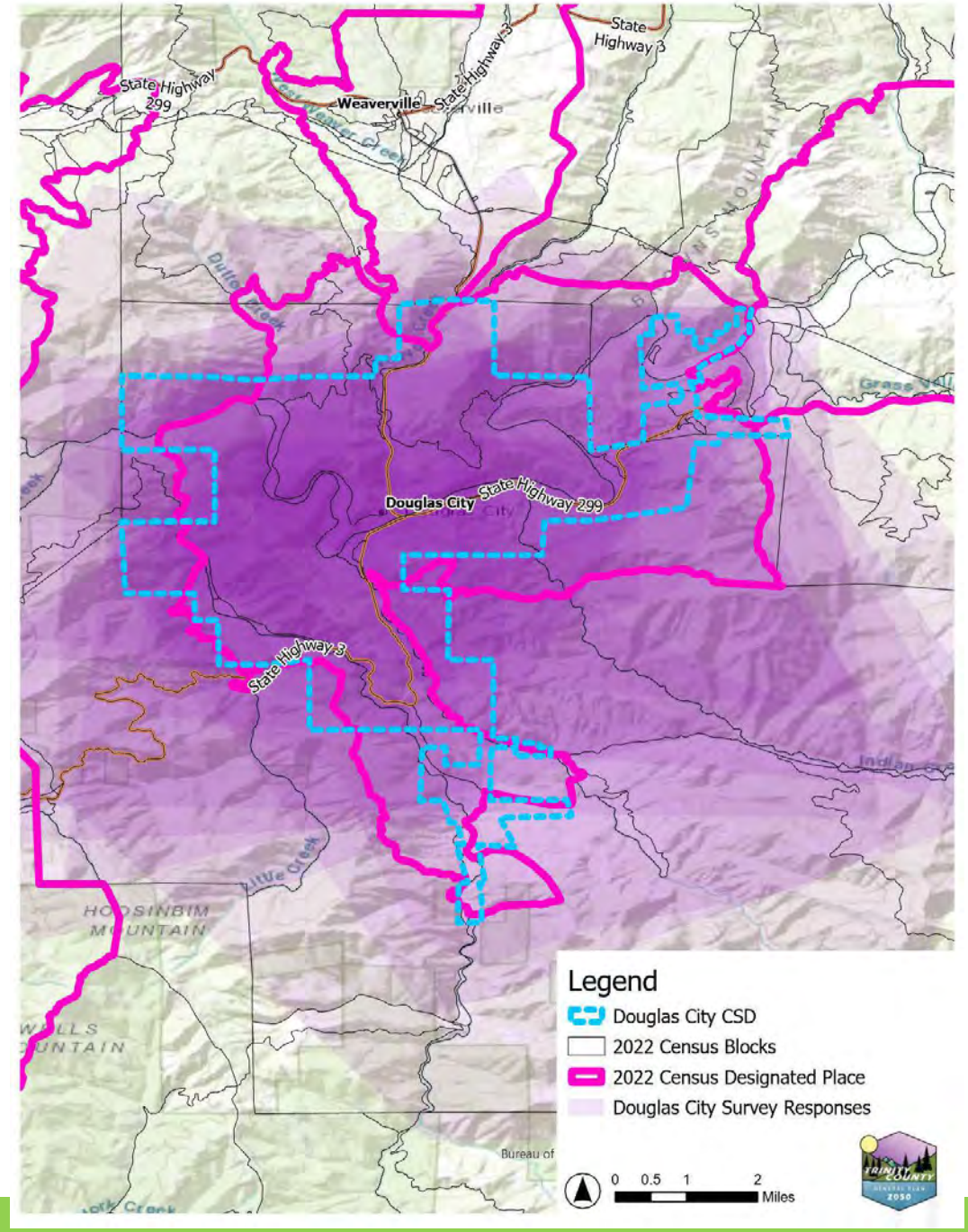
- Community responses
- CSD
- Census Blocks



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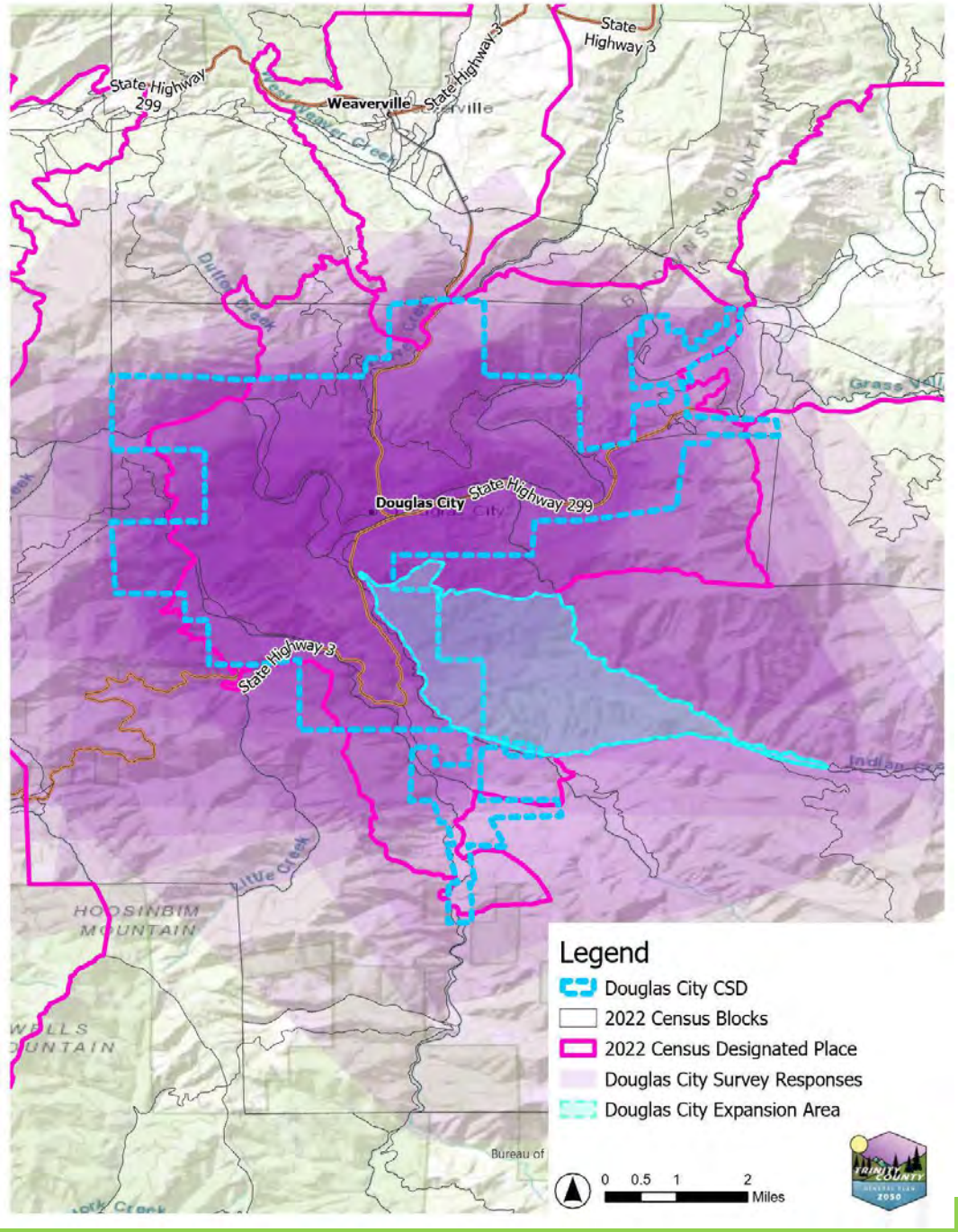
Basemap with CDP

- Community responses
- CSD
- Census Blocks
- Expansion beyond CDP



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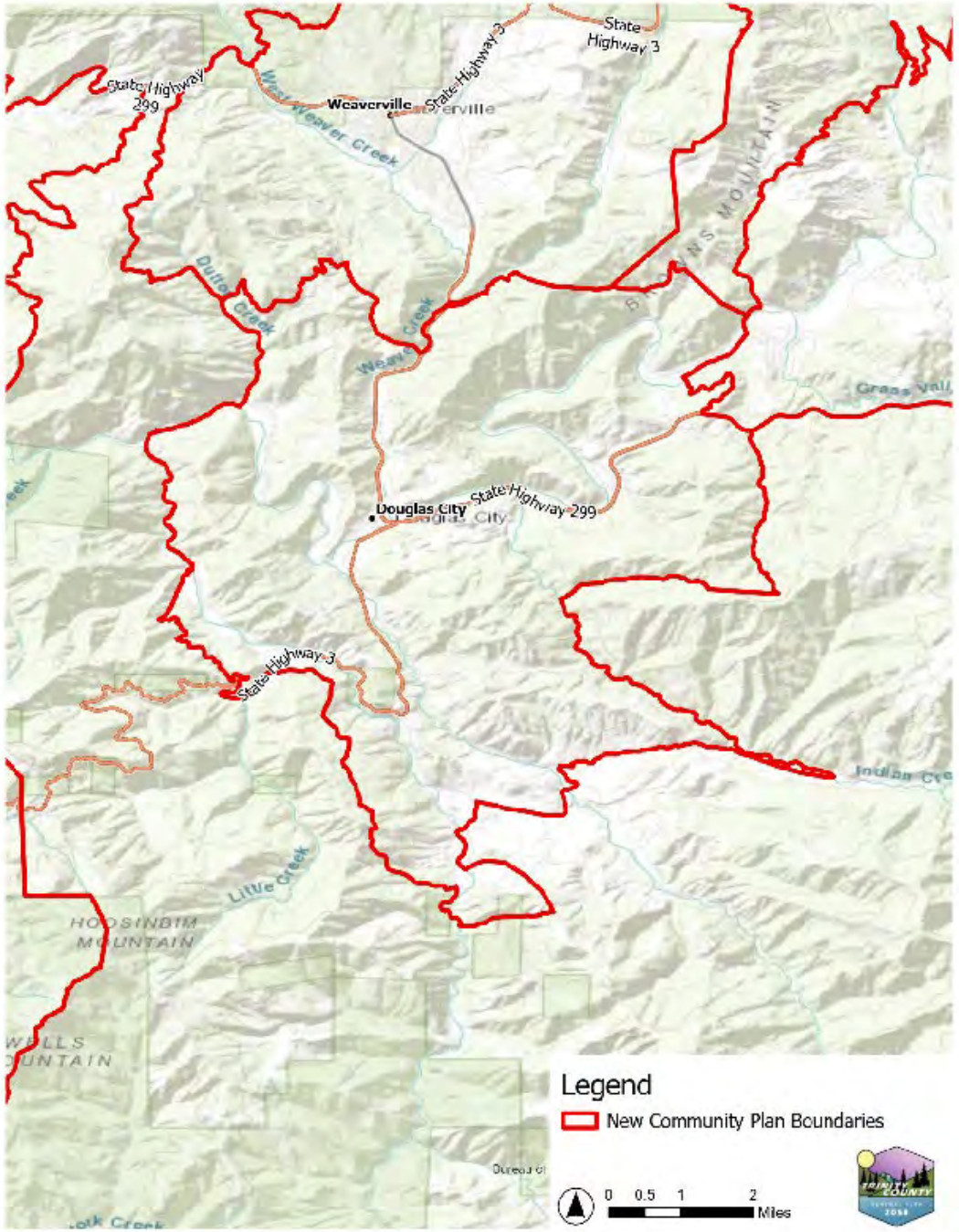
Proposed Community Plan boundary



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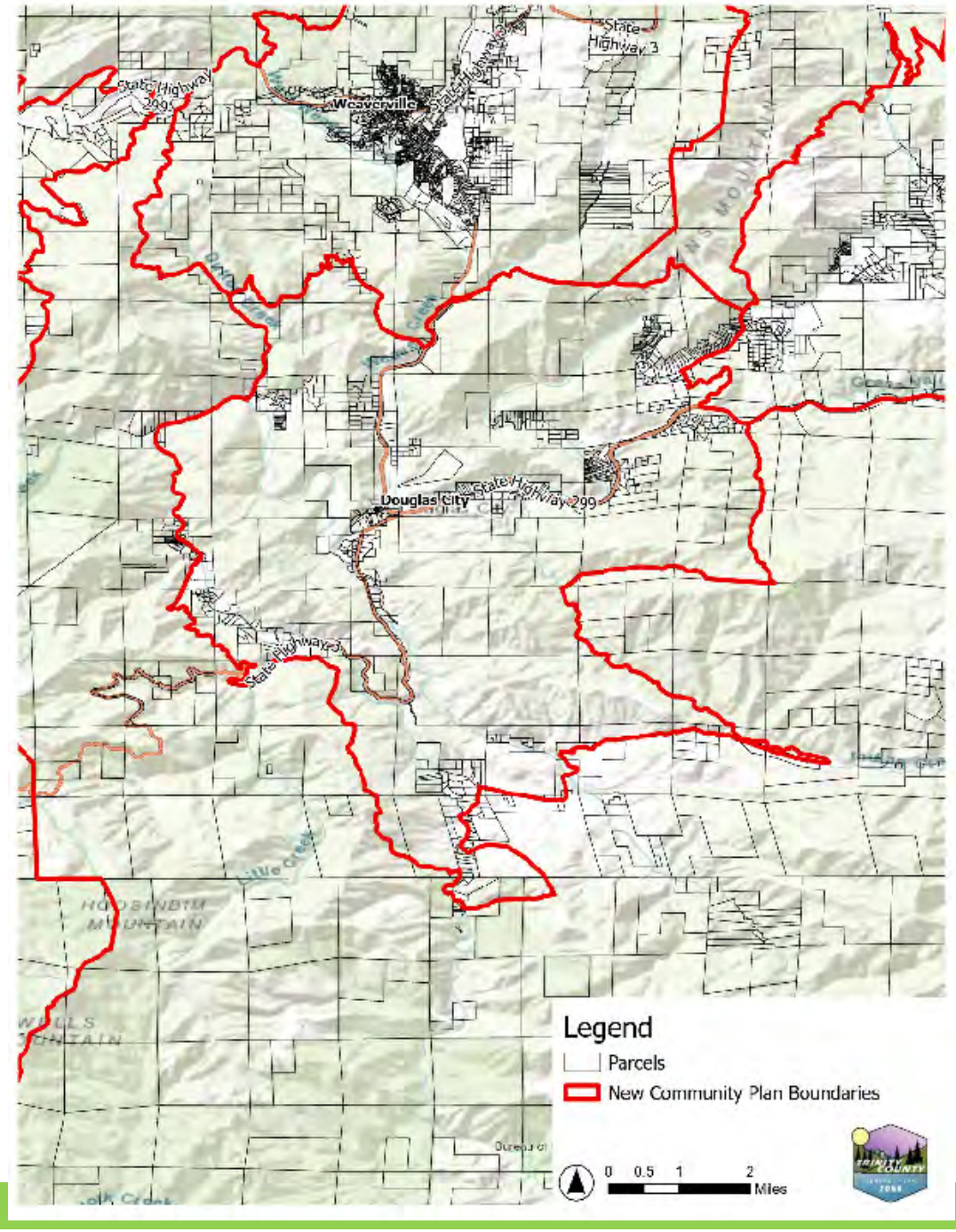
Proposed Community Plan boundary

- With parcels



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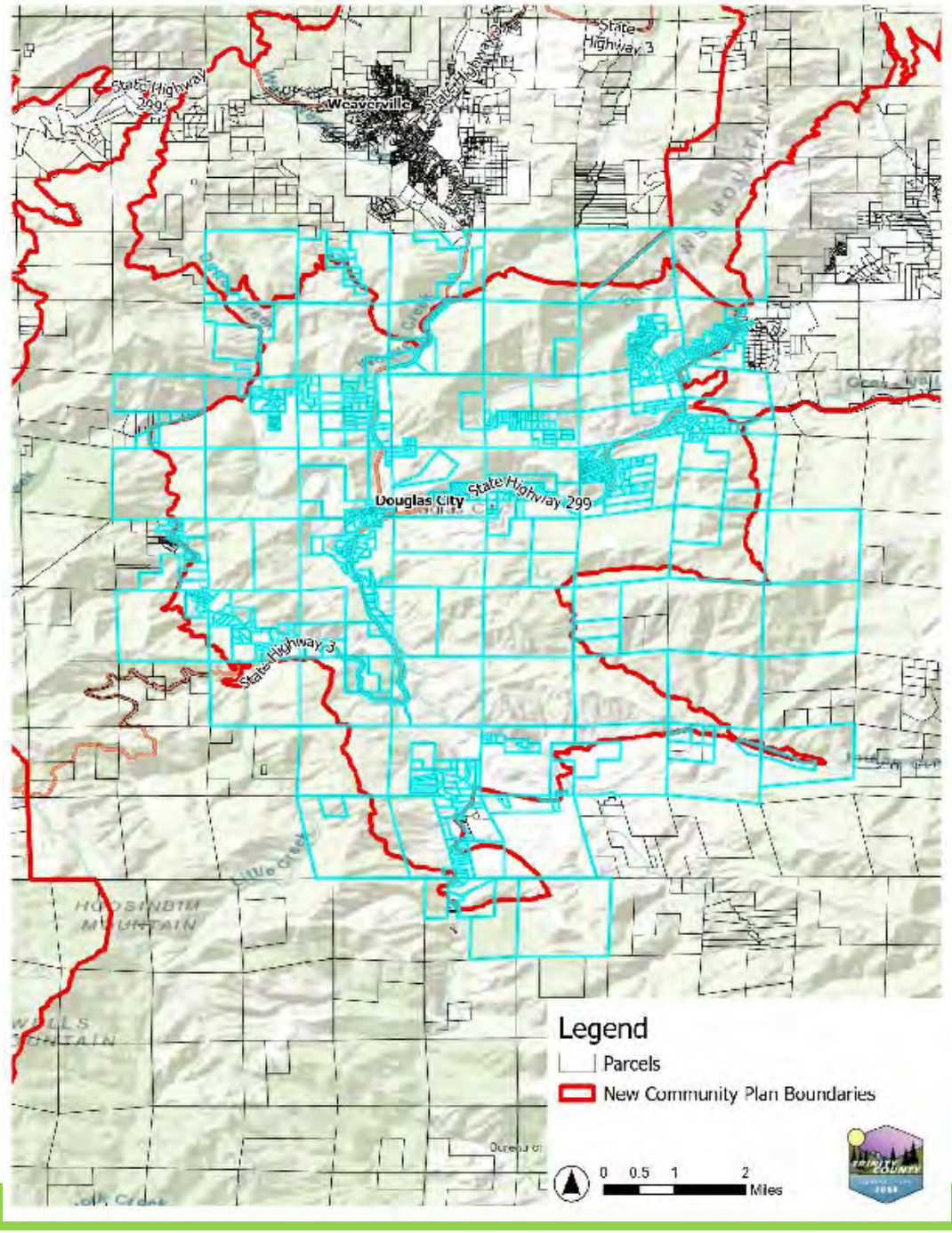
Proposed Community Plan boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



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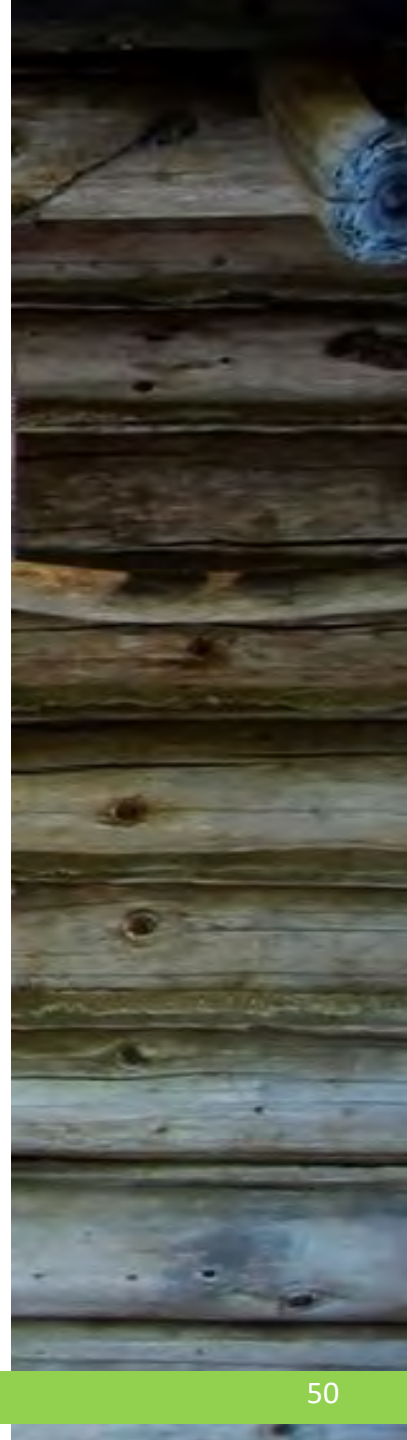
- Existing community plan
- Recommended community plan boundary includes:
  1. 834 parcels with unique Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs)
  2. 35,143 acres of land



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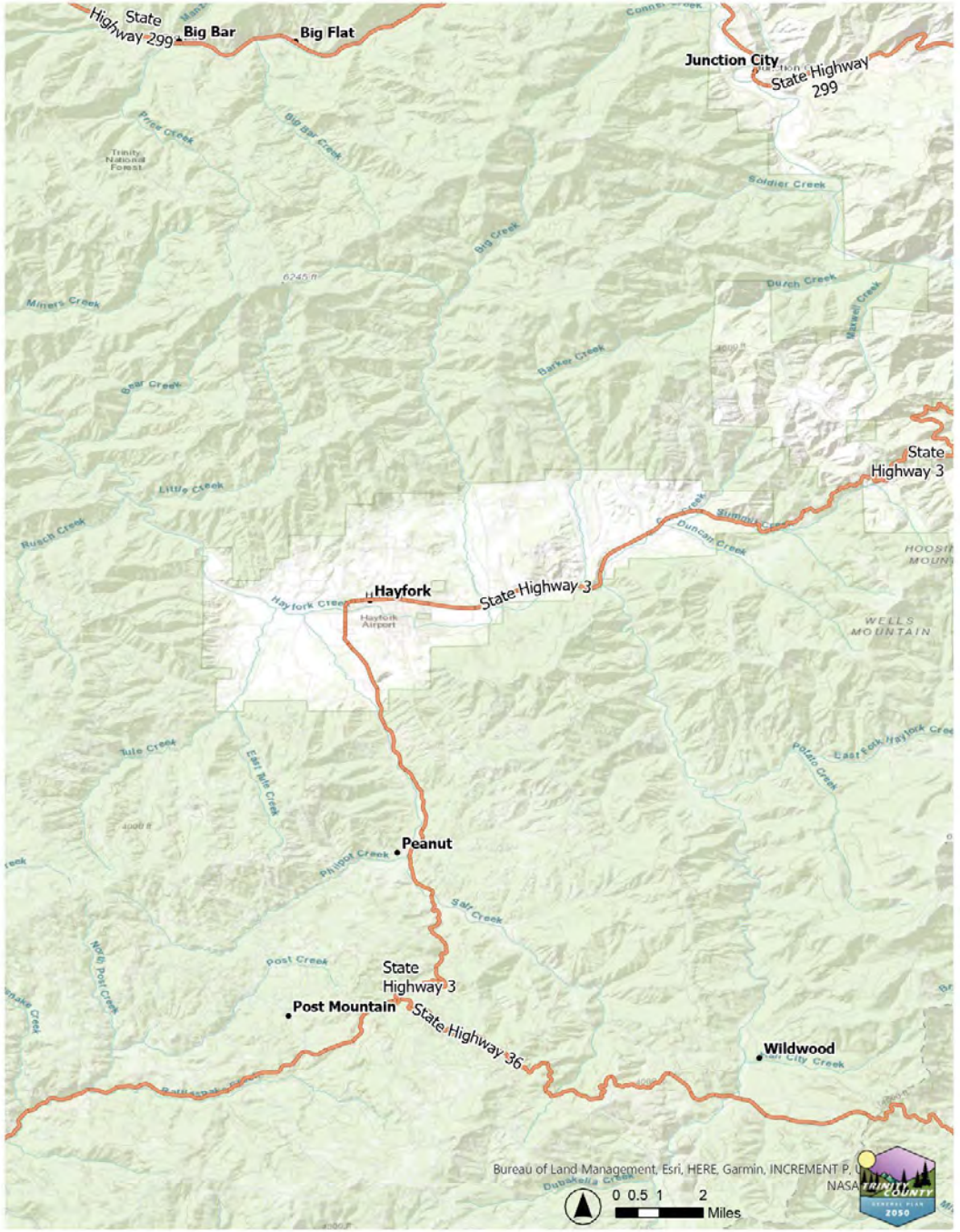

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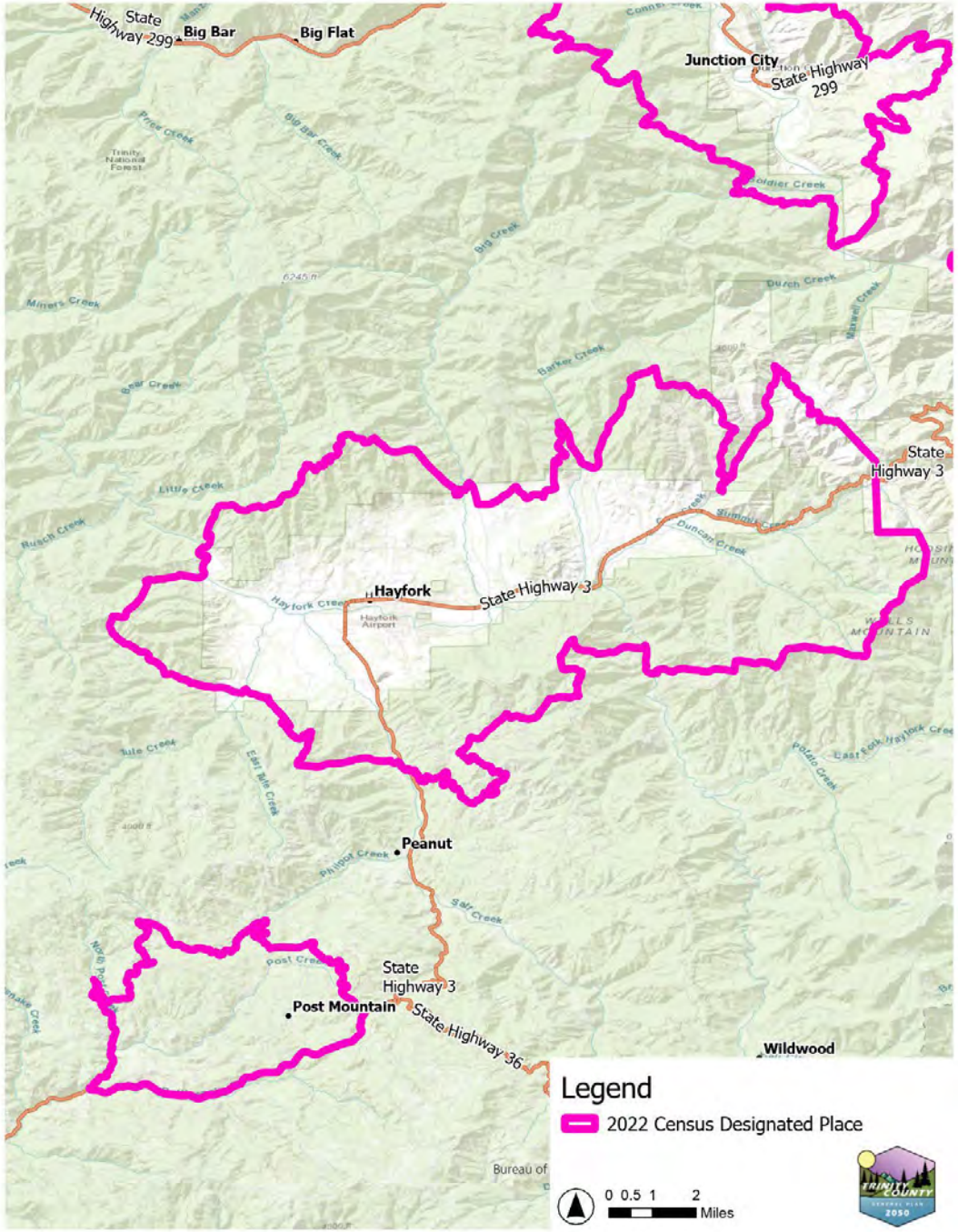

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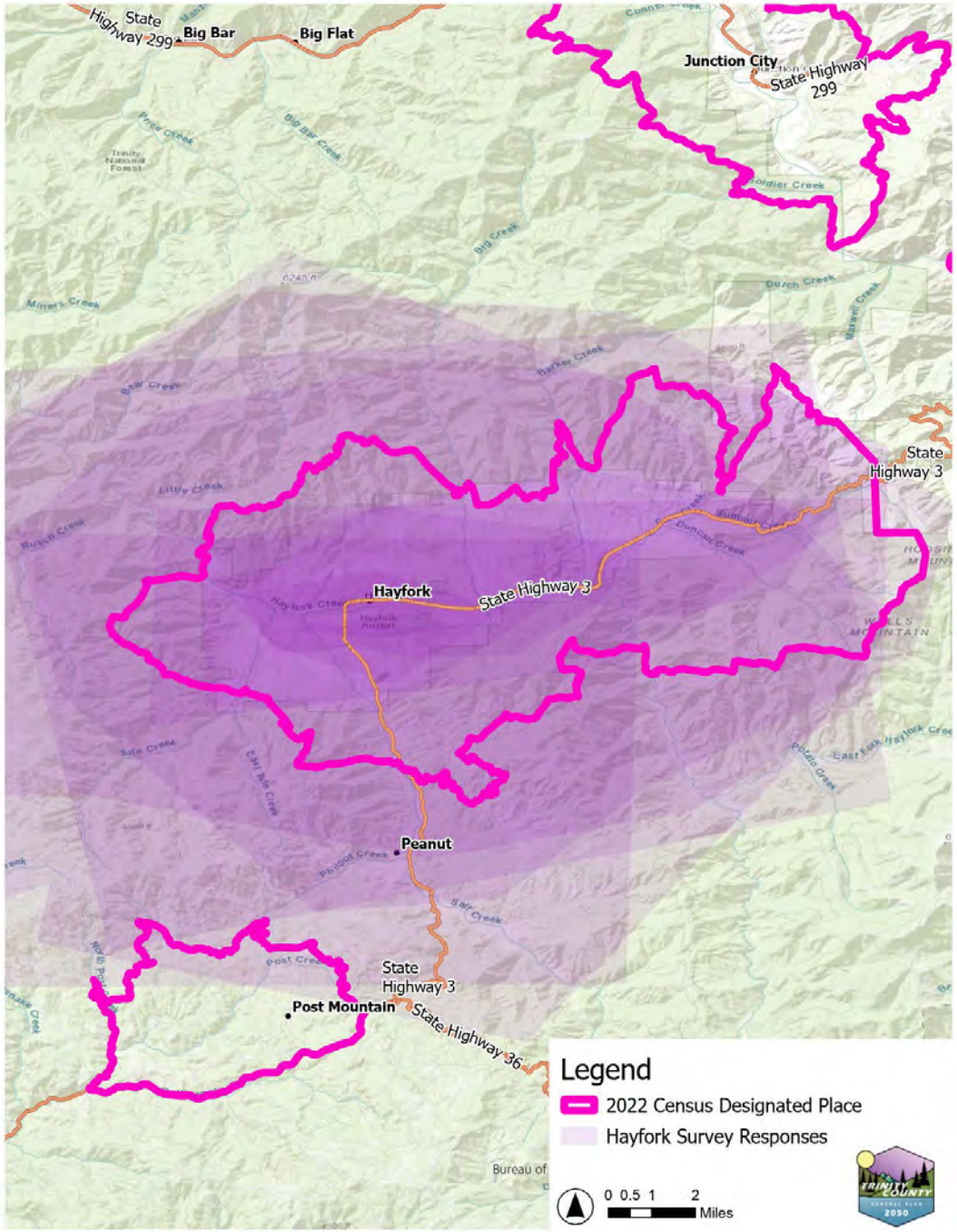
- Community responses



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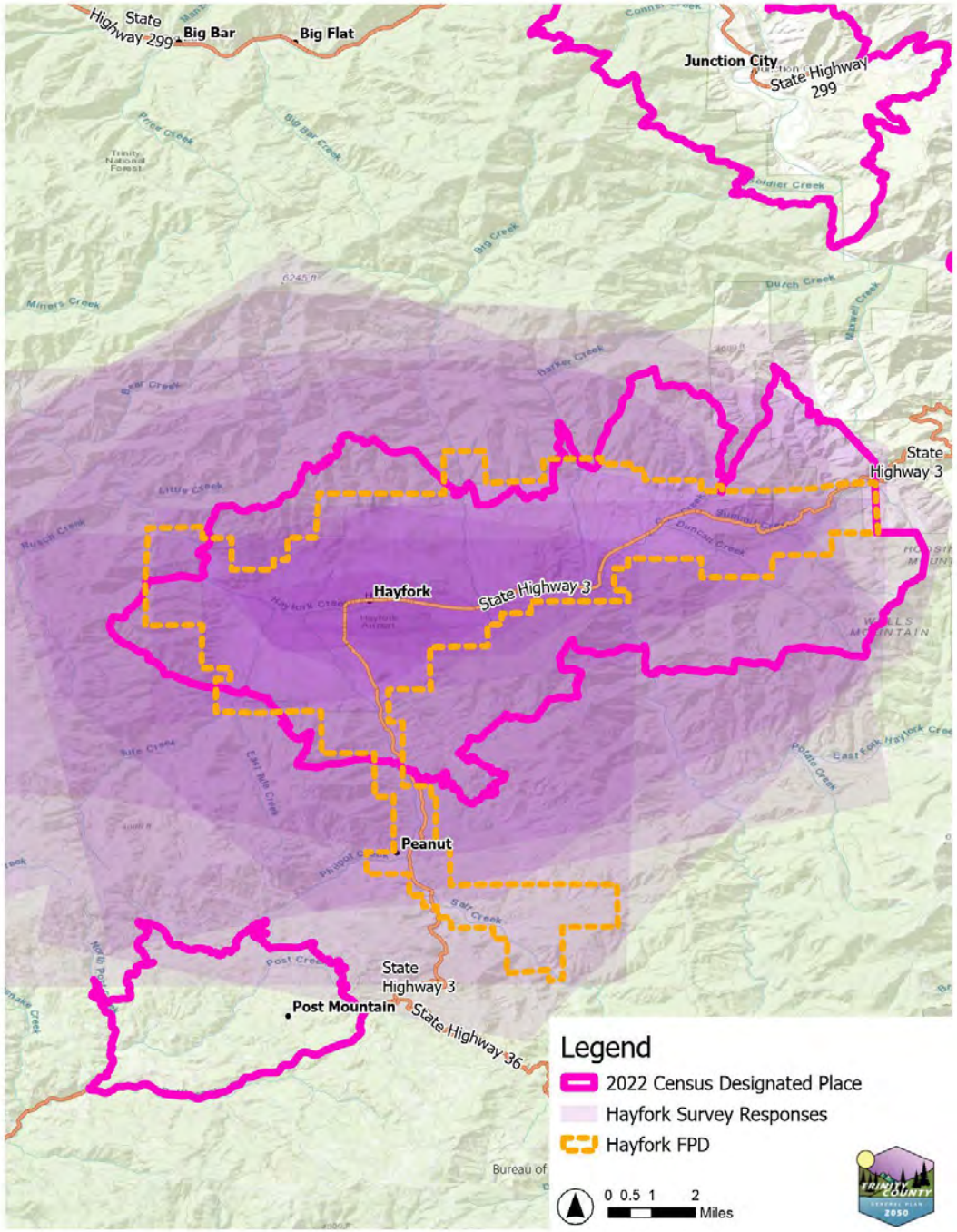
- Community responses
- FPD



Hayfork

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses
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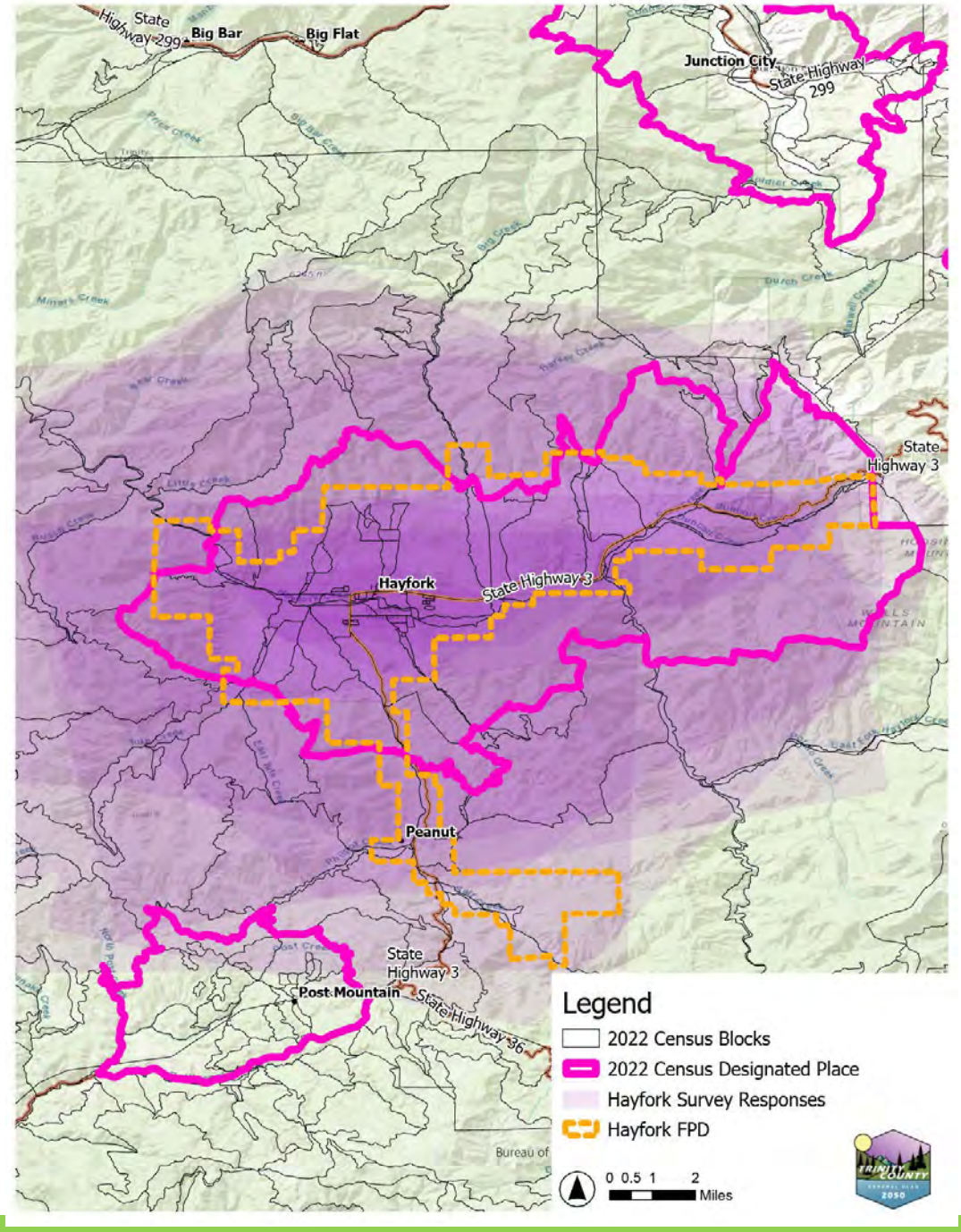

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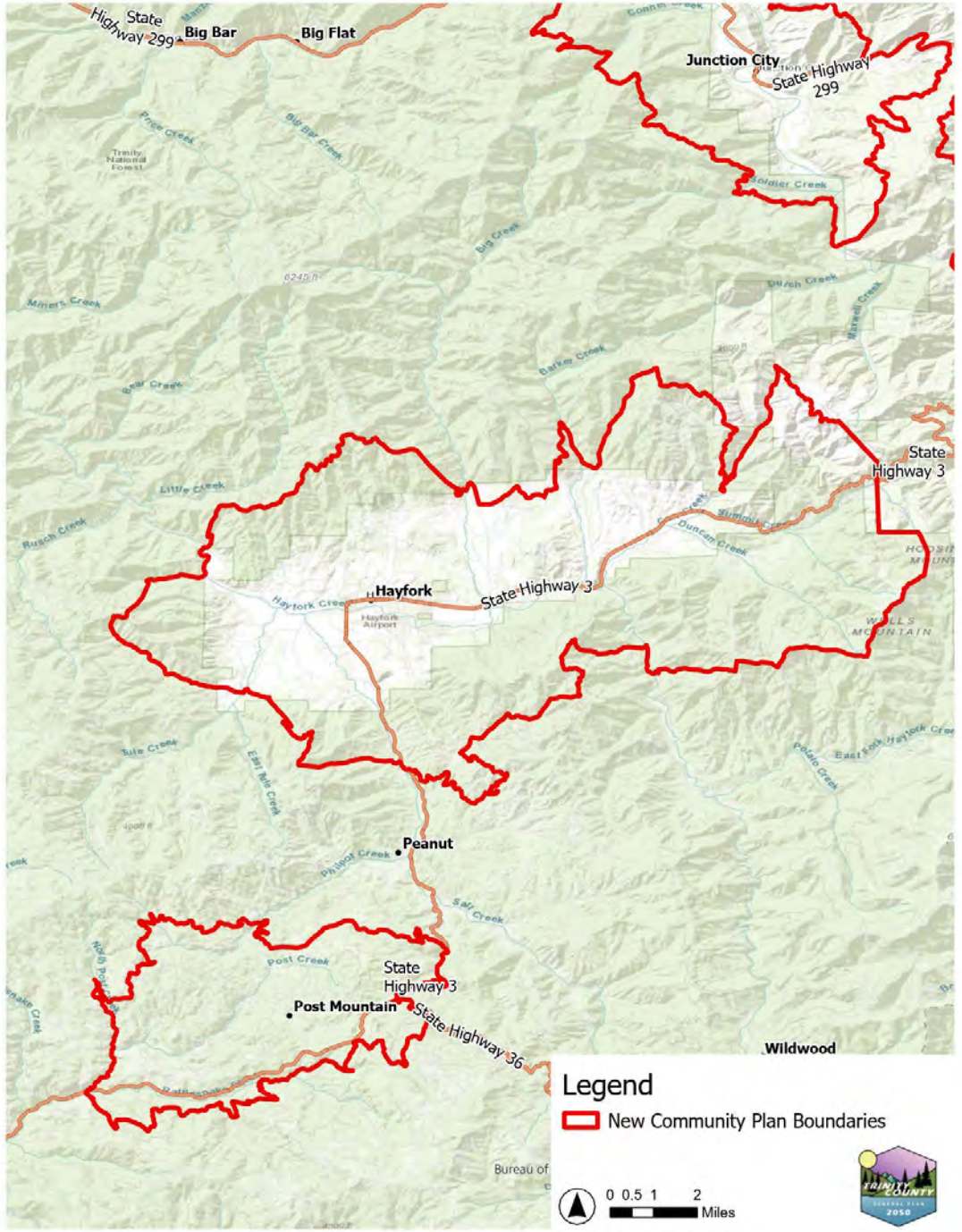

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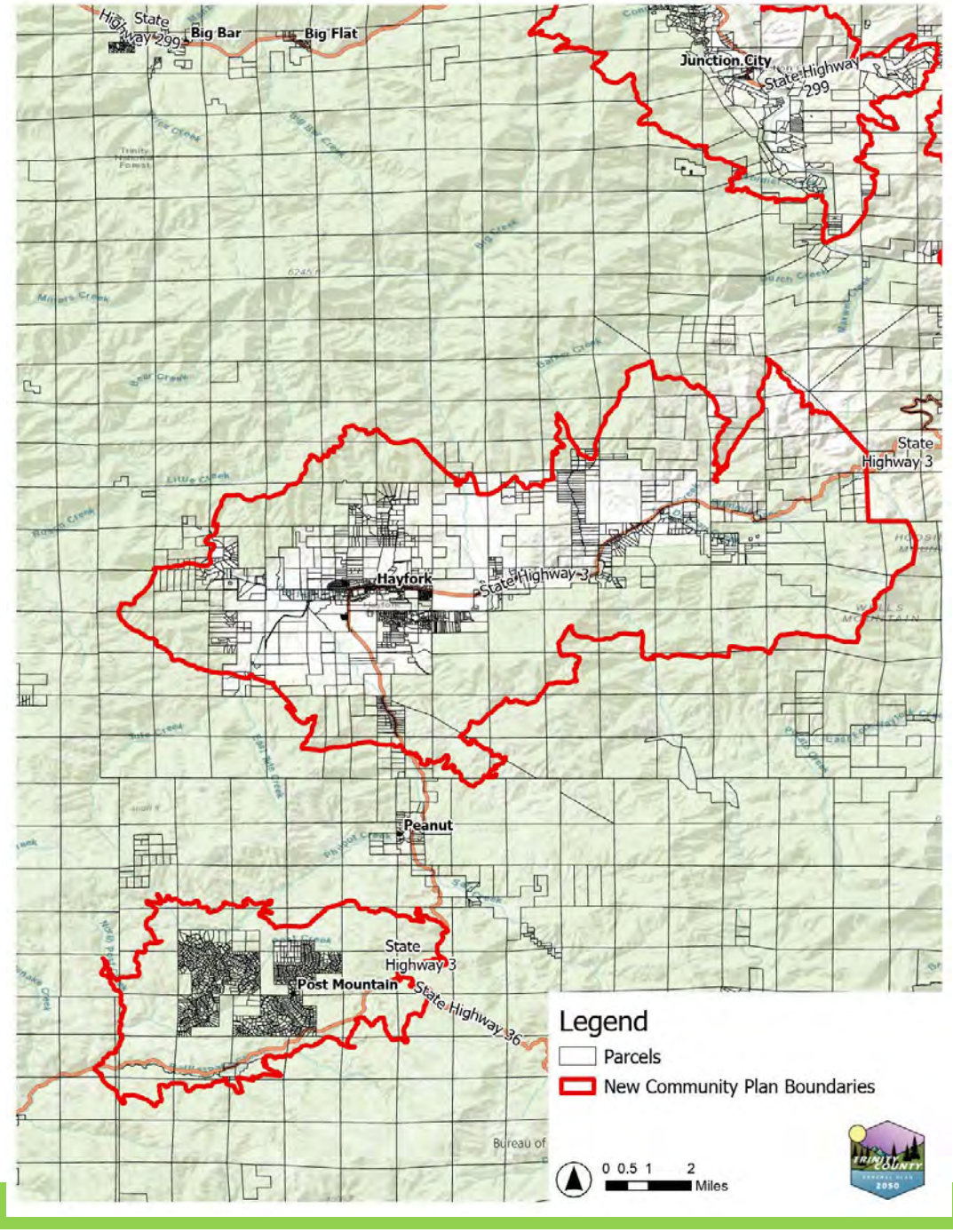
- With parcels



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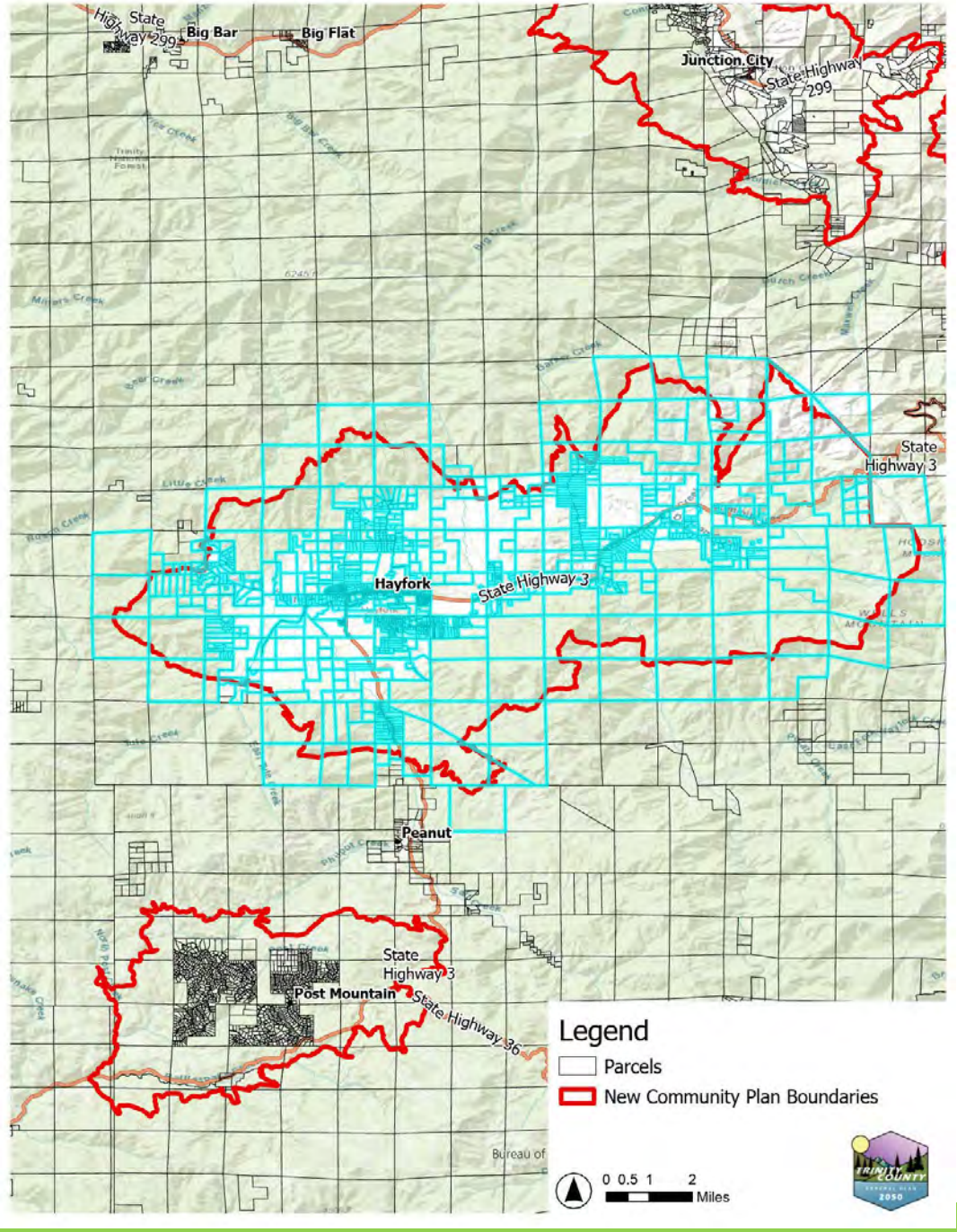
Proposed Community Plan boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



Hayfork

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- Recommended community plan boundary includes:
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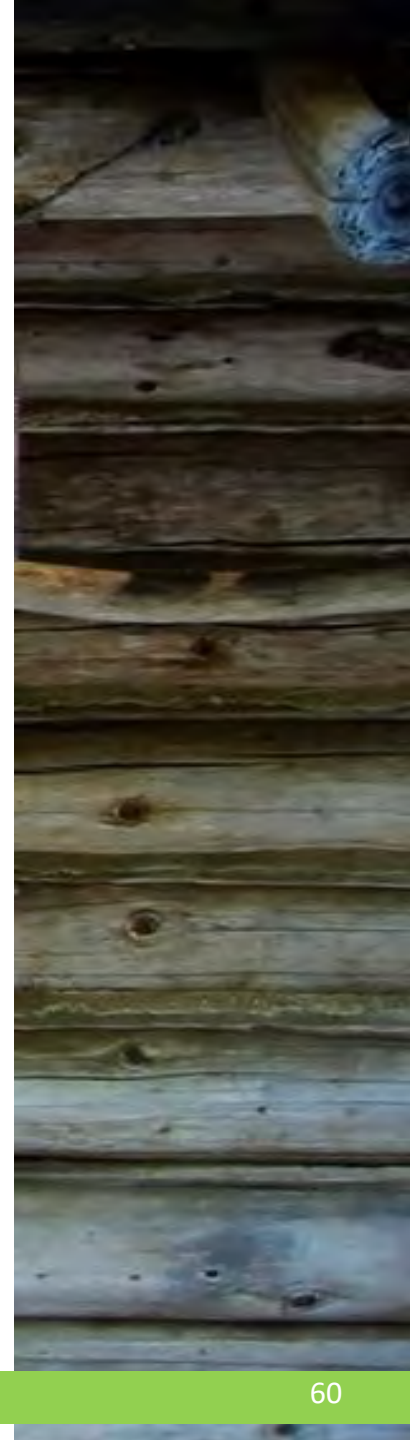
  2. 63,518 acres of land



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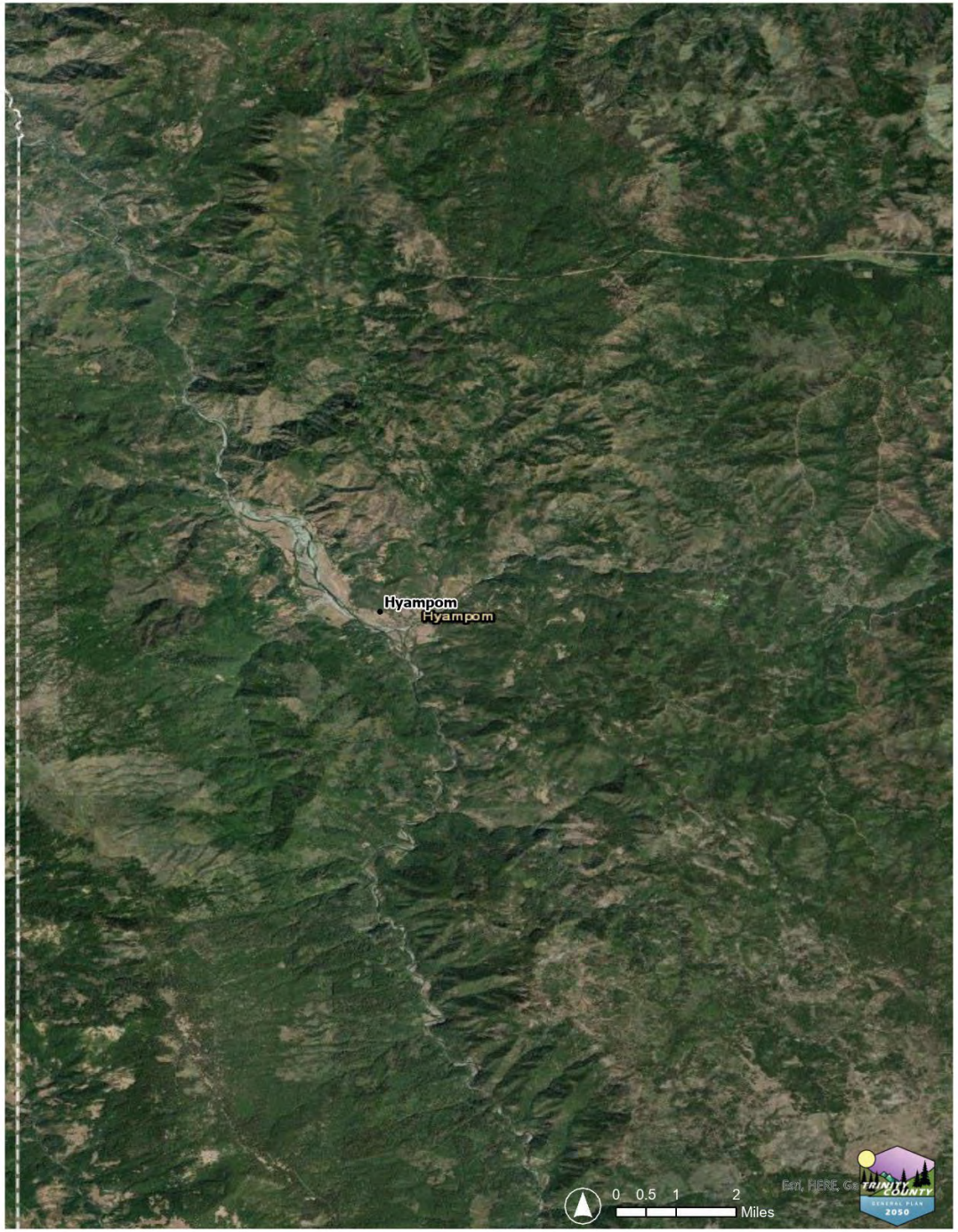

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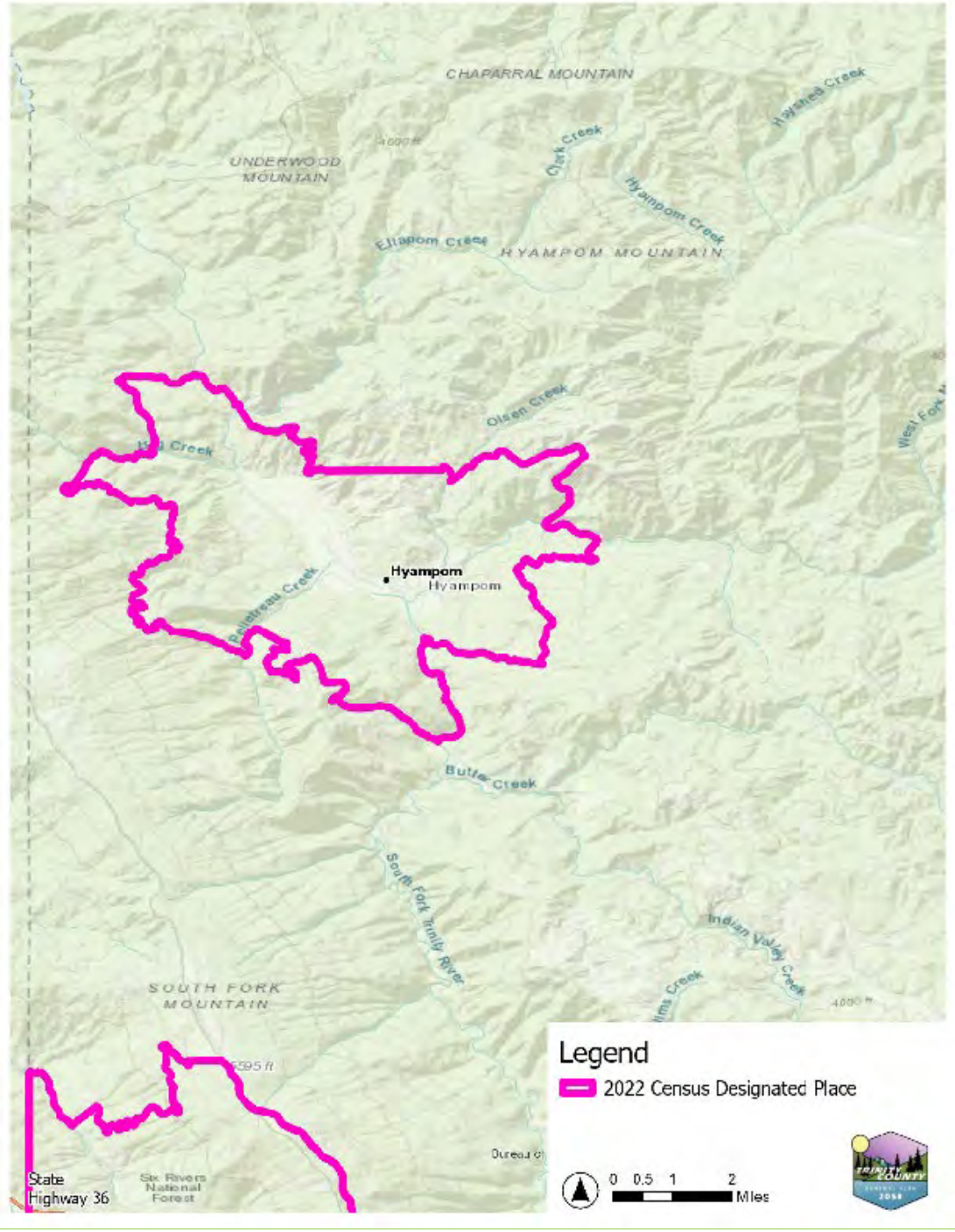
Basemap with CDP



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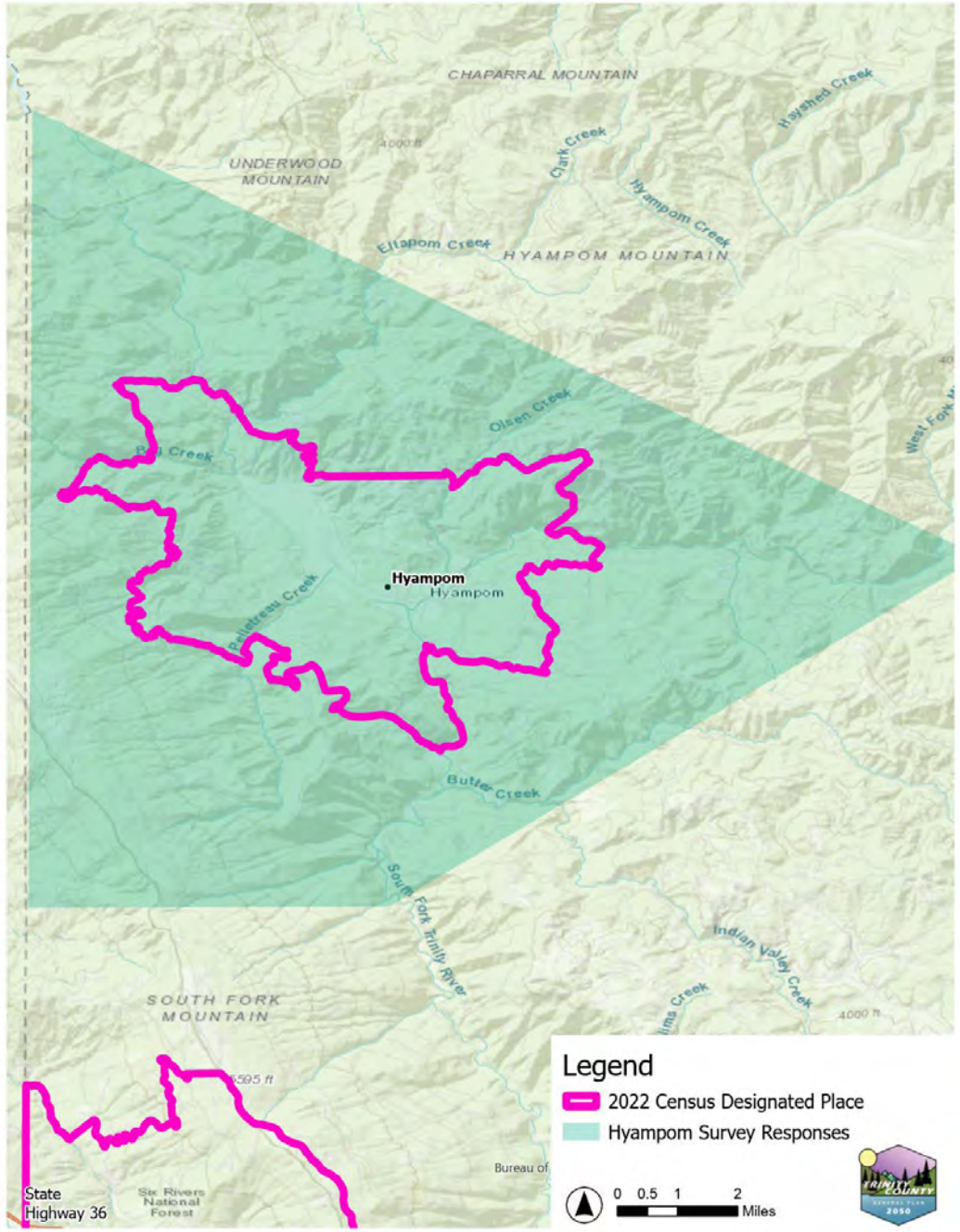

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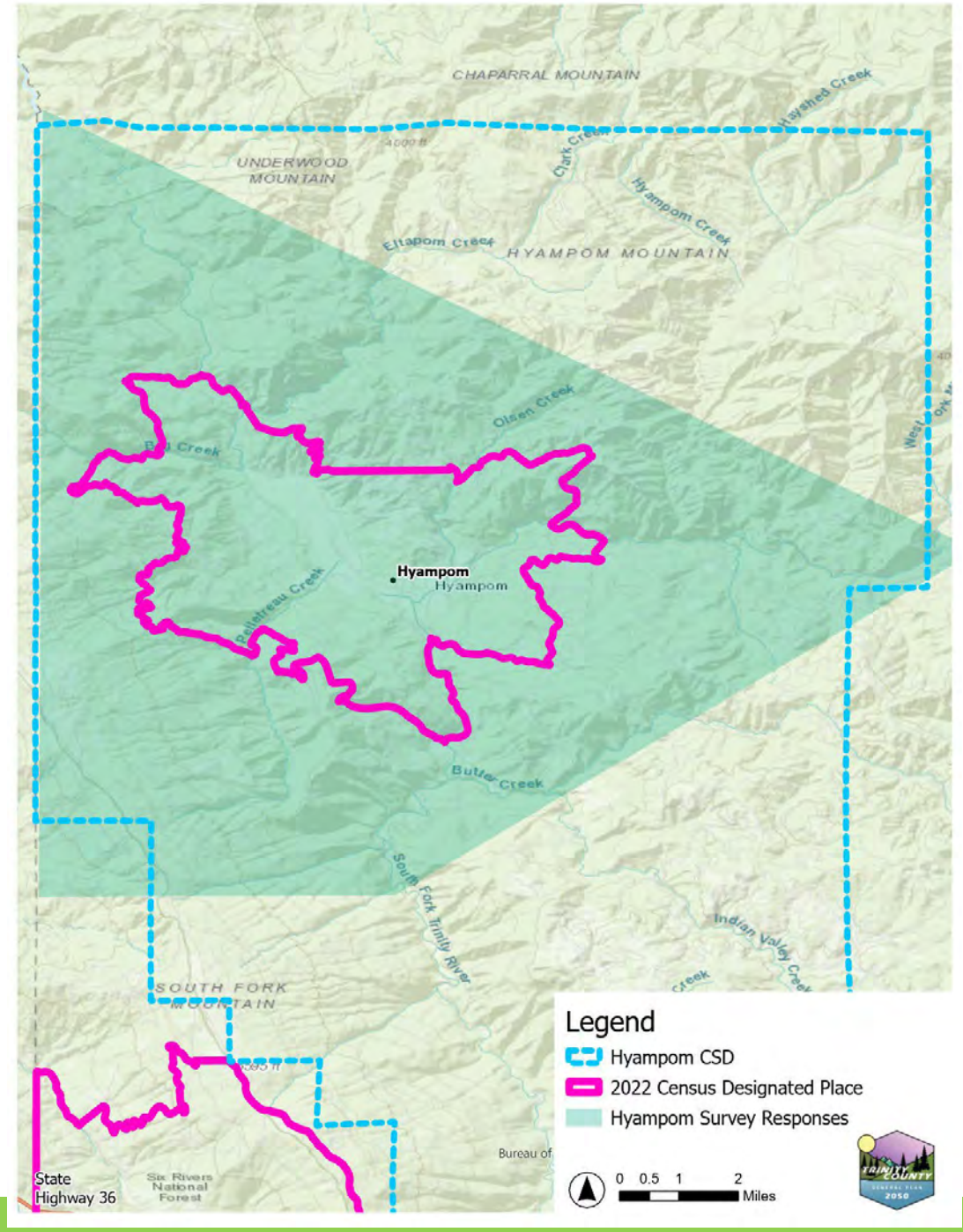

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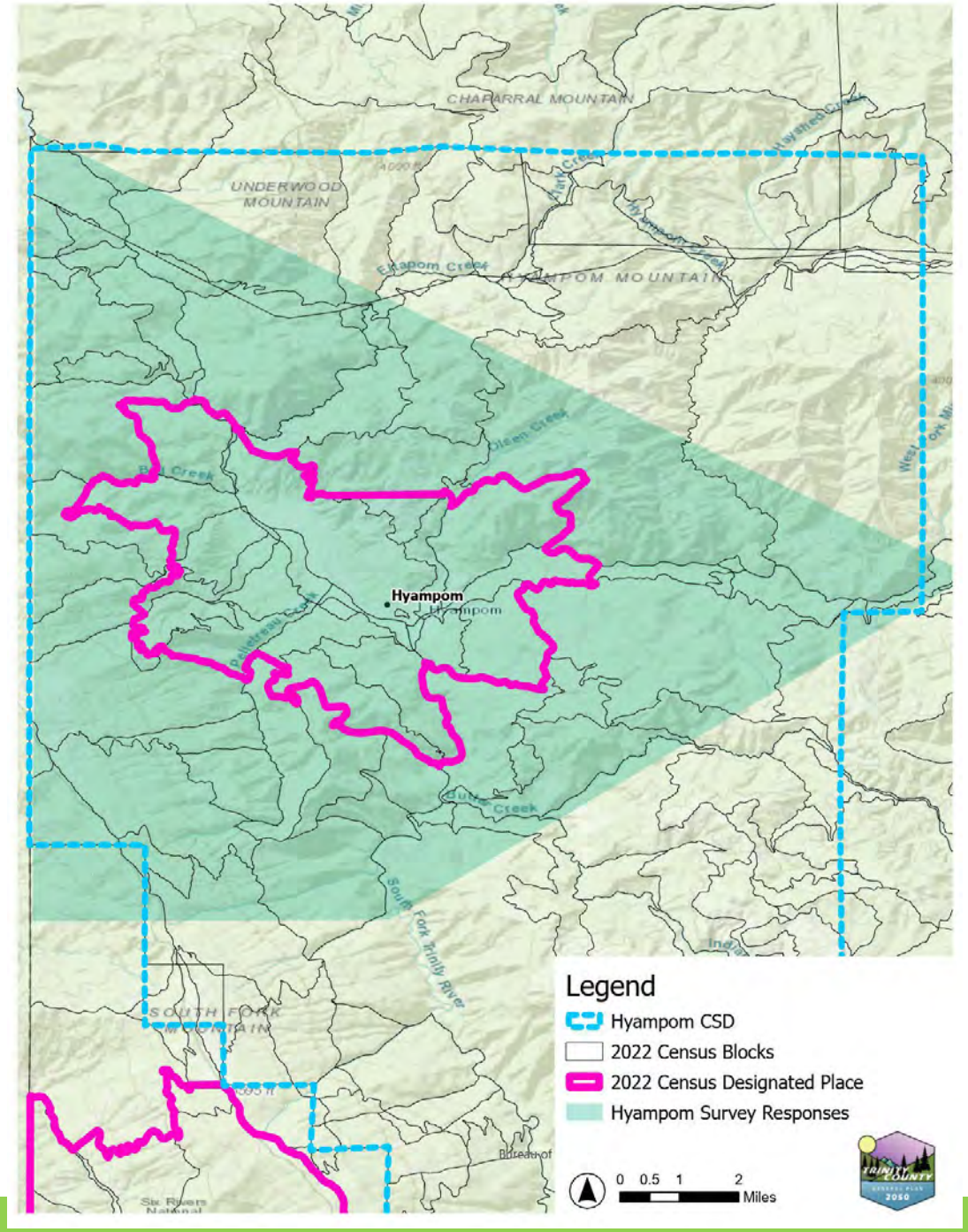

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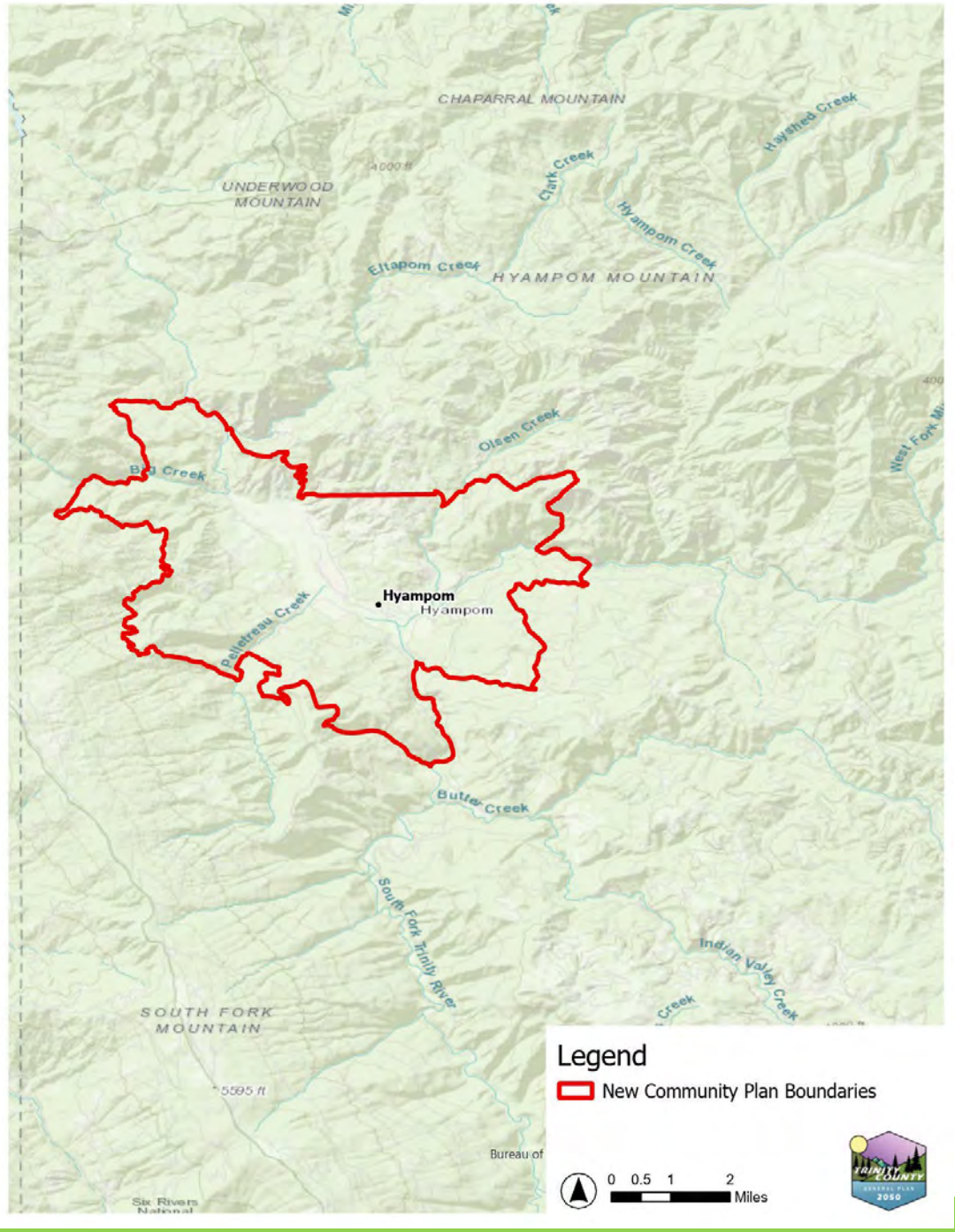

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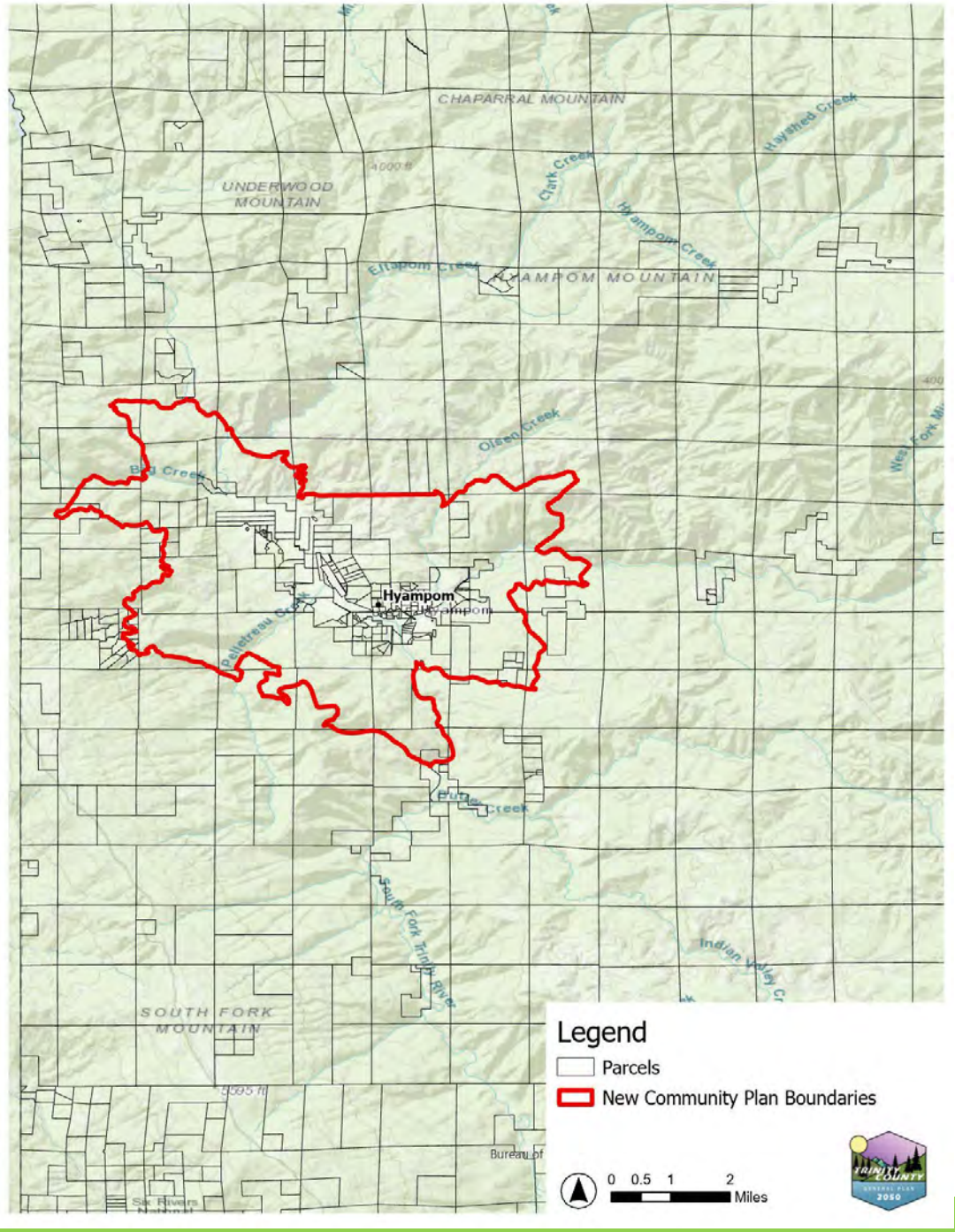
Proposed plan boundary

- With parcels



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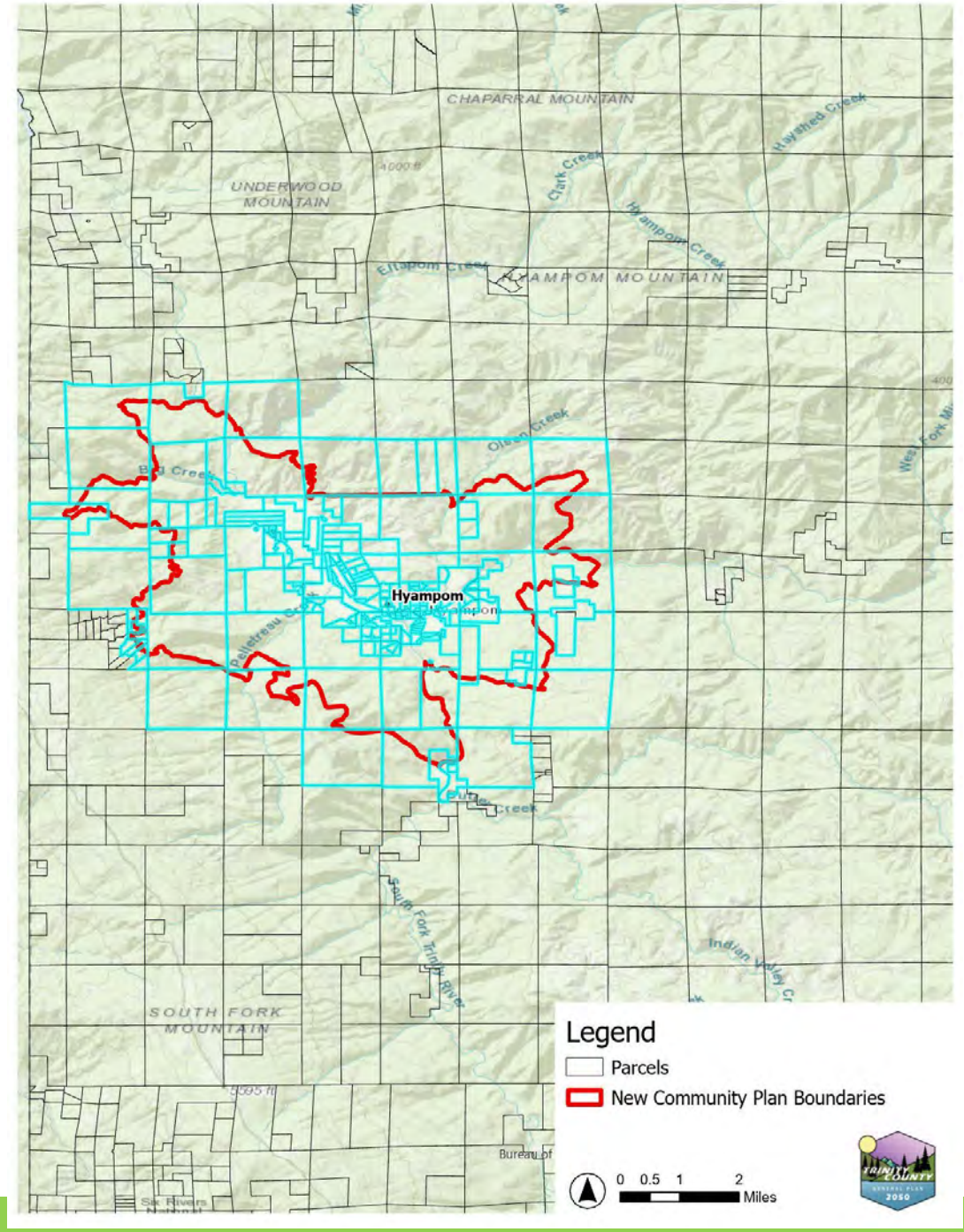
- With parcels included in Plan boundary



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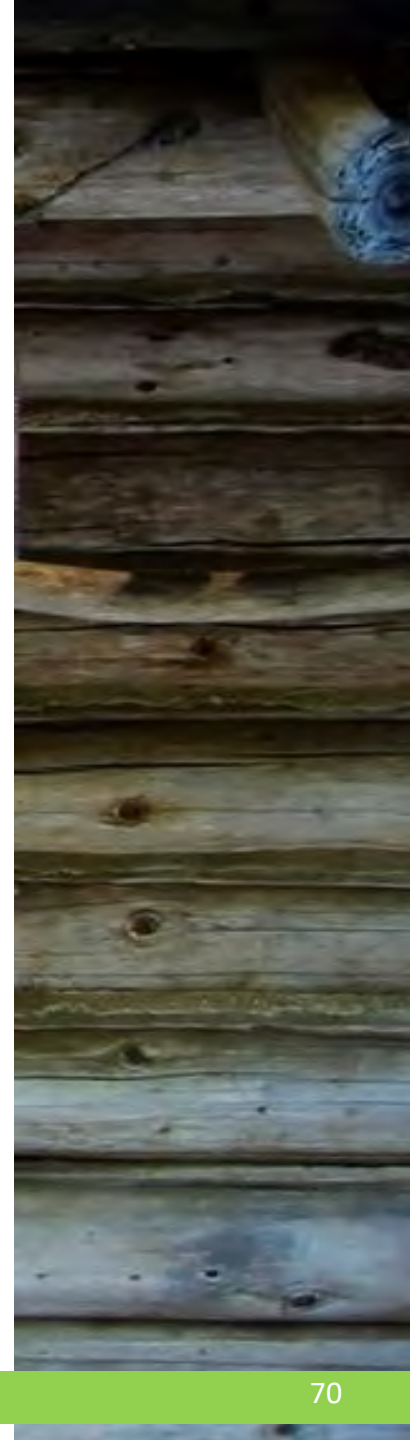

Junction City

Aerial

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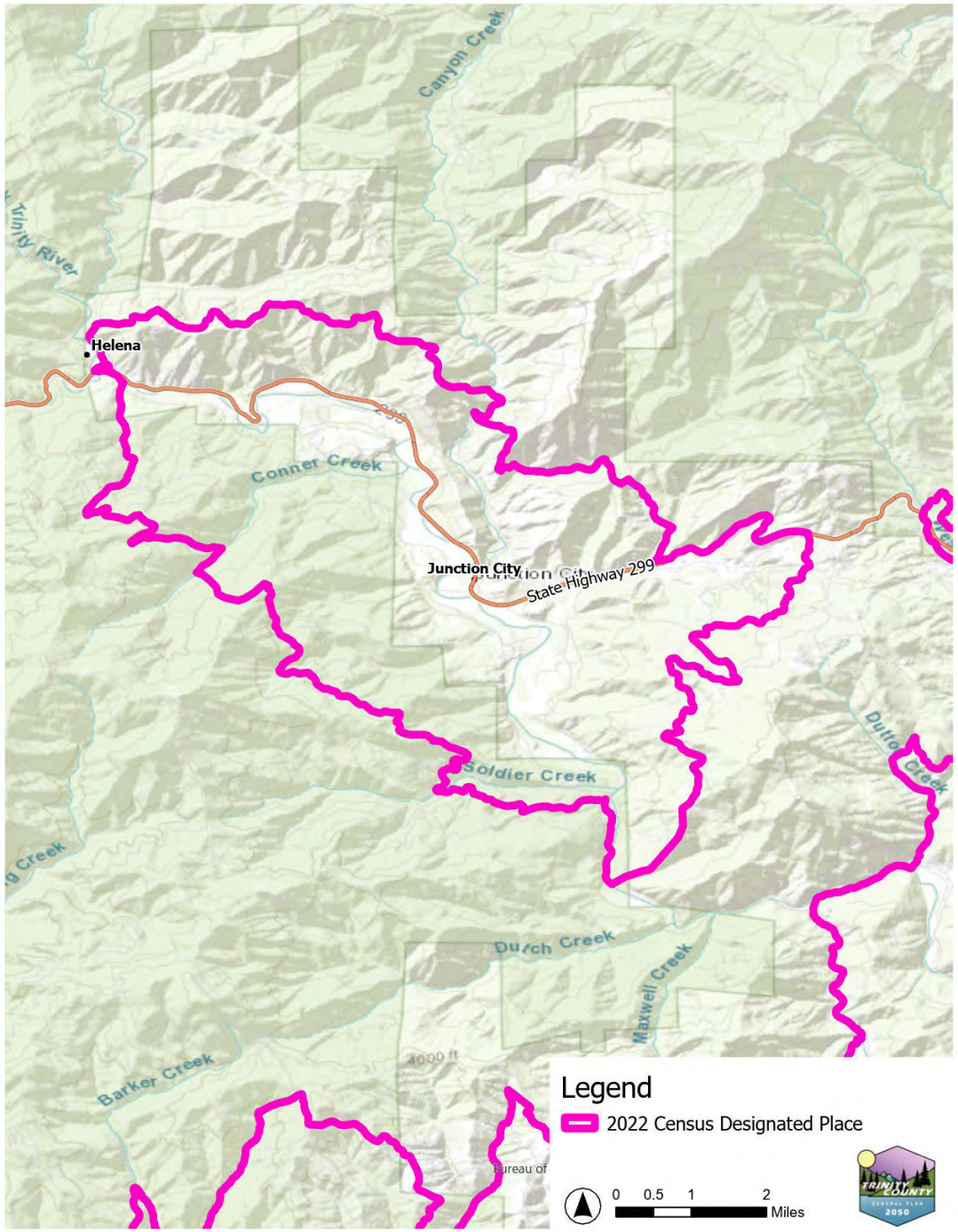
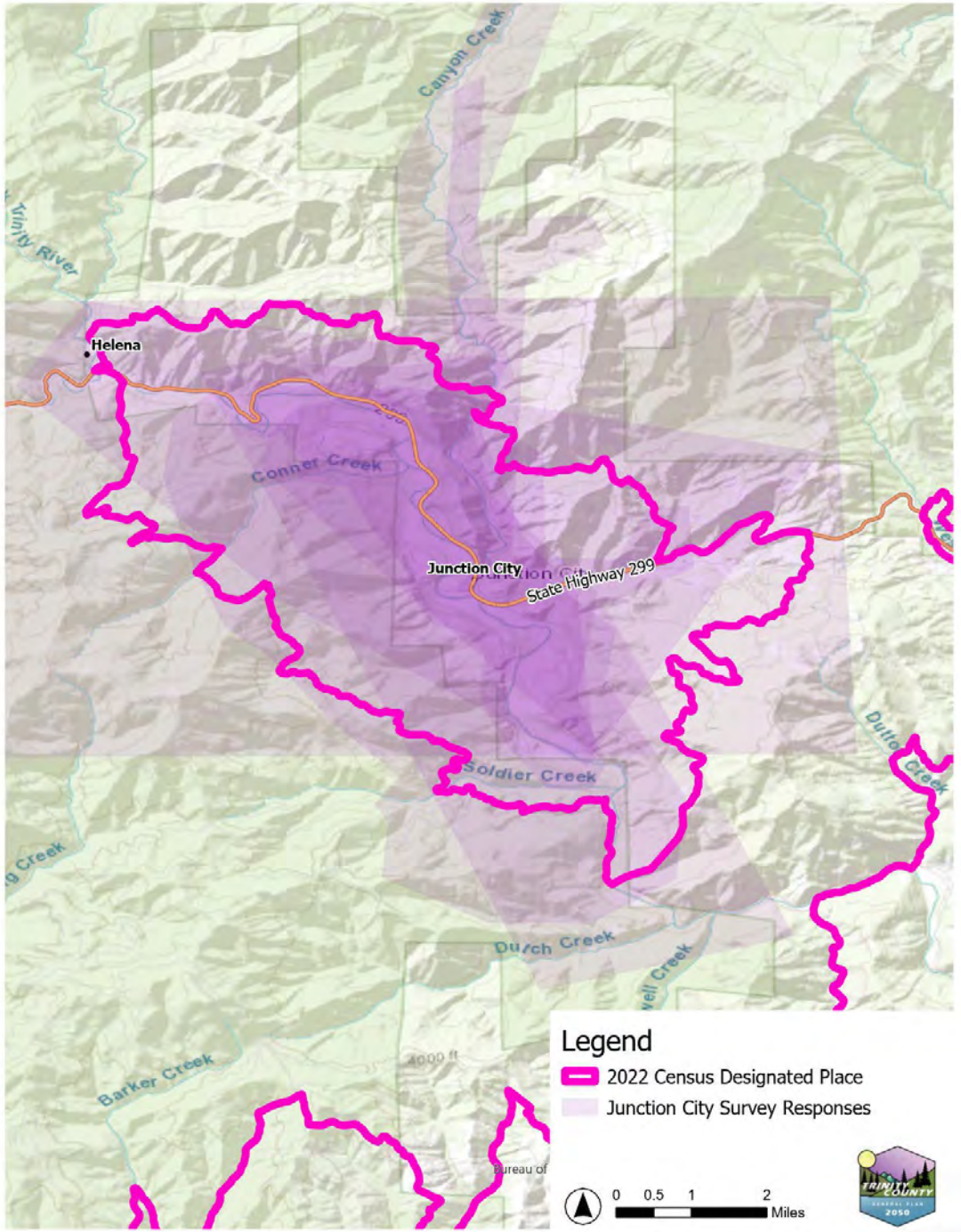


Junction City

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses



Junction City

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses
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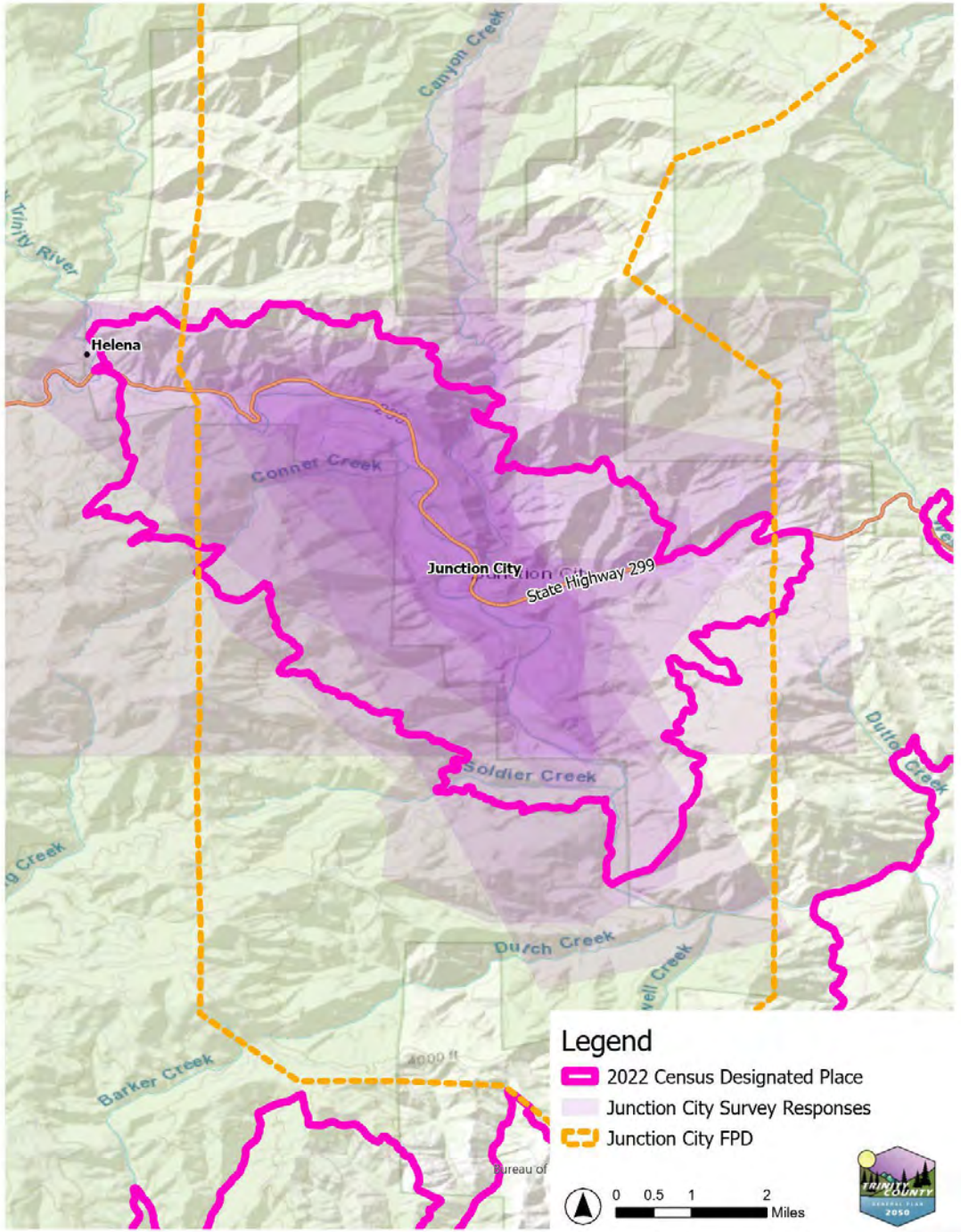

Junction City

Basemap with CDP

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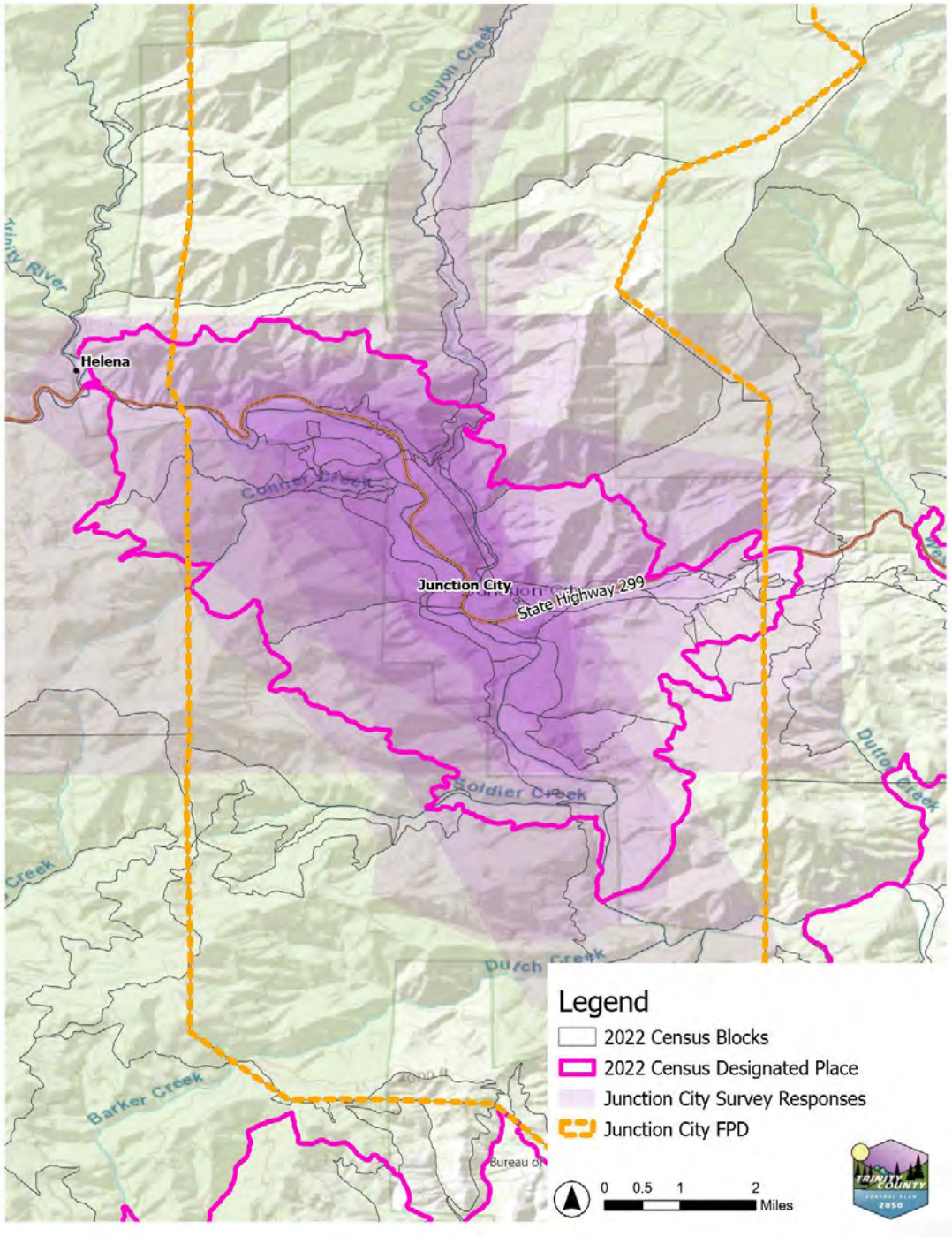
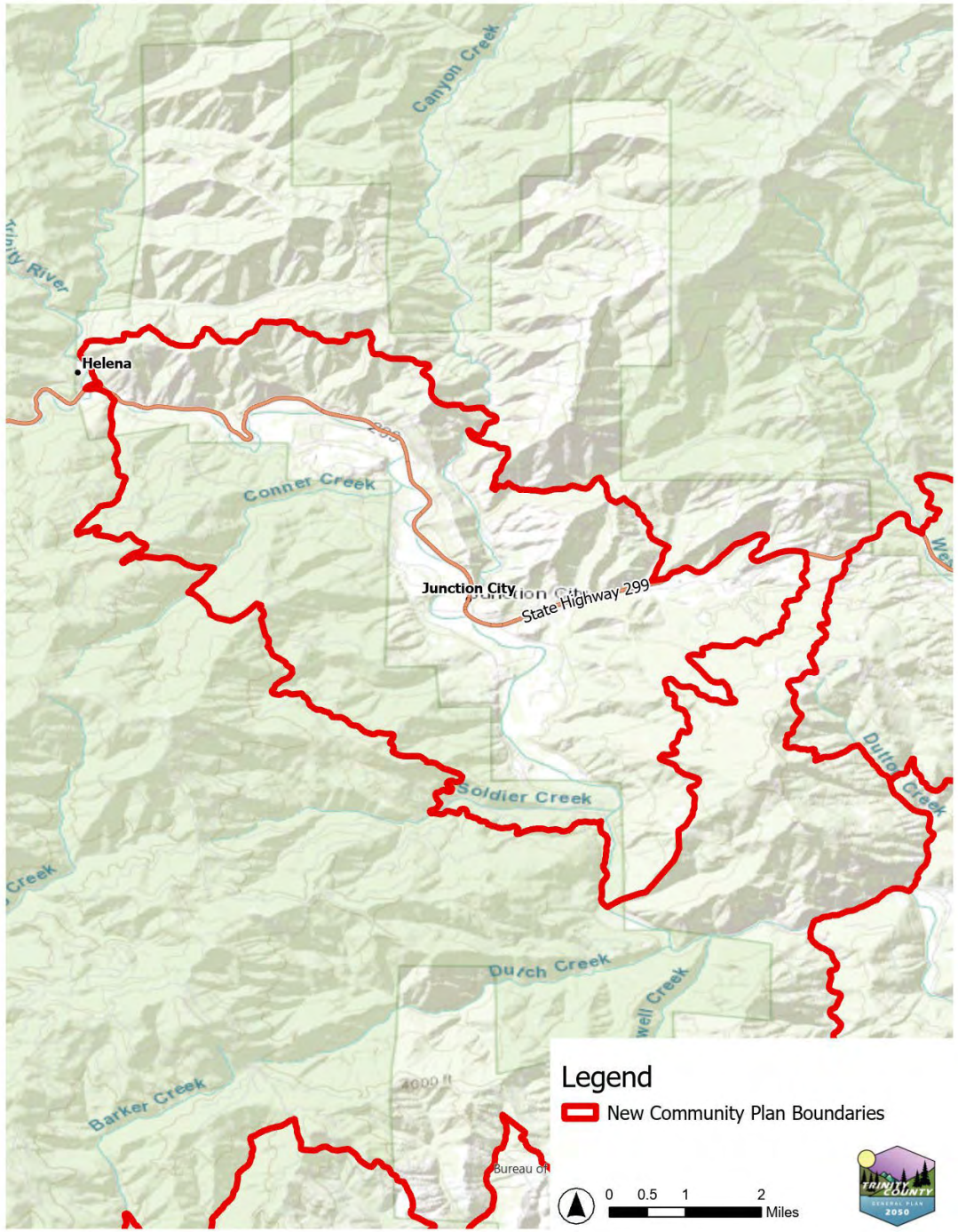


Junction City

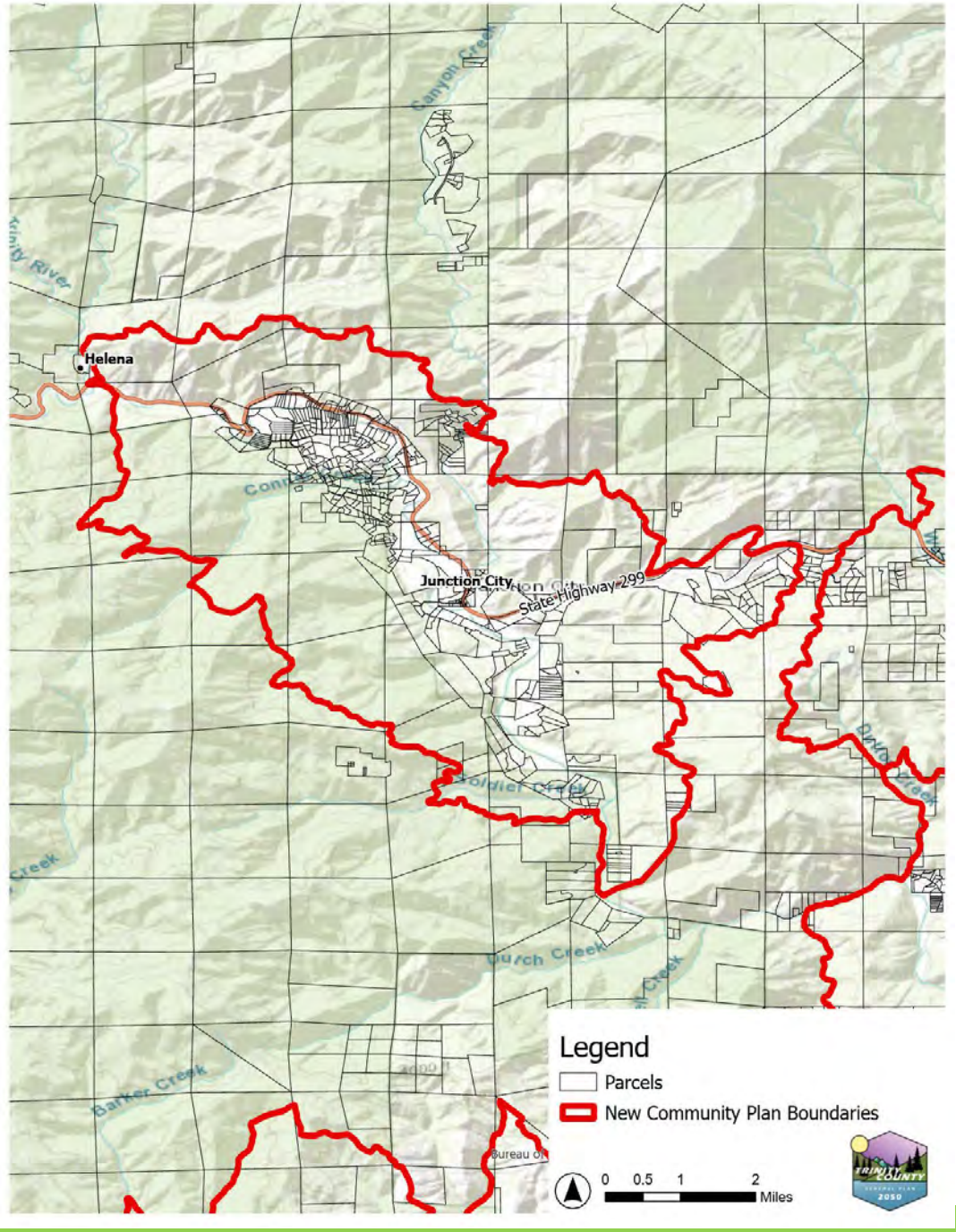
Proposed Plan boundary



Junction City

Proposed Plan boundary

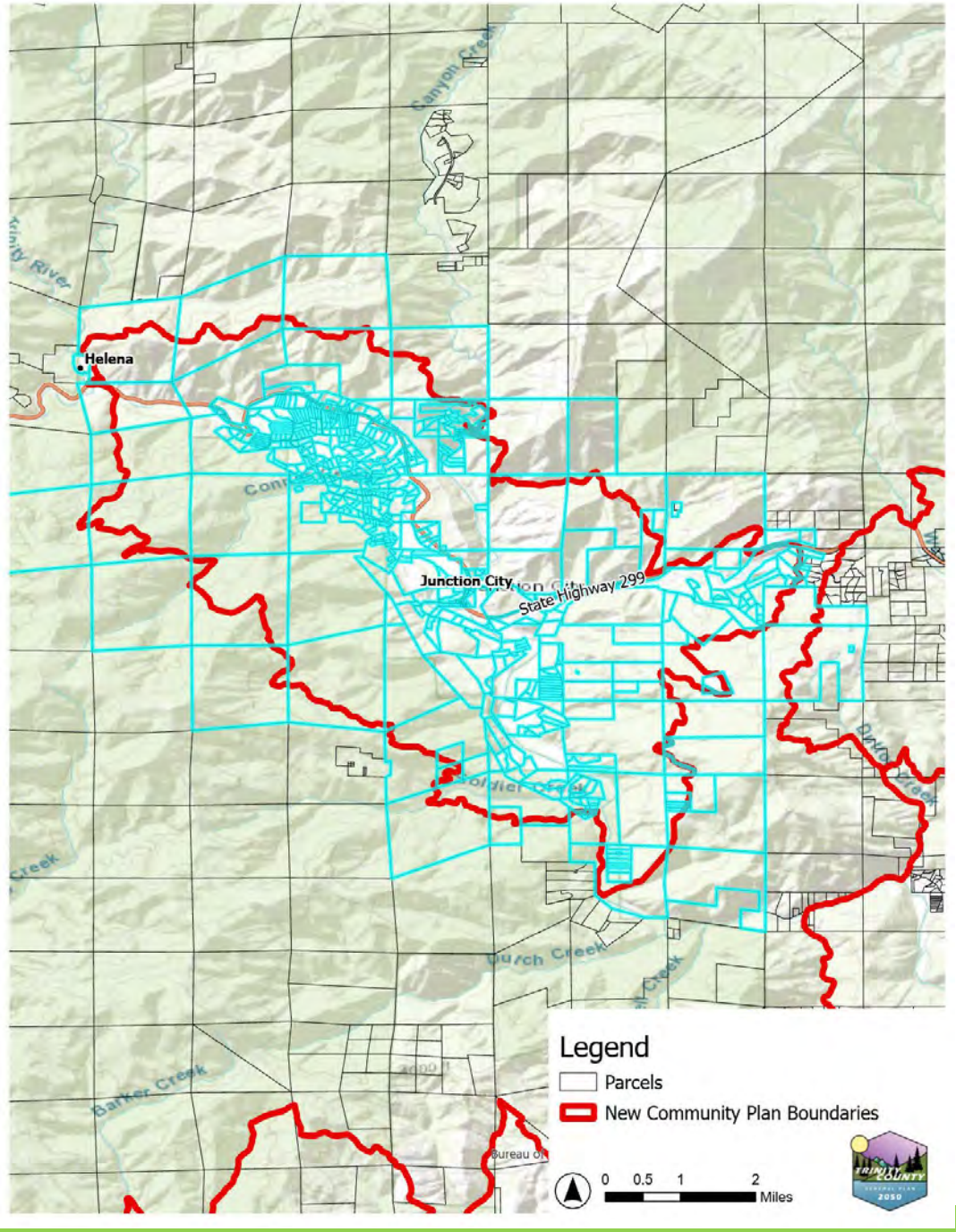
- With parcels



Junction City

Proposed Plan boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



Junction City

- Existing community plan
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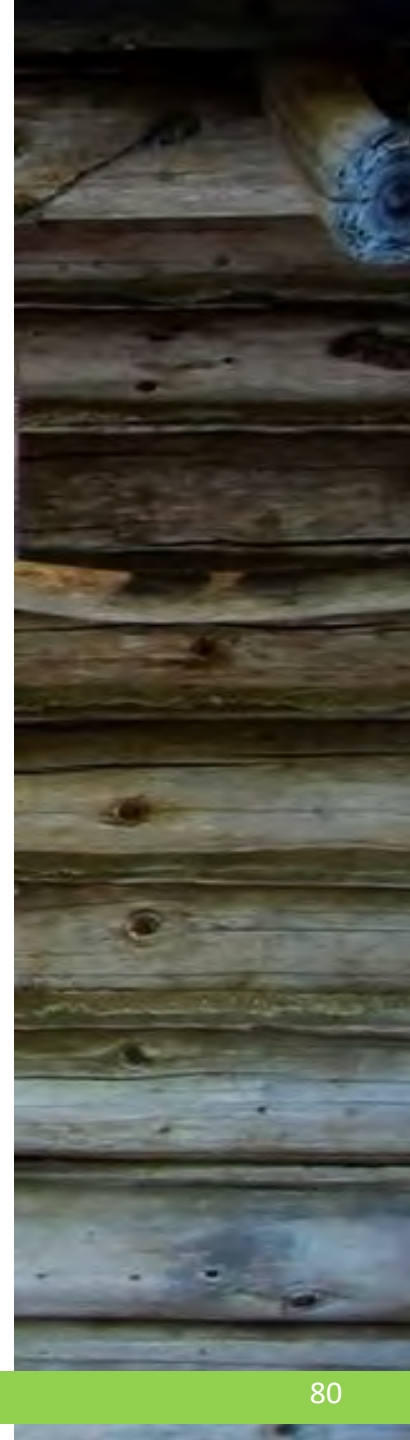
  2. 27,918 acres of land

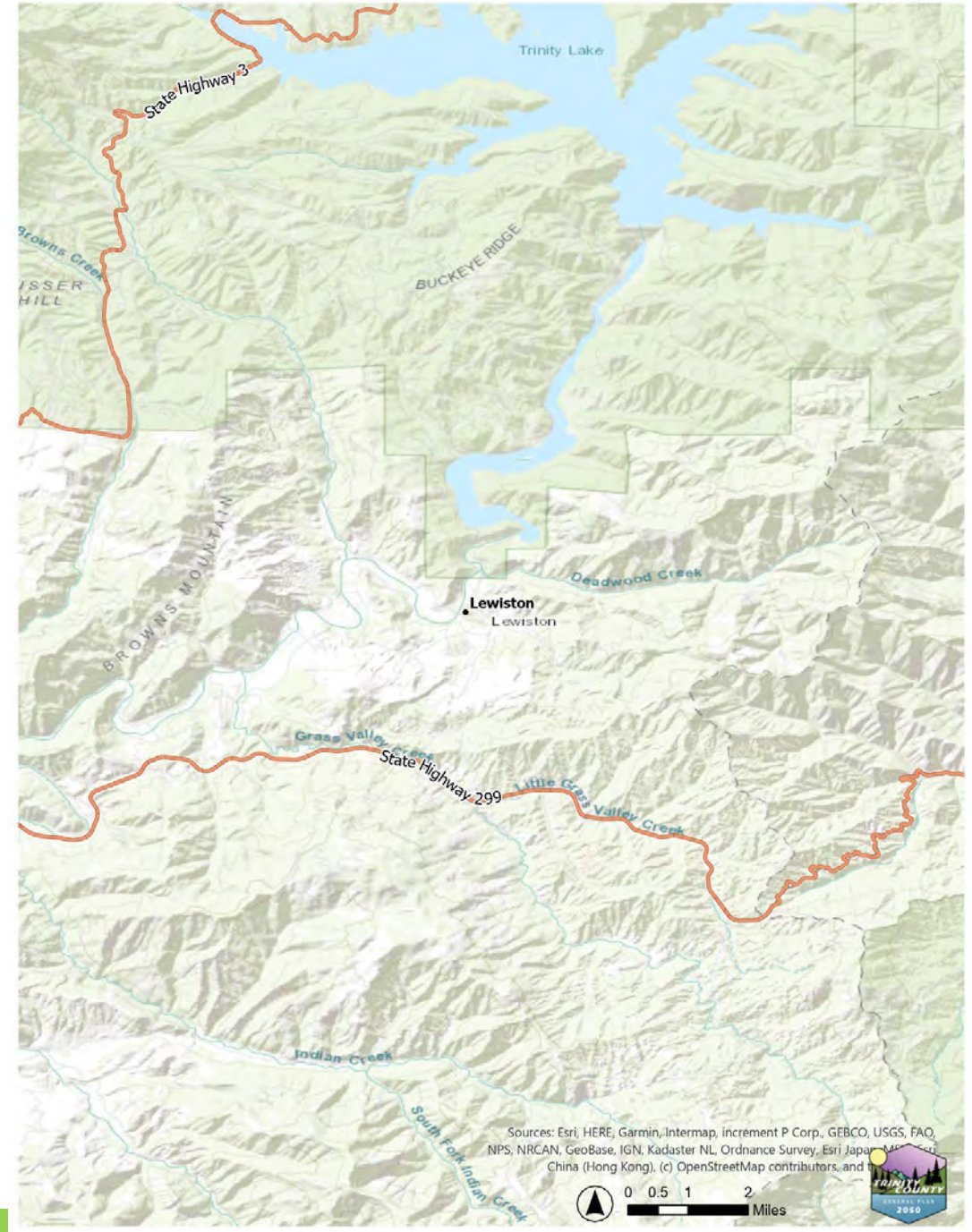


Lewiston

Aerial

Lewiston

Basemap



Lewiston

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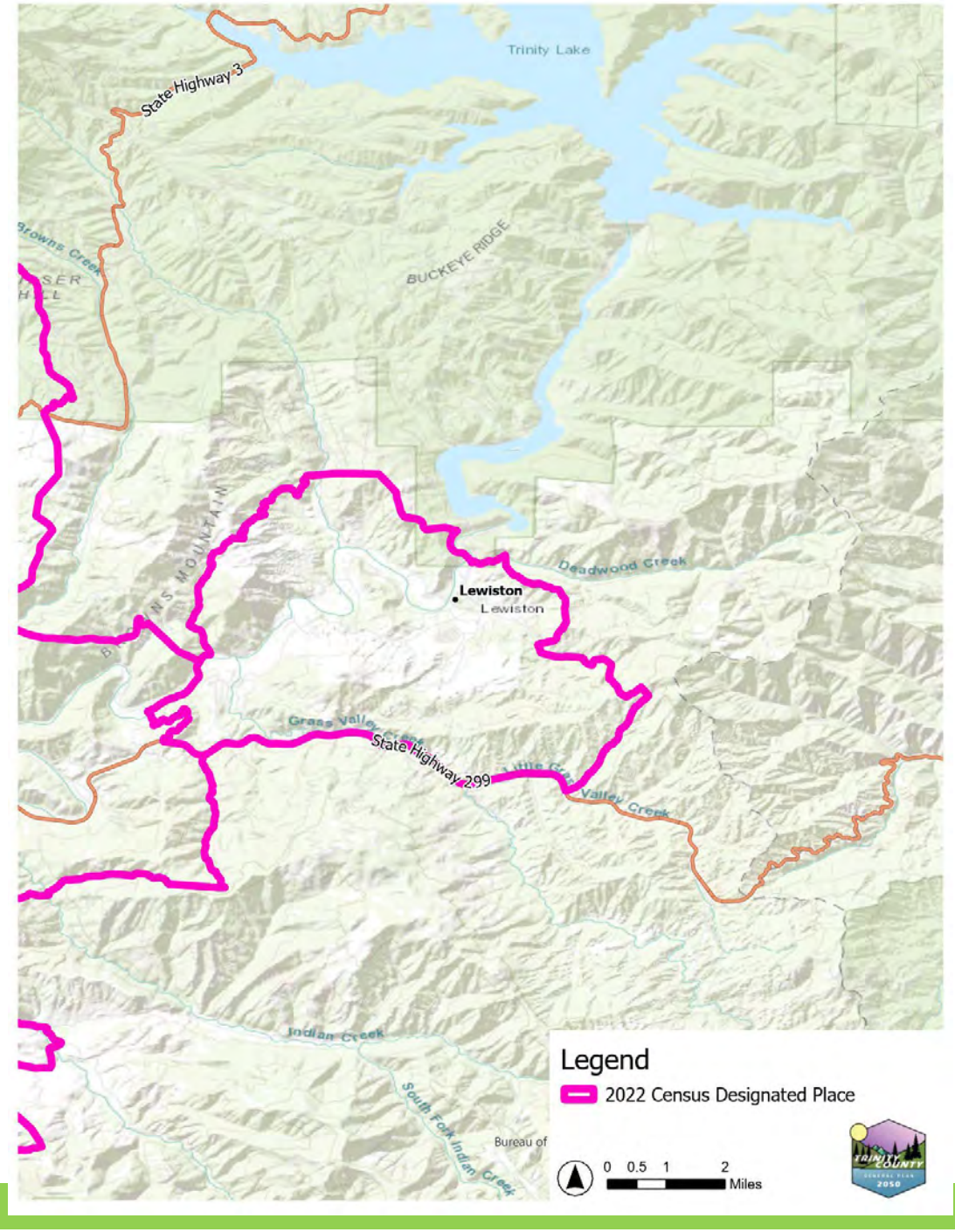
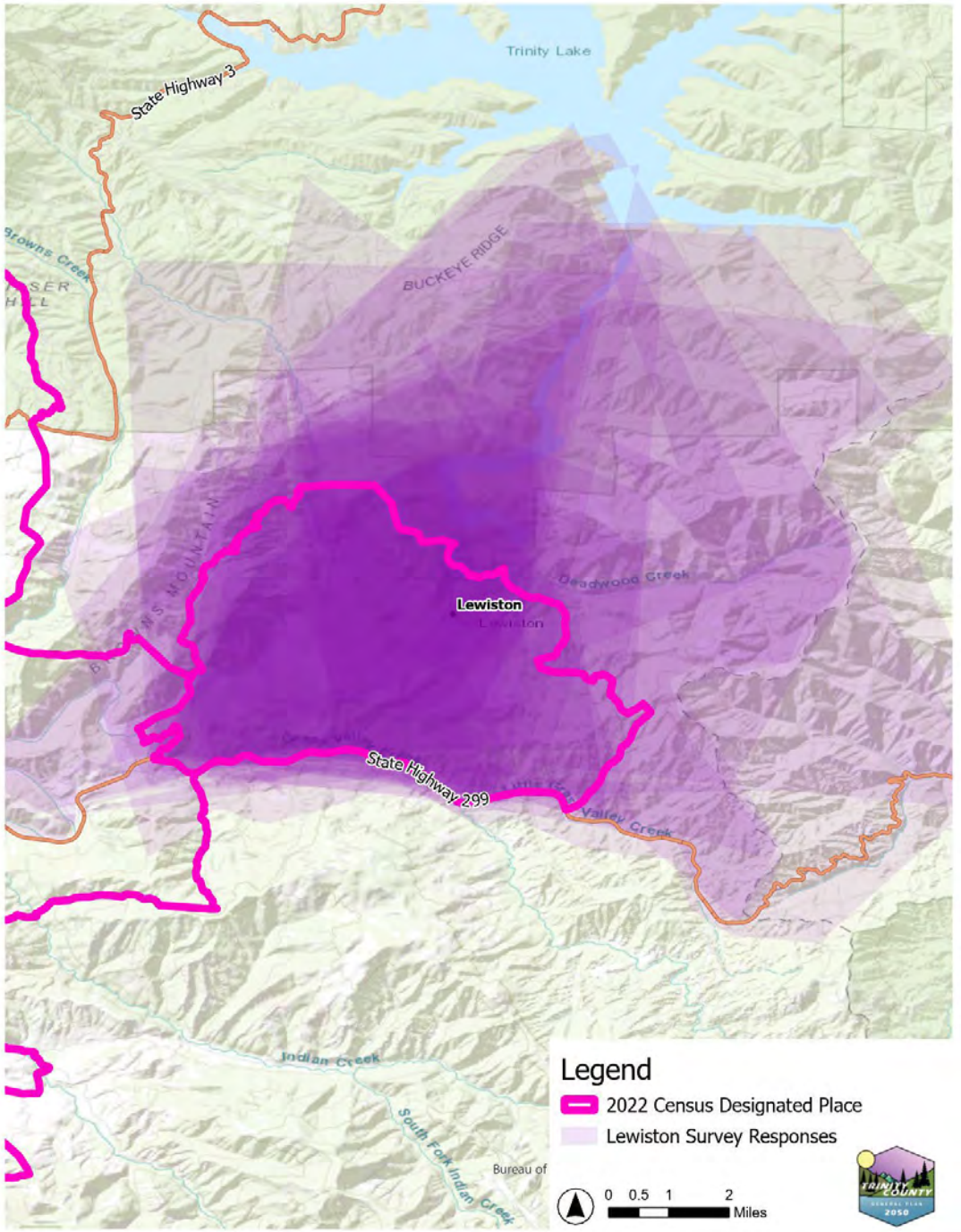


Lewiston

Basemap with CDP

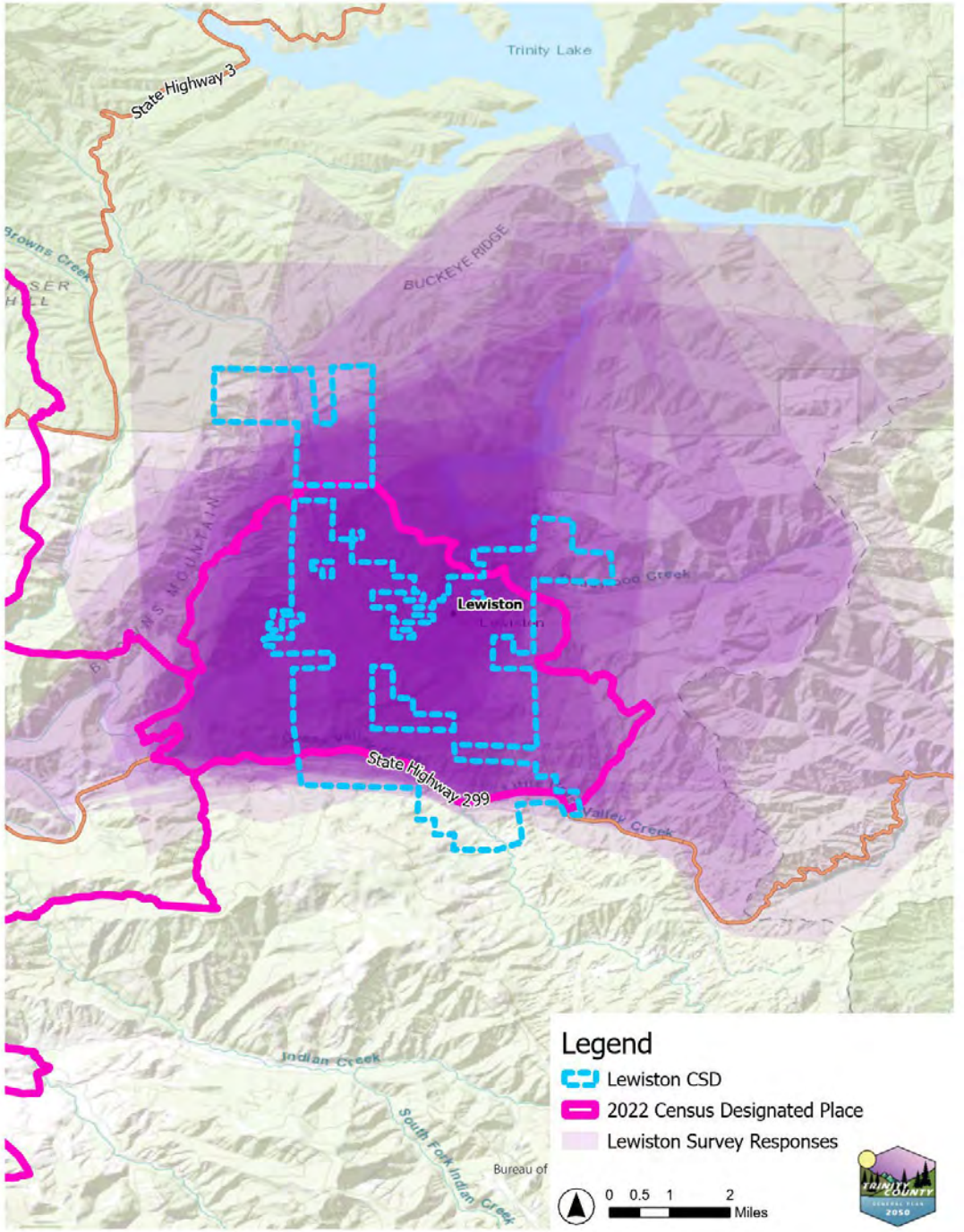
- Community responses



Lewiston

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses
- CSD



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Basemap with CDP

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- CSD
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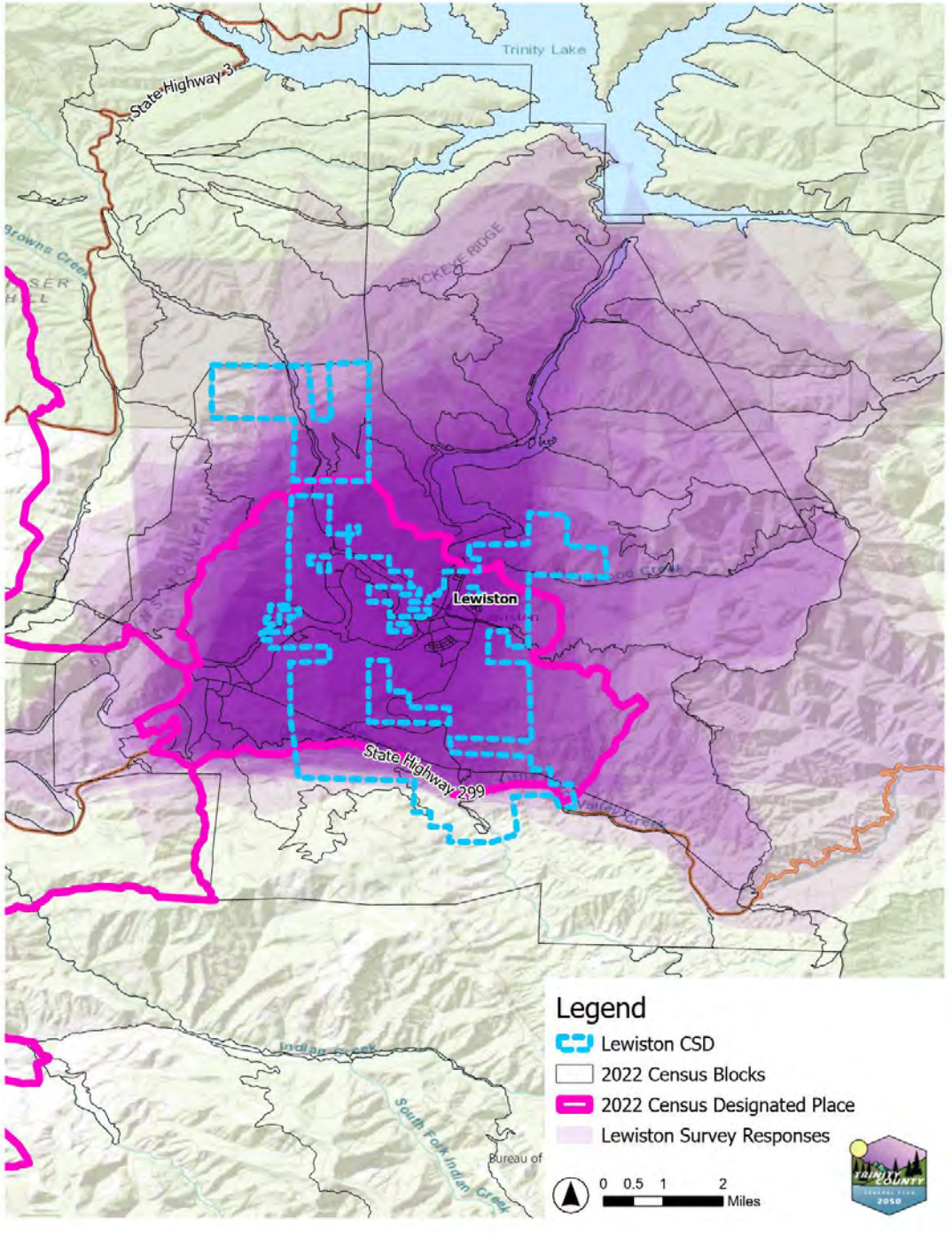

Lewiston

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses
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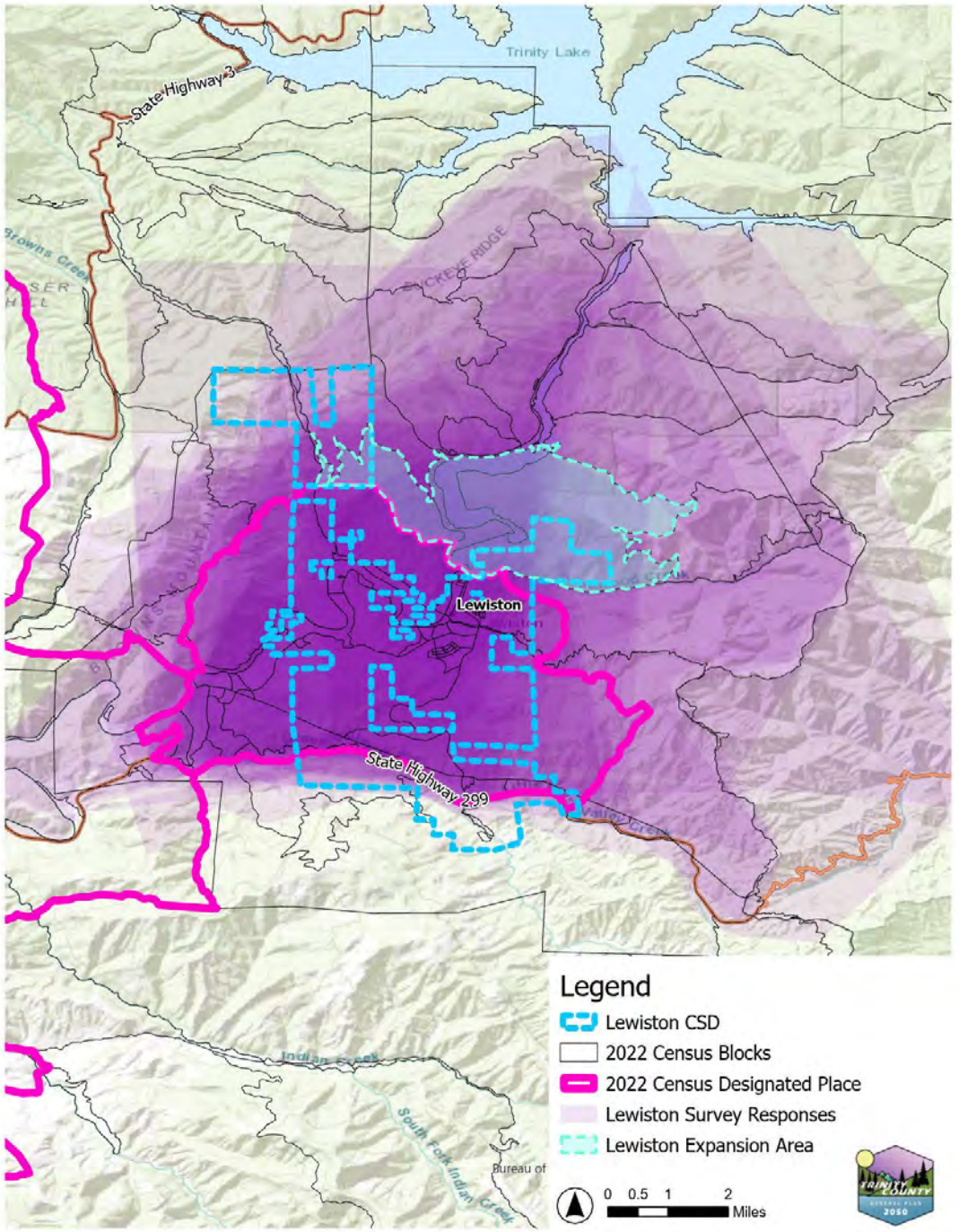
- Expansion beyond CDP



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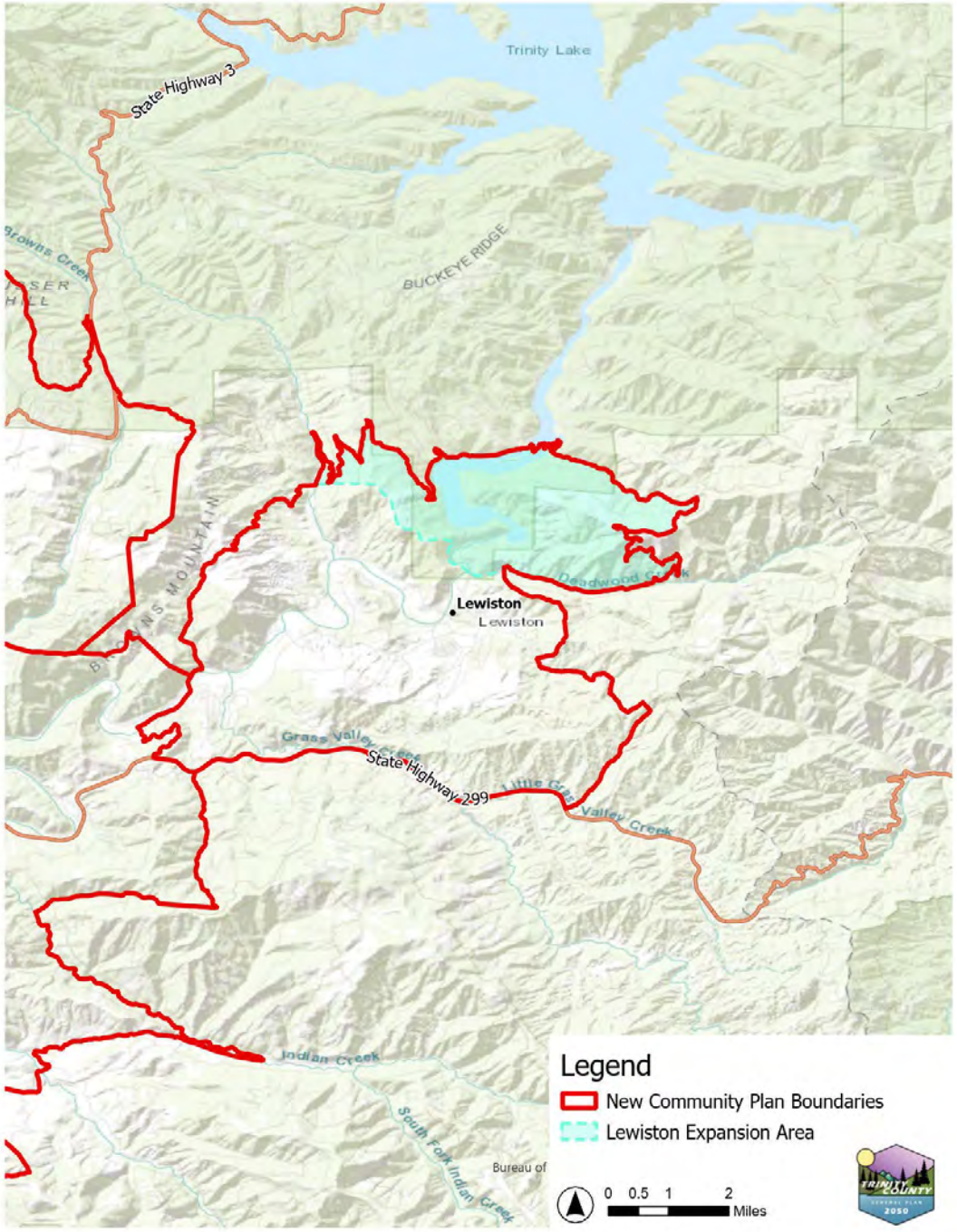
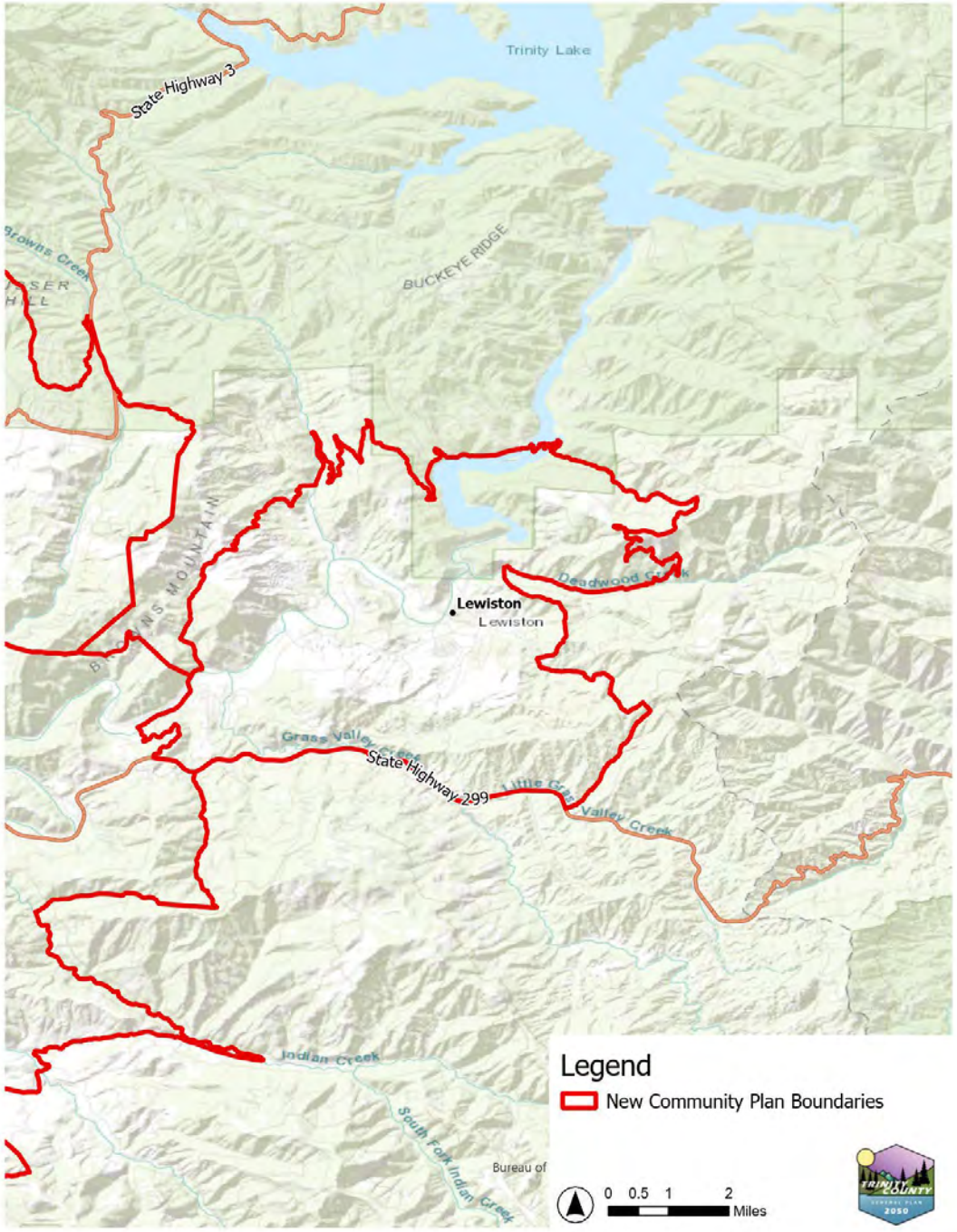


Lewiston

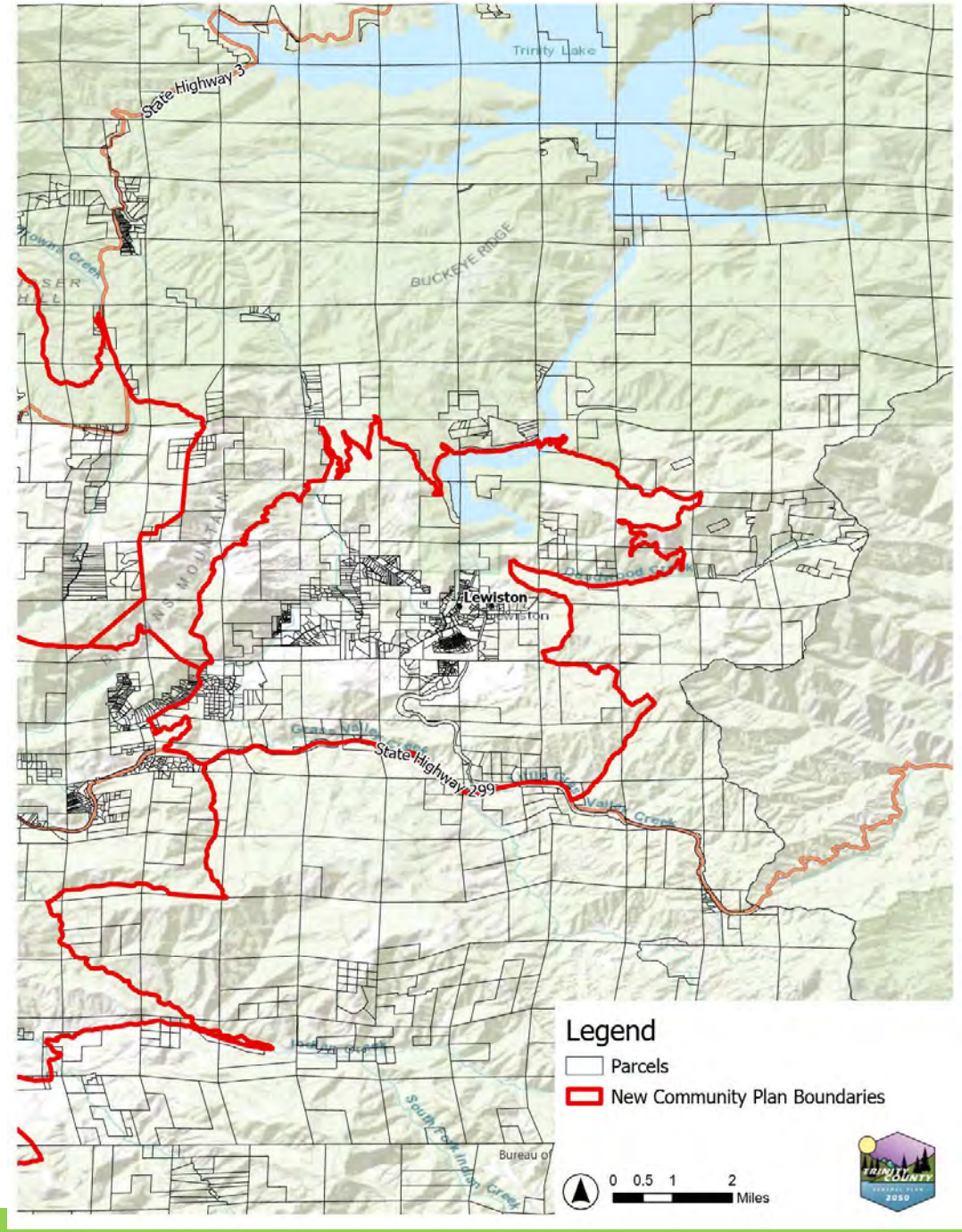
Proposed boundary



Lewiston

Proposed boundary

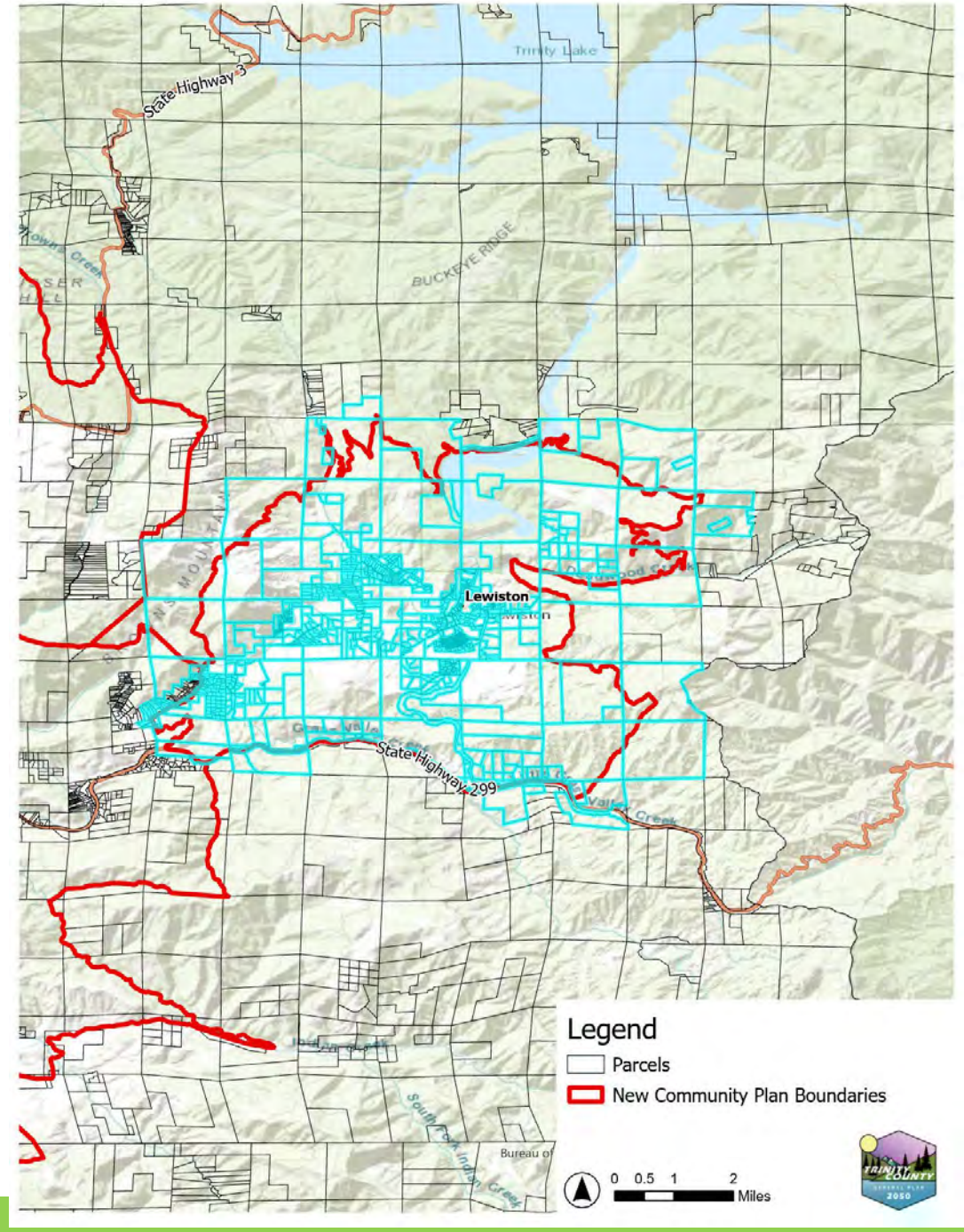
- With parcels



Lewiston

Proposed boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



Lewiston

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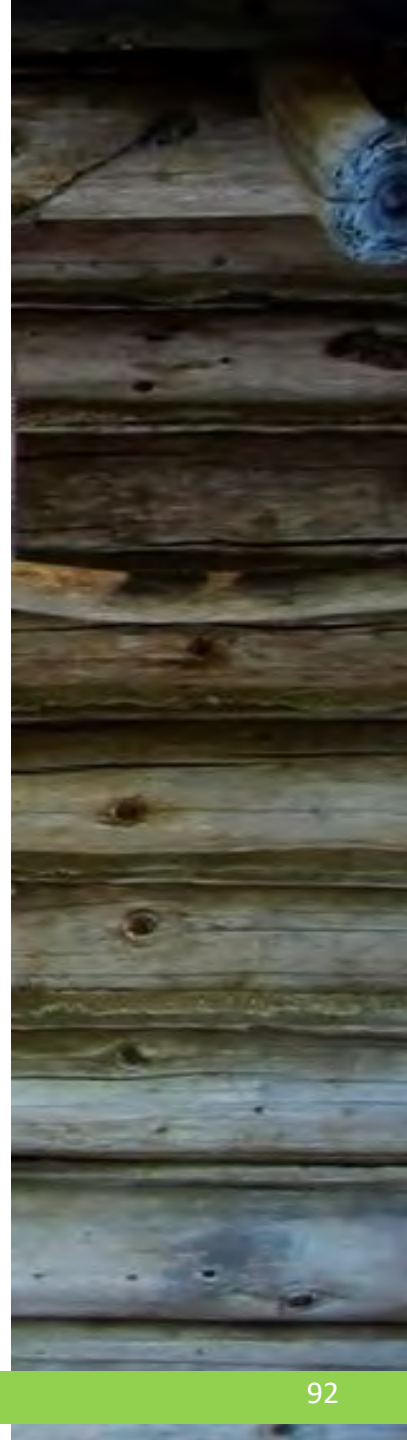

Post Mountain

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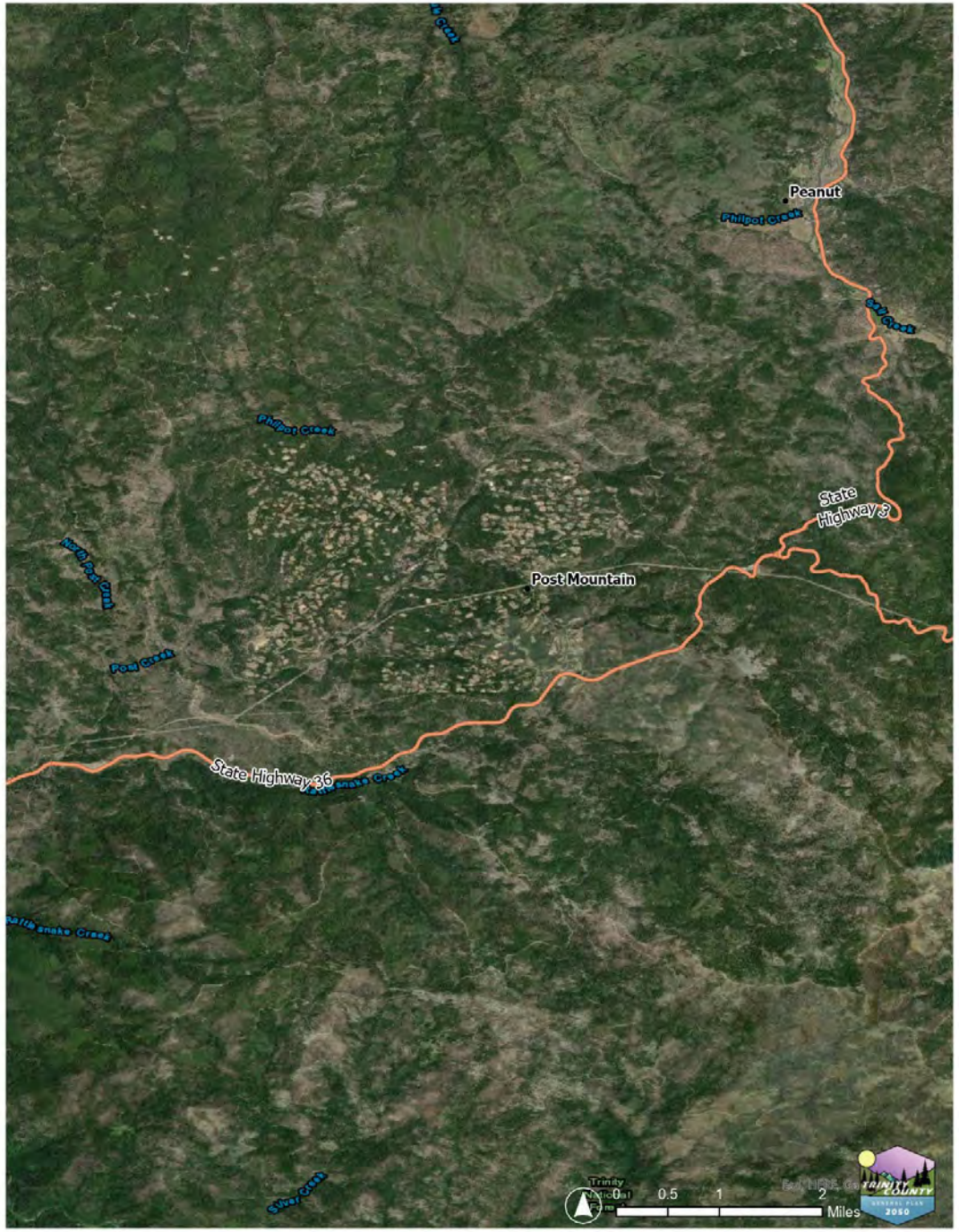

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Basemap with CDP

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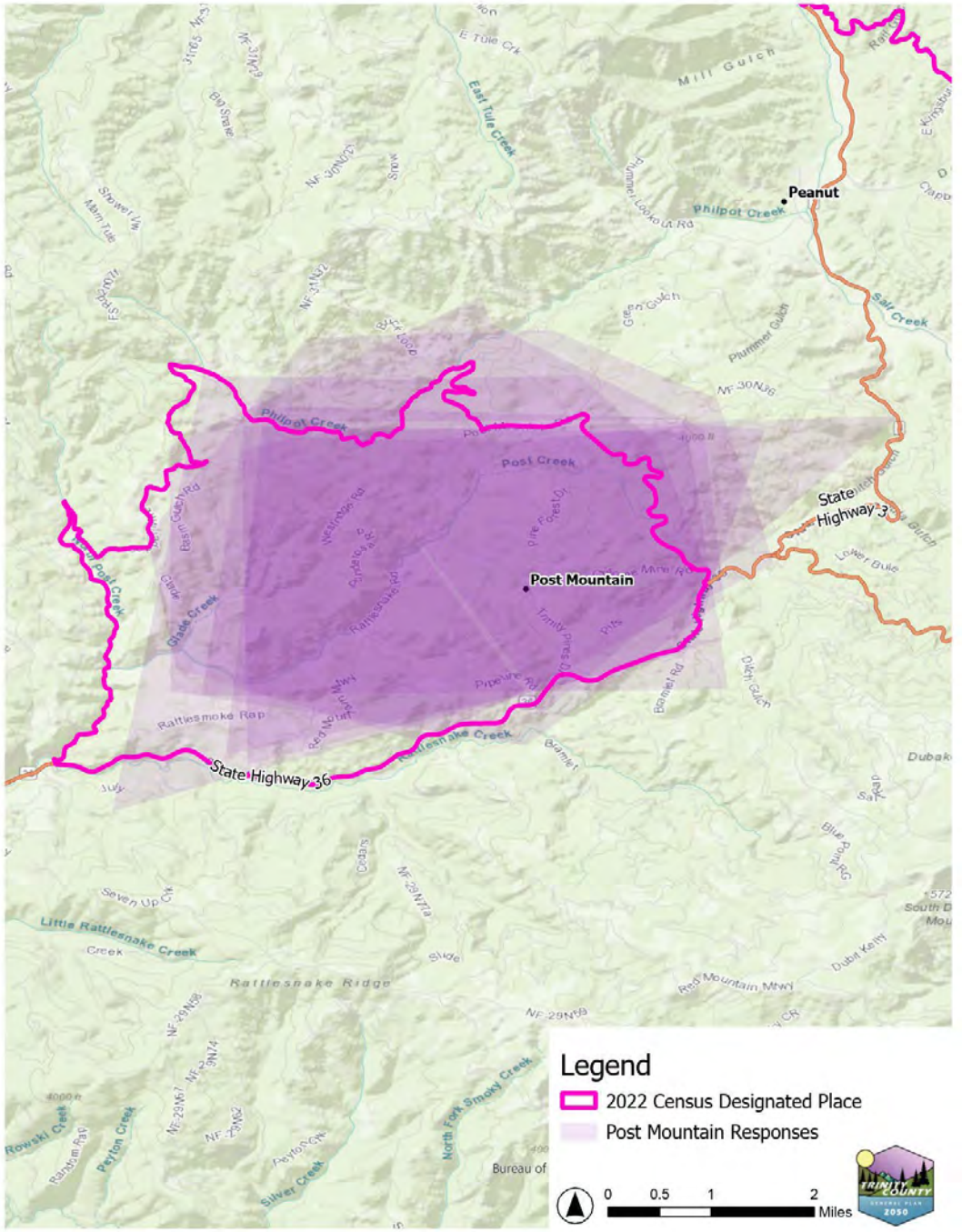
Basemap with CDP

- Community responses



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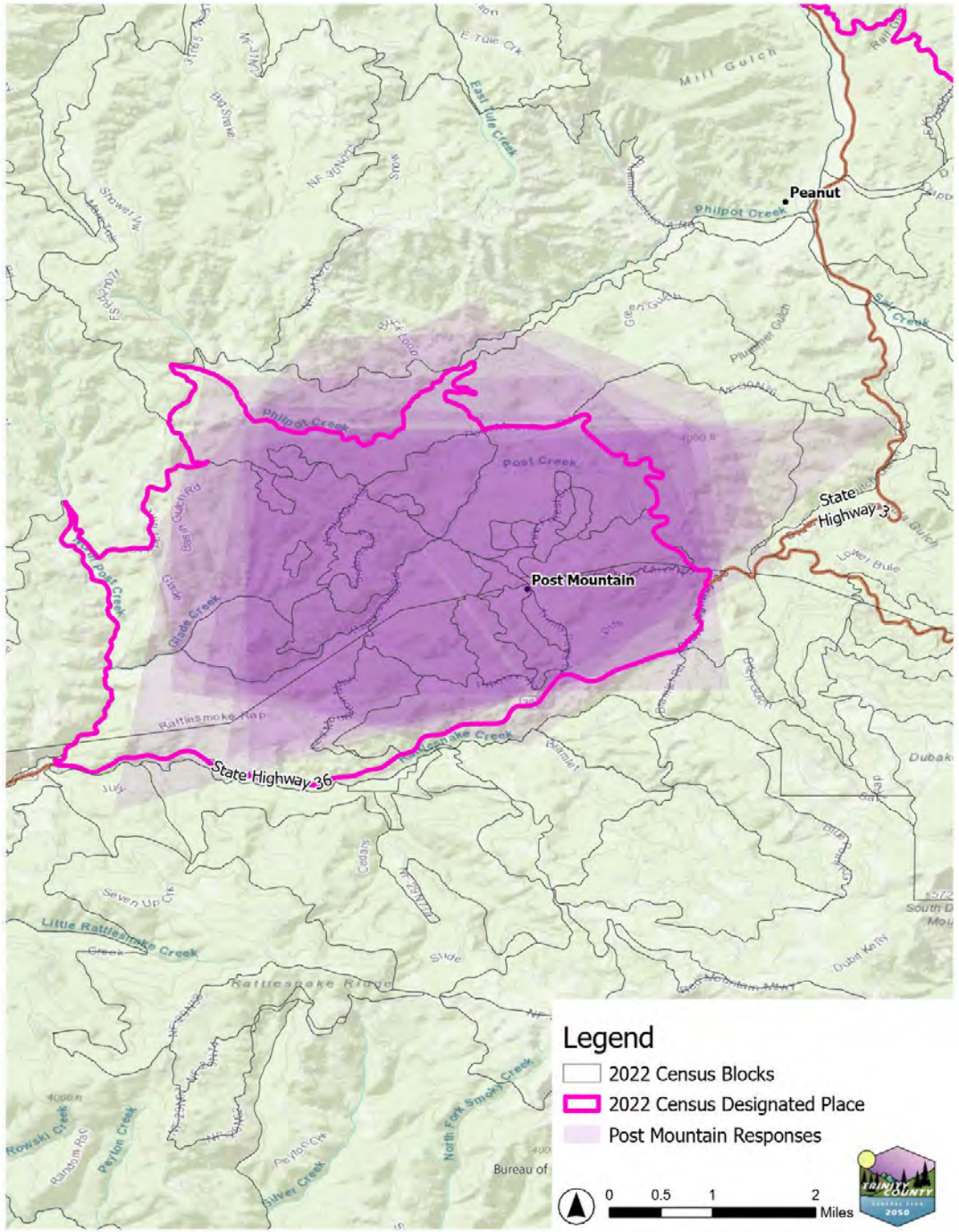

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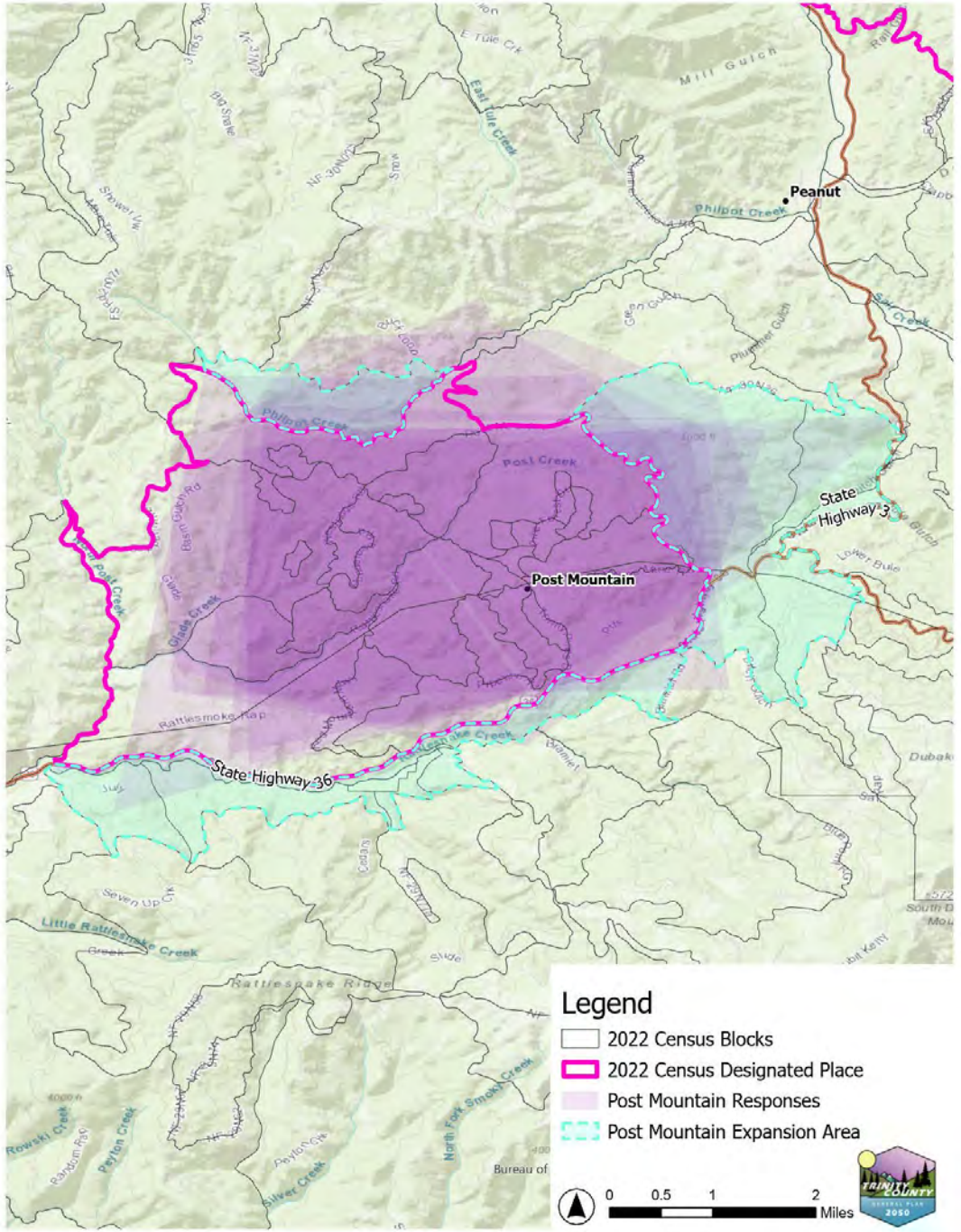

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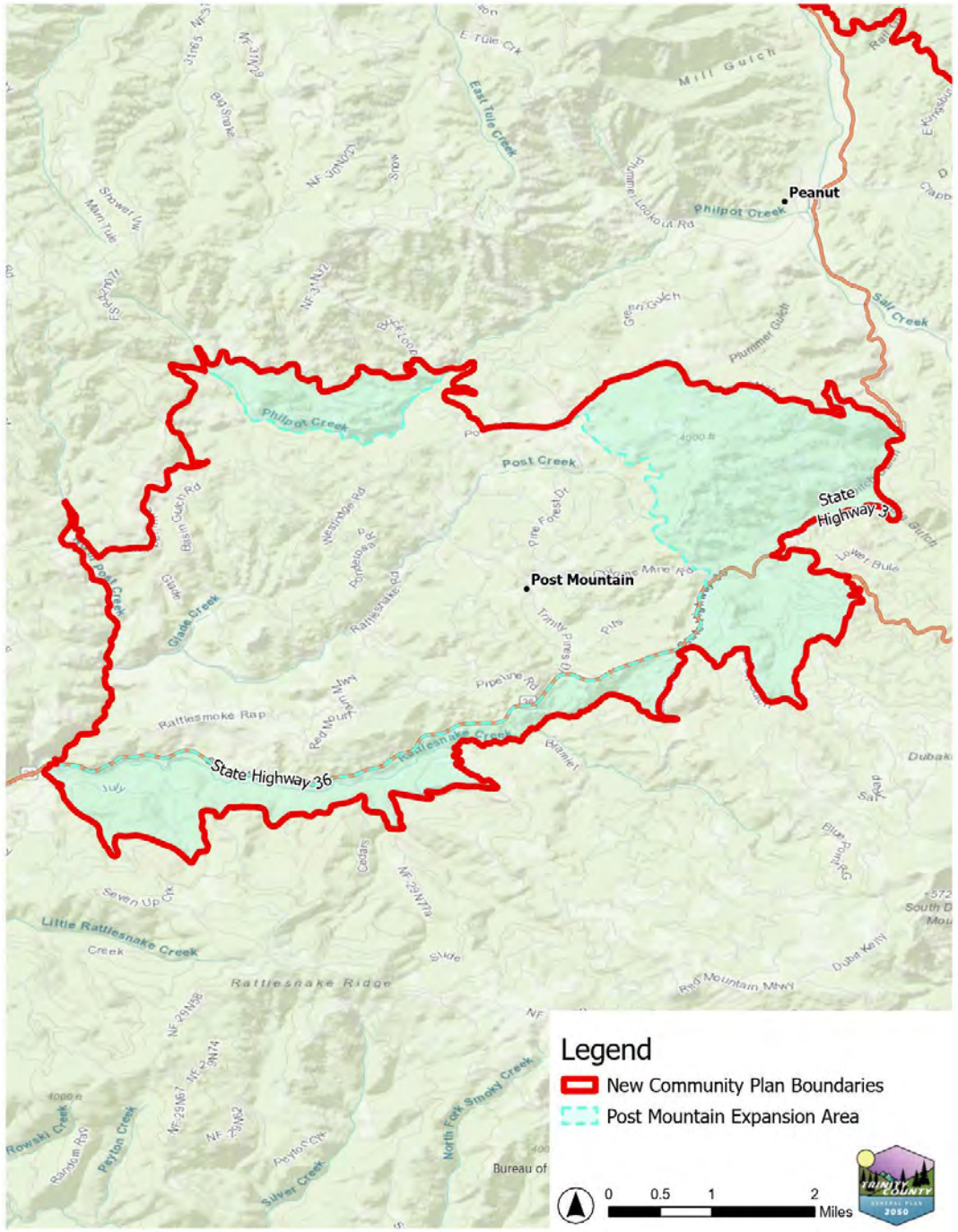
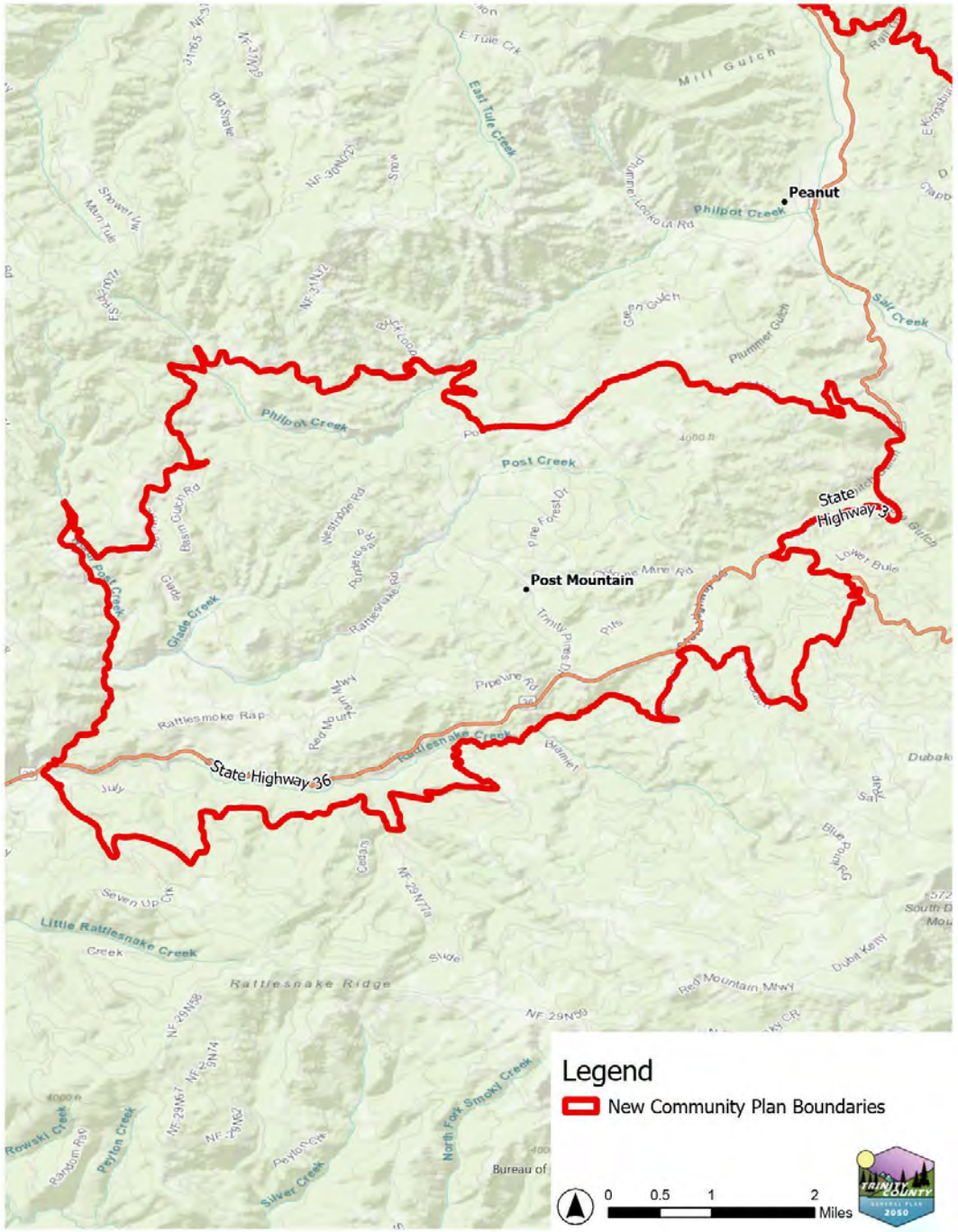


Post Mountain

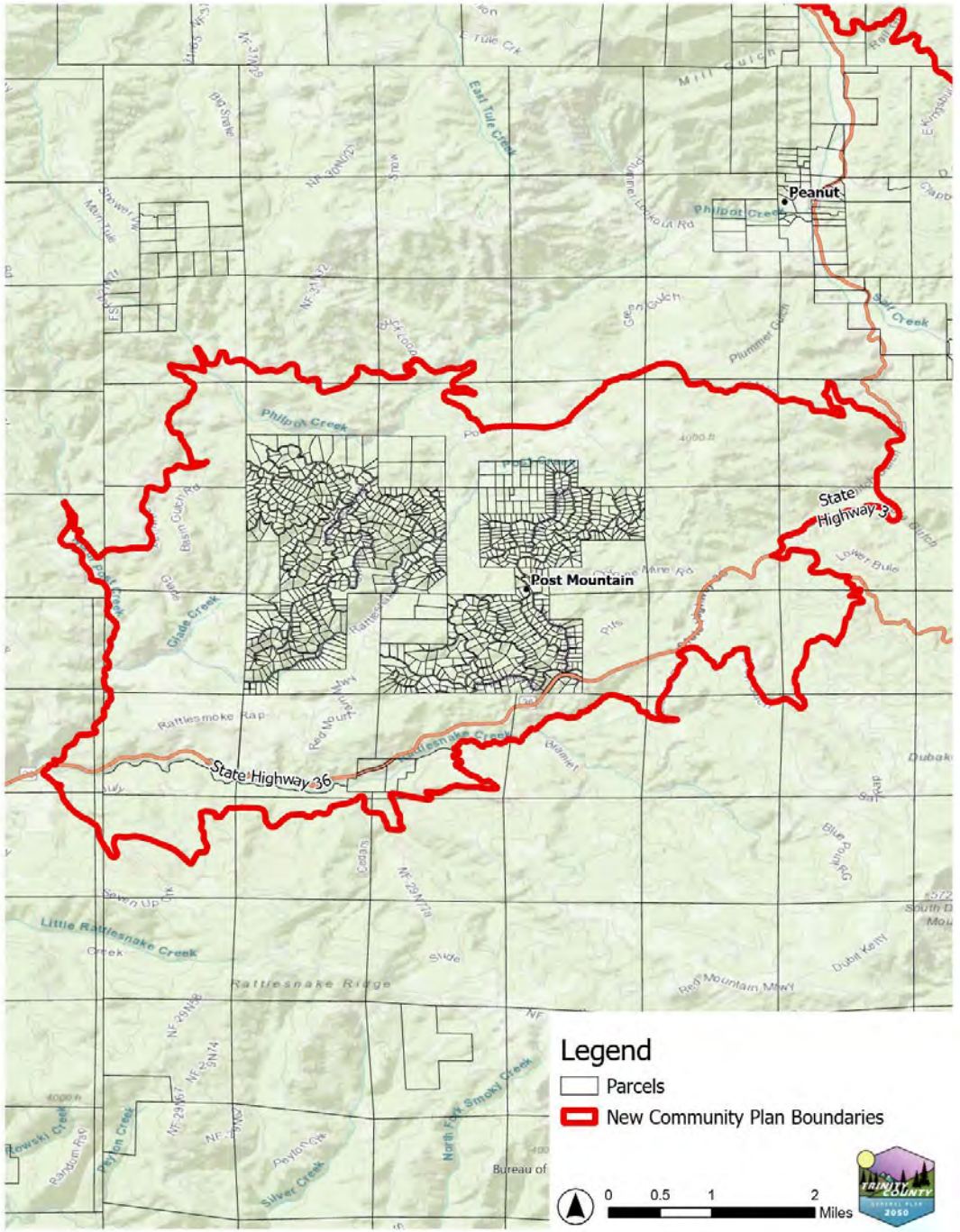
Proposed Plan boundary



Post Mountain

Proposed Plan boundary

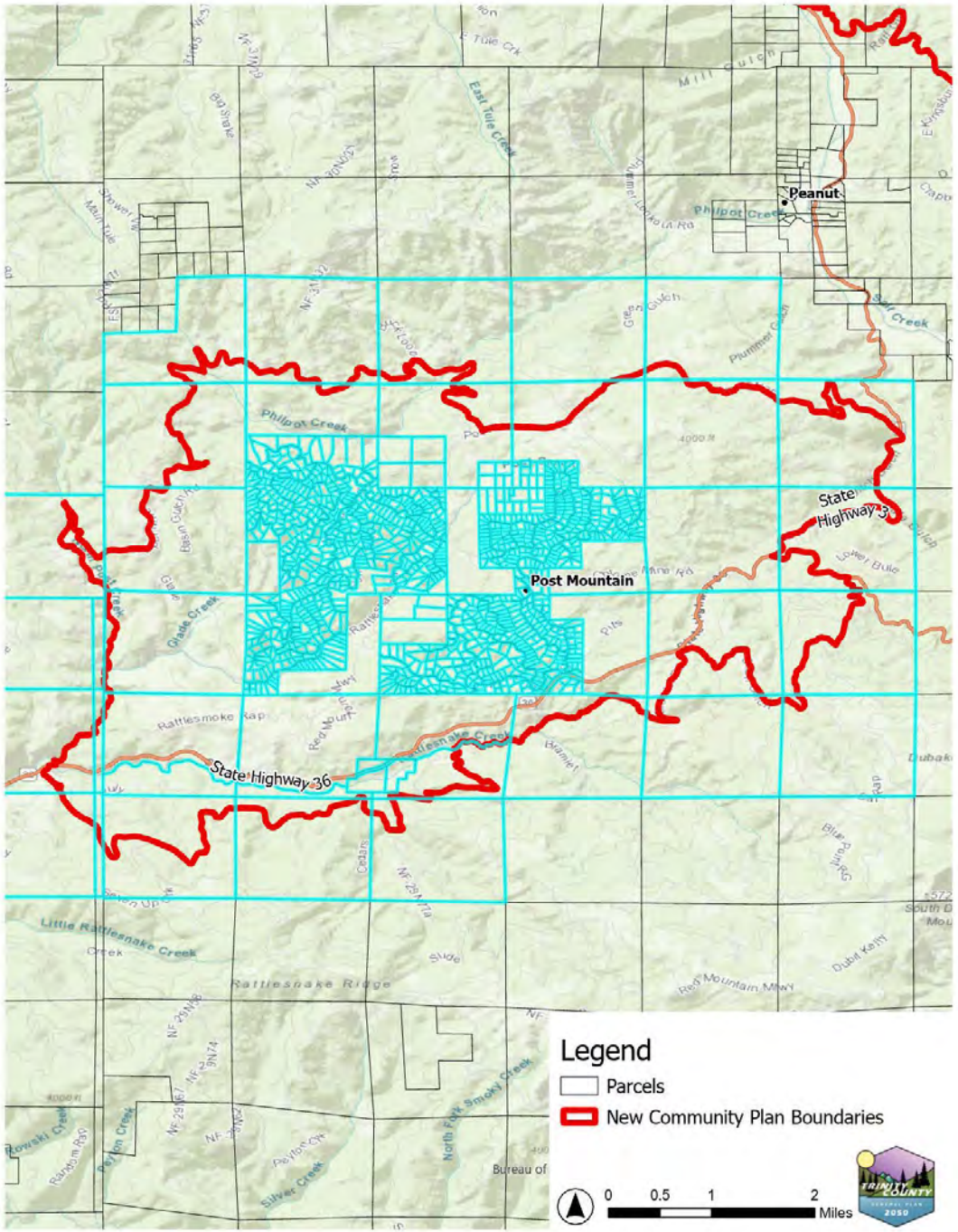
- With parcels



Post Mountain

Proposed Plan boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



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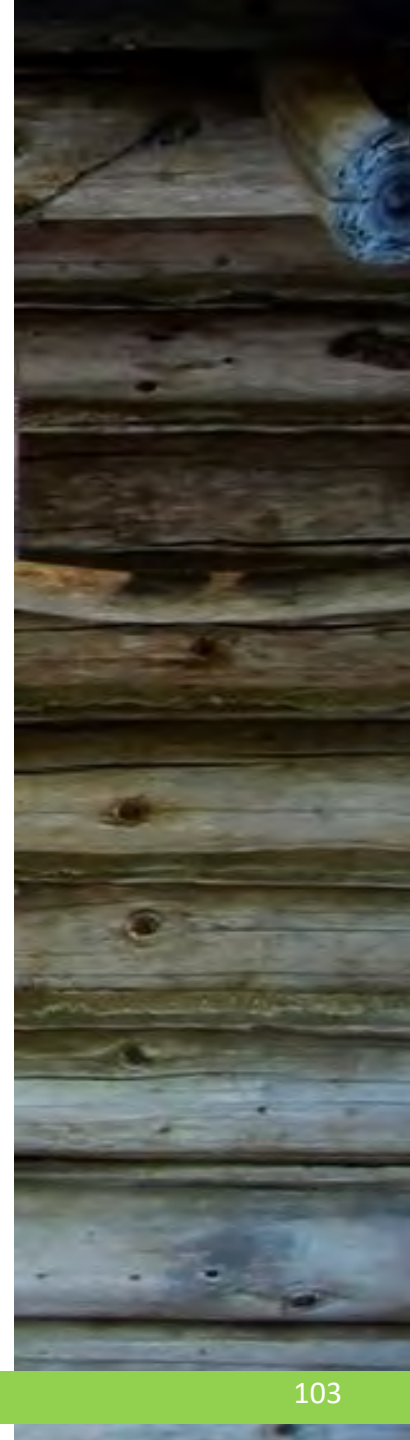

Weaverville

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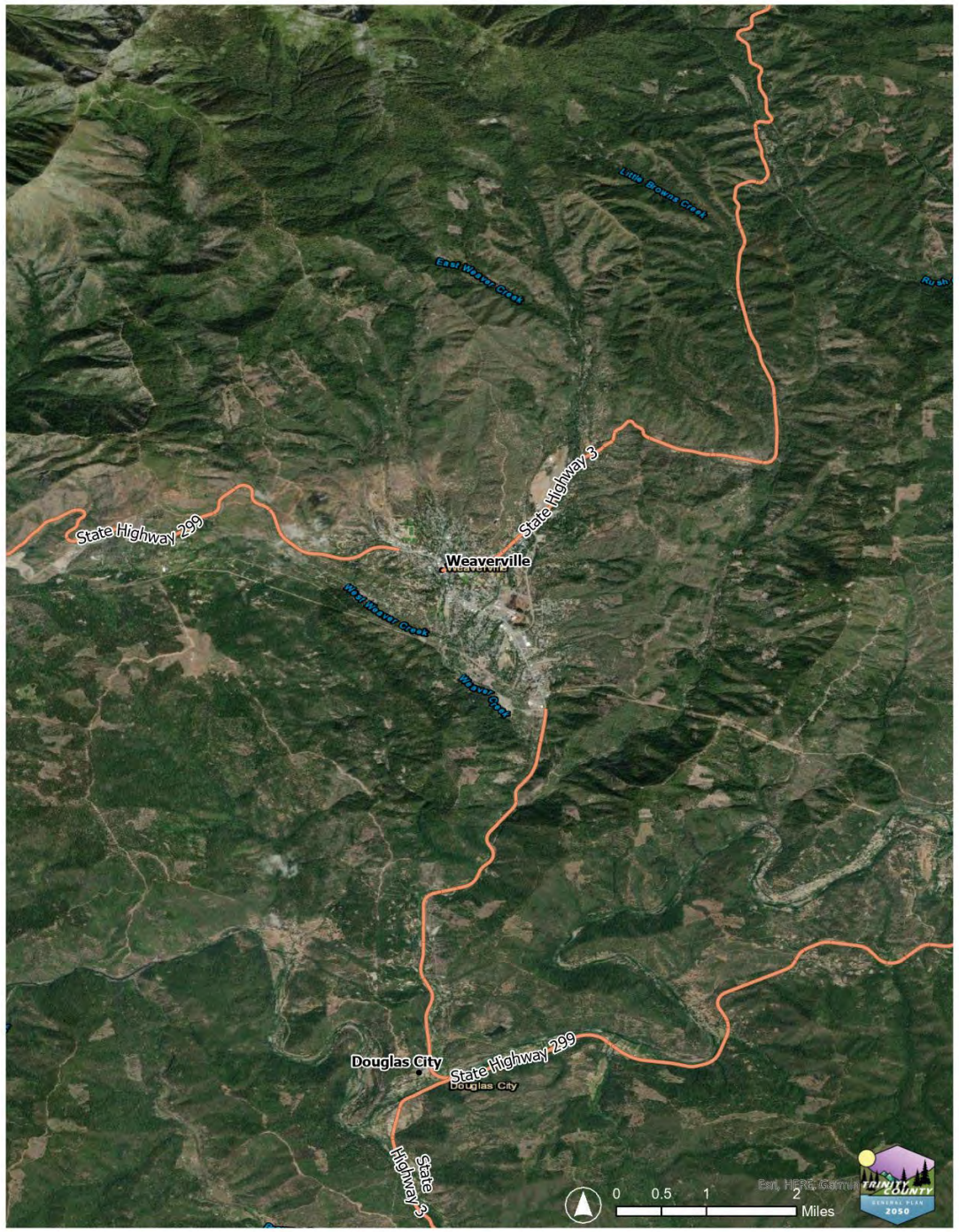

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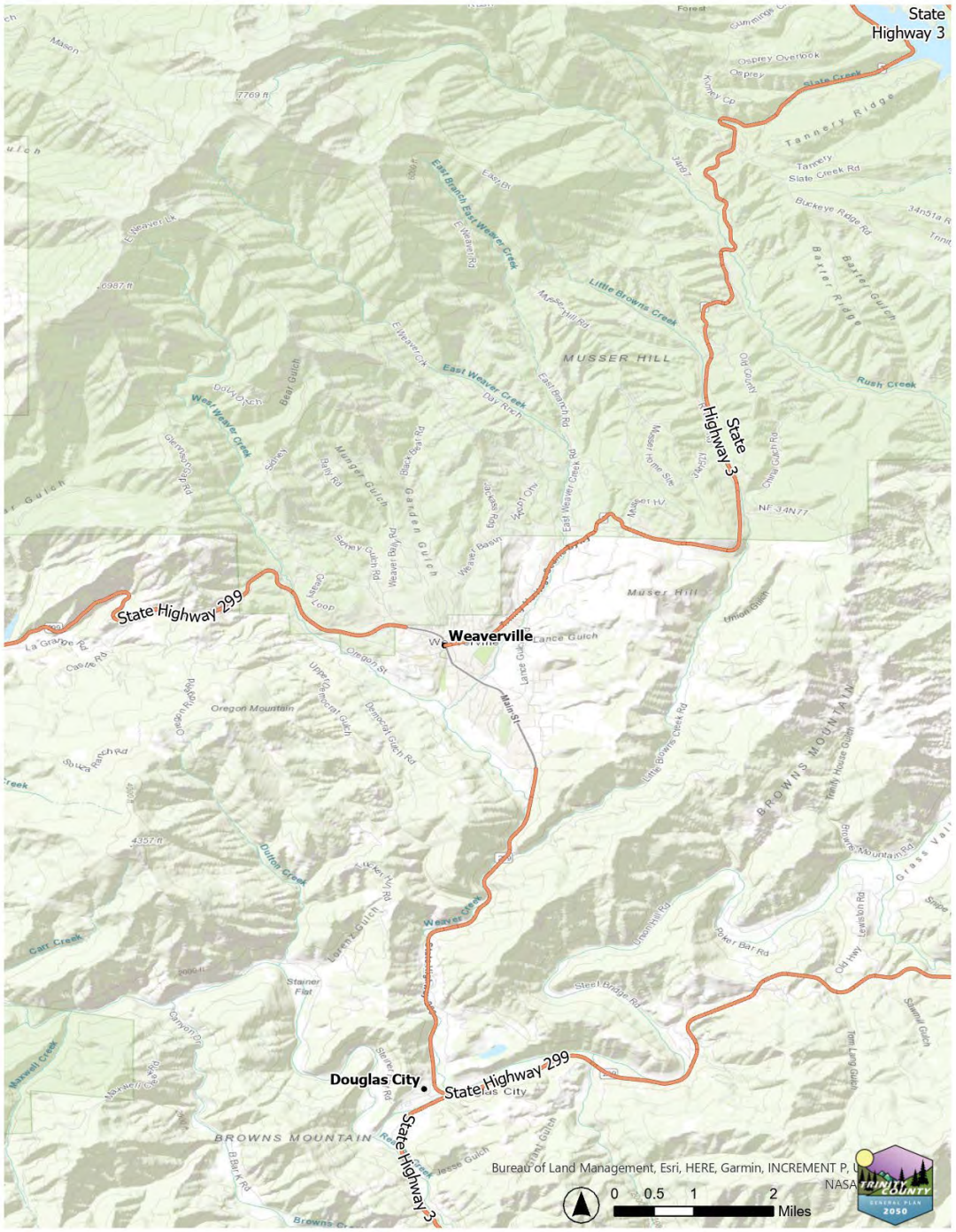

Weaverville

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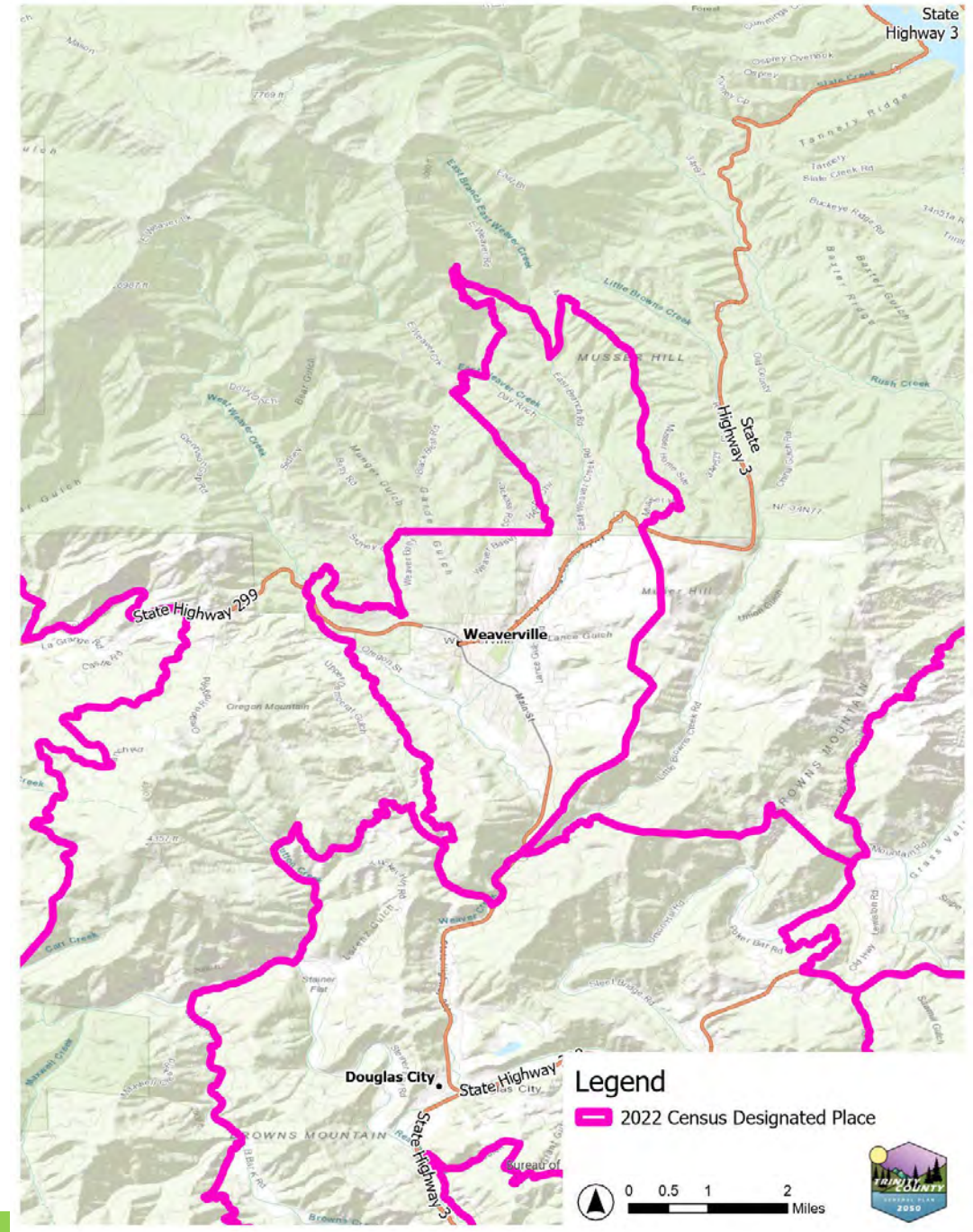

Weaverville

Basemap with CDP

- Community reponses
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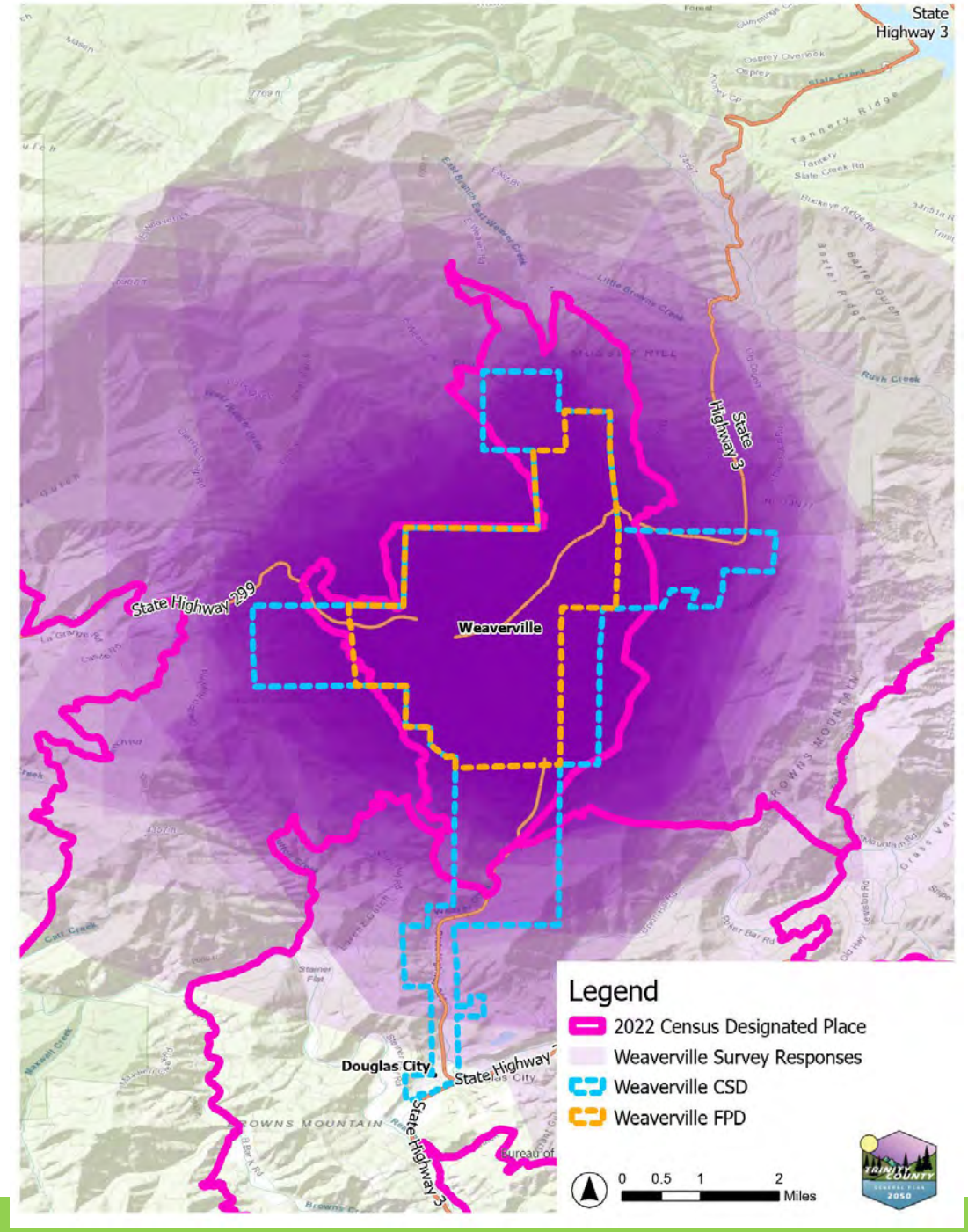

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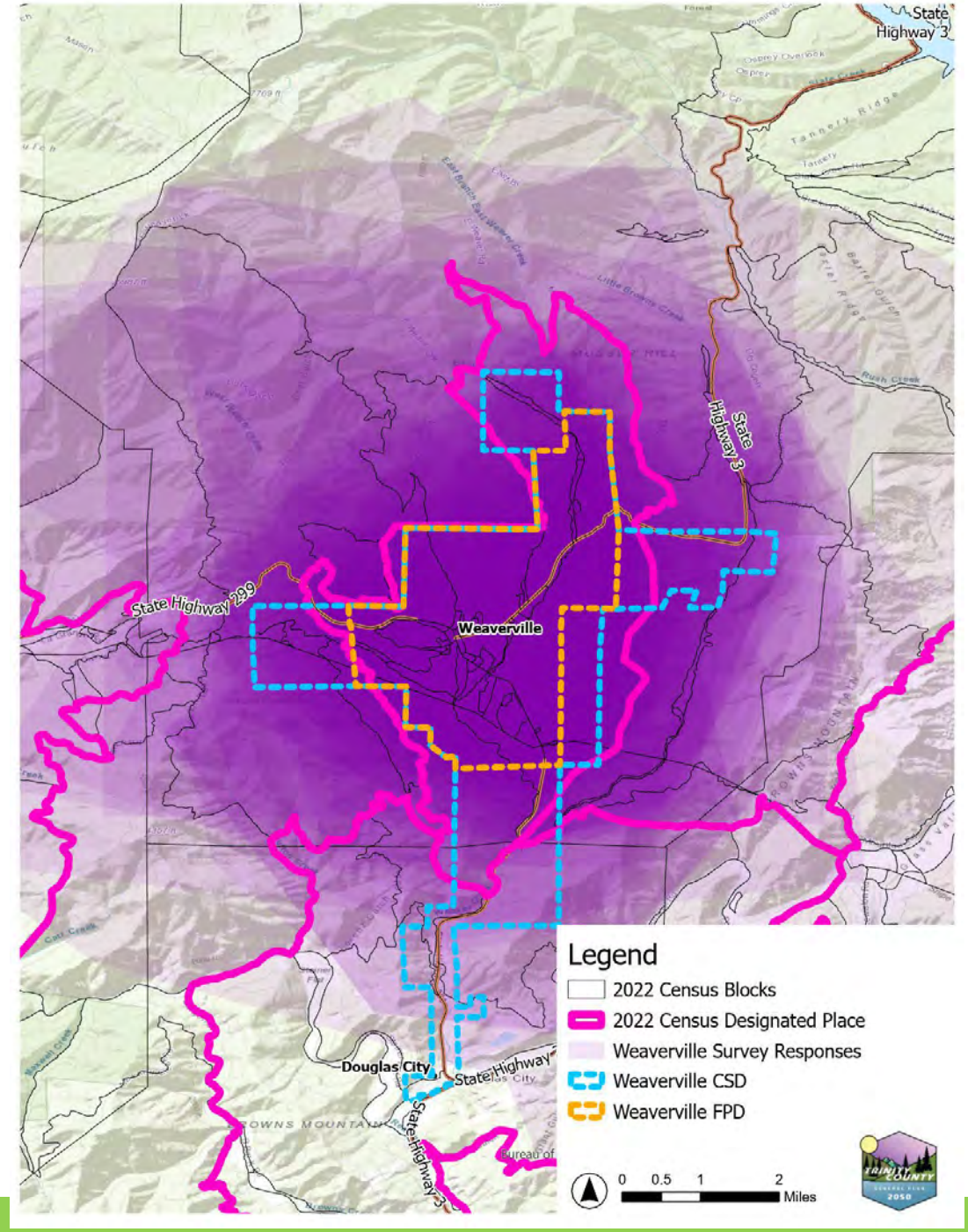

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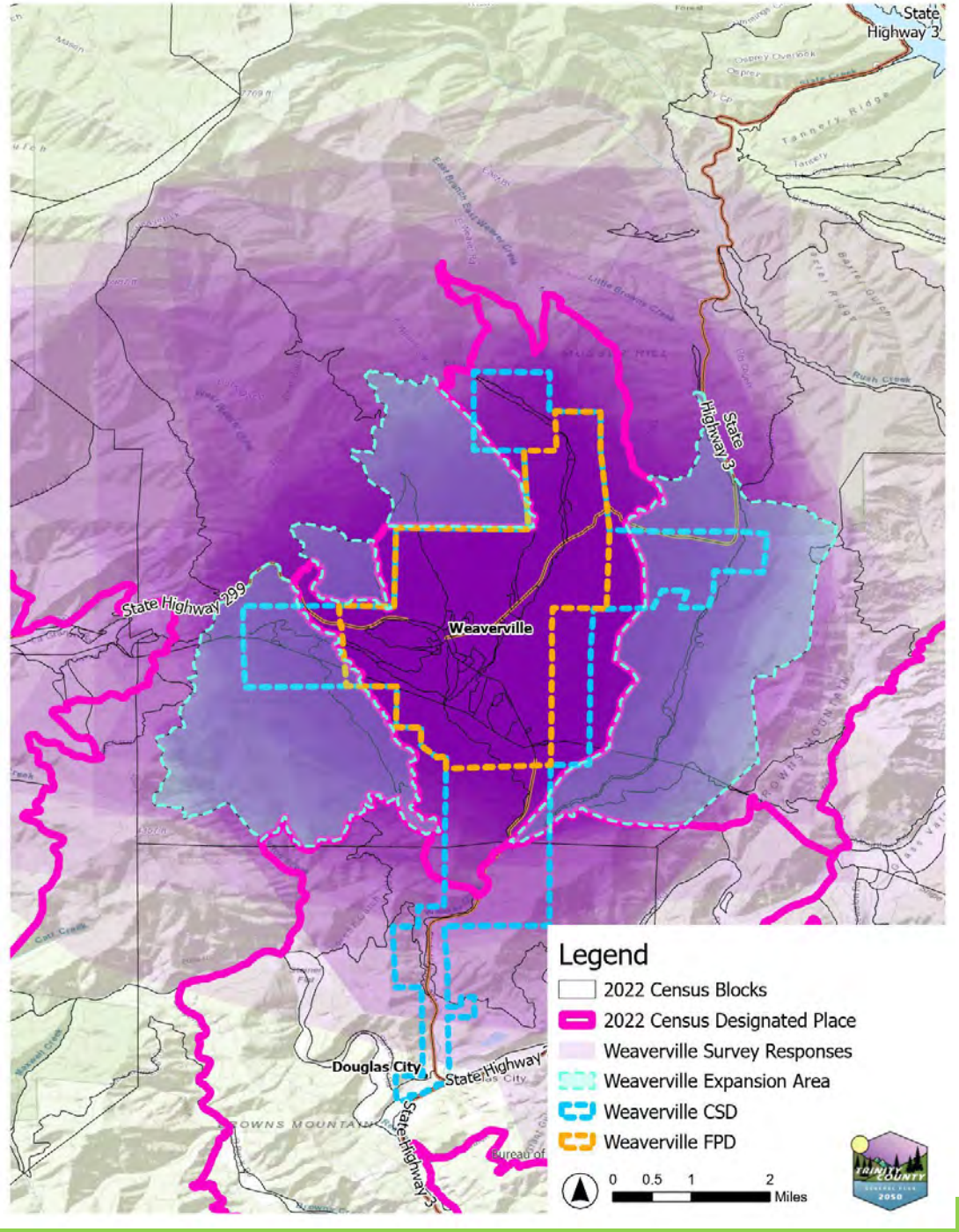

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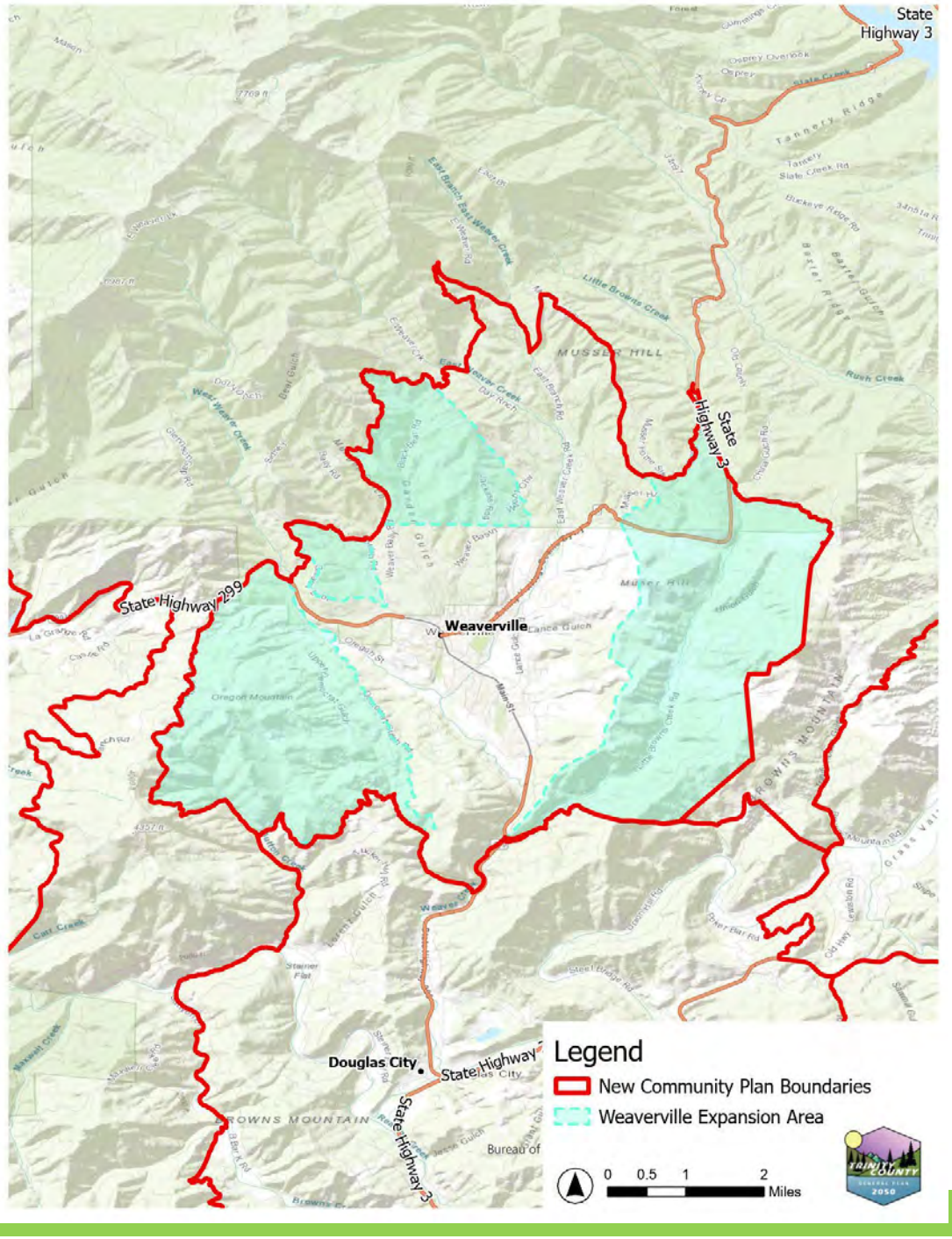
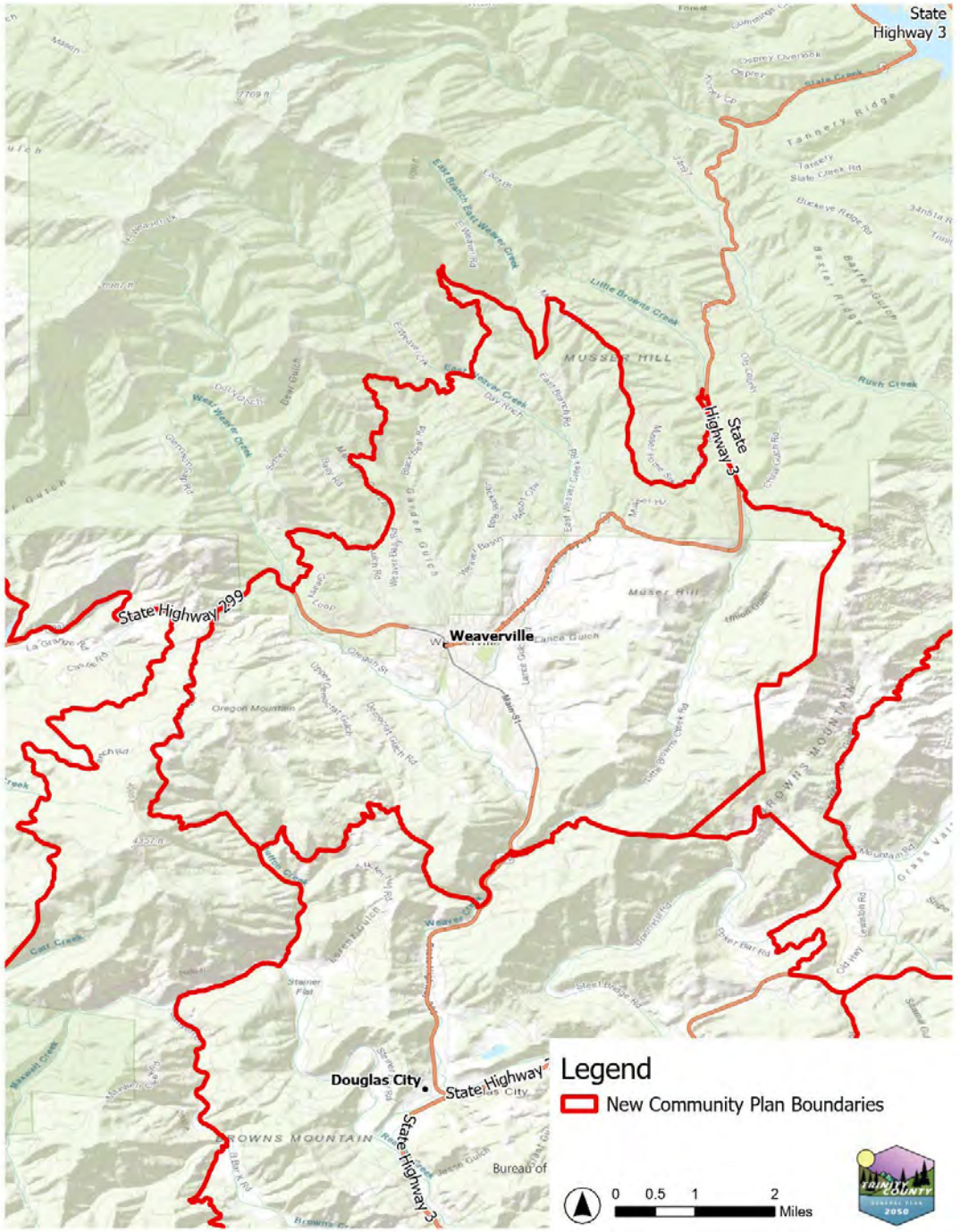


Weaverville

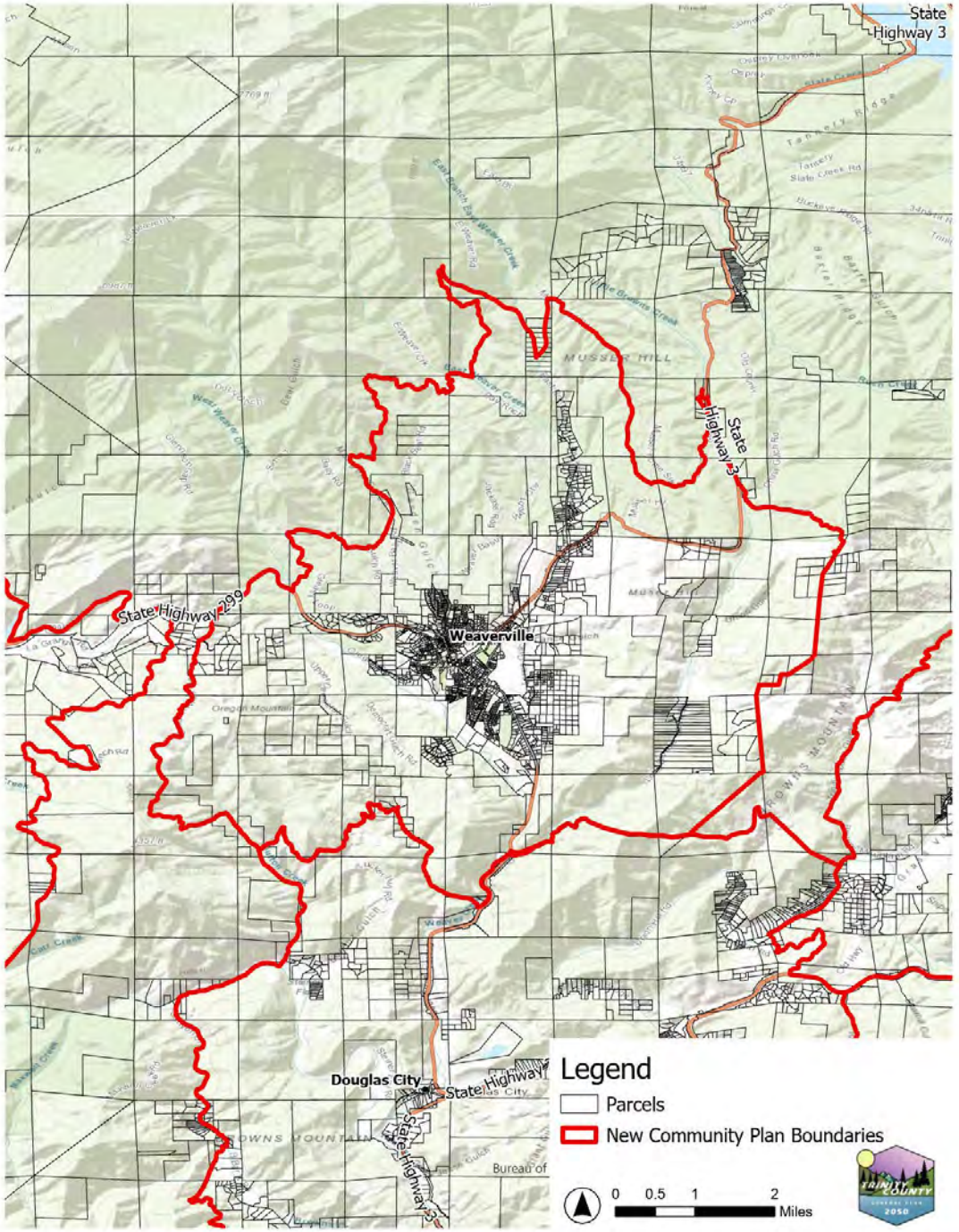
Proposed Plan boundary



Weaverville

Proposed Plan boundary

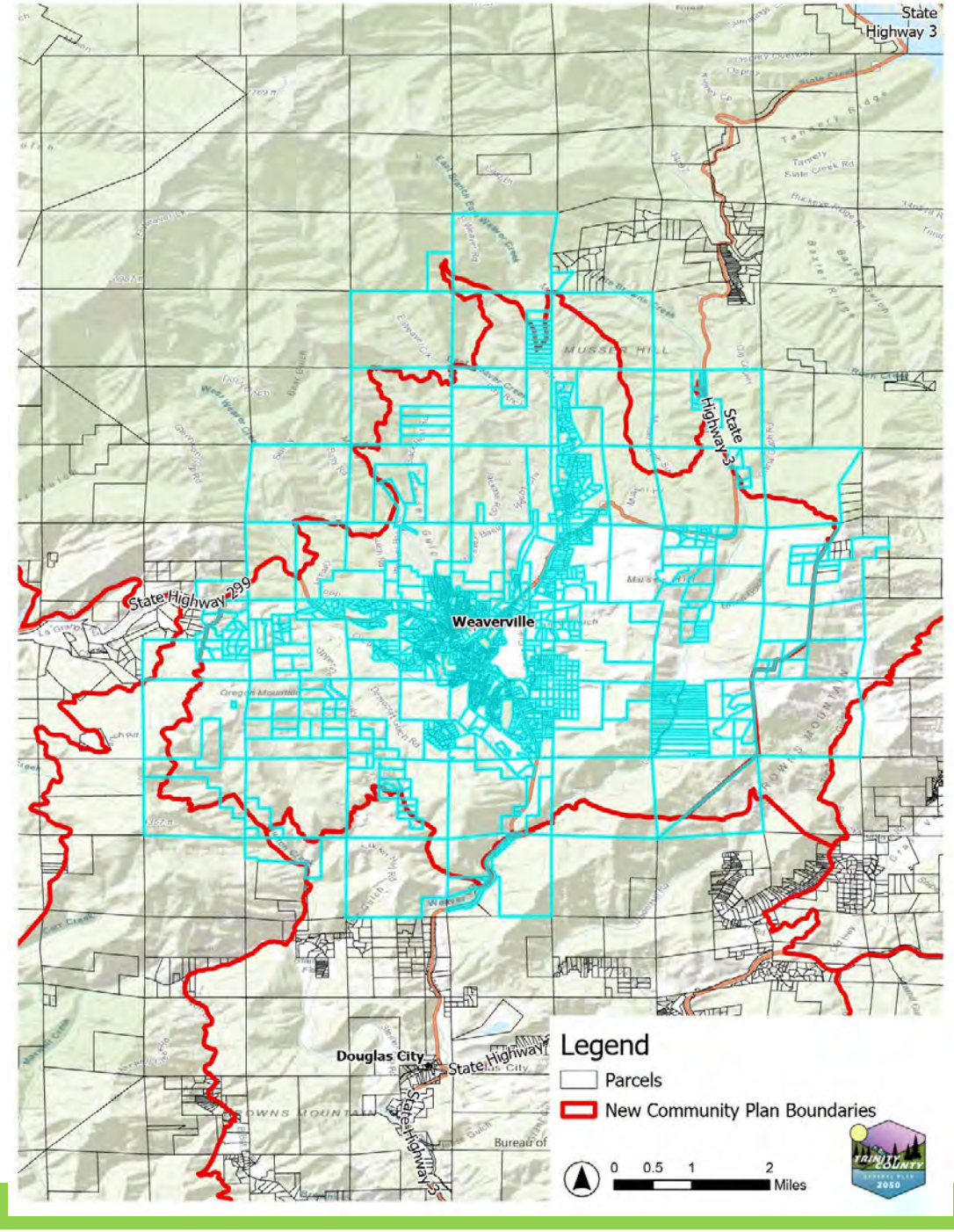
- With parcels



Weaverville

Proposed Plan boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



Weaverville

- Has an existing community plan
- Recommended community plan boundary includes:
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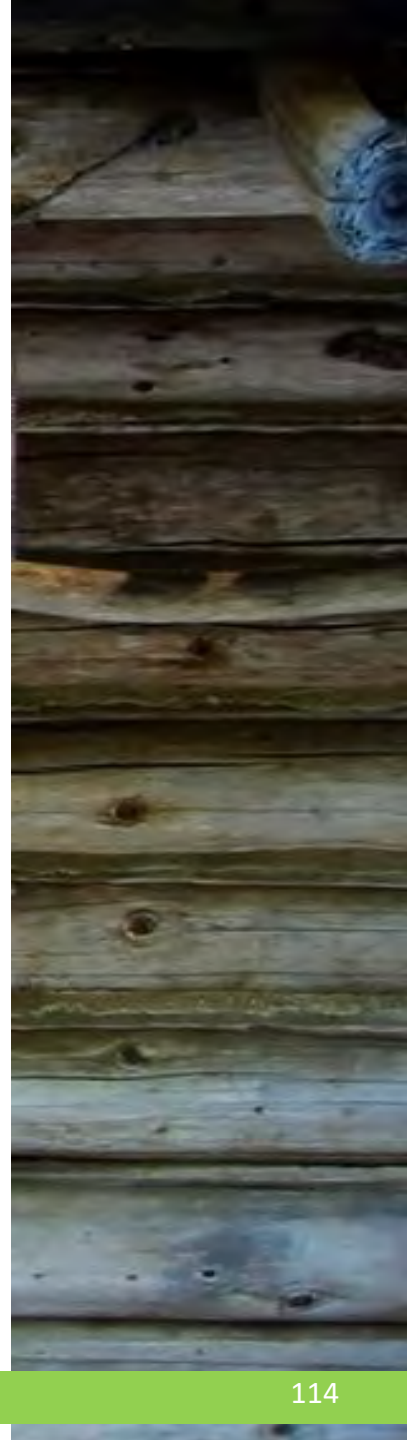
  2. 27,566 acres of land

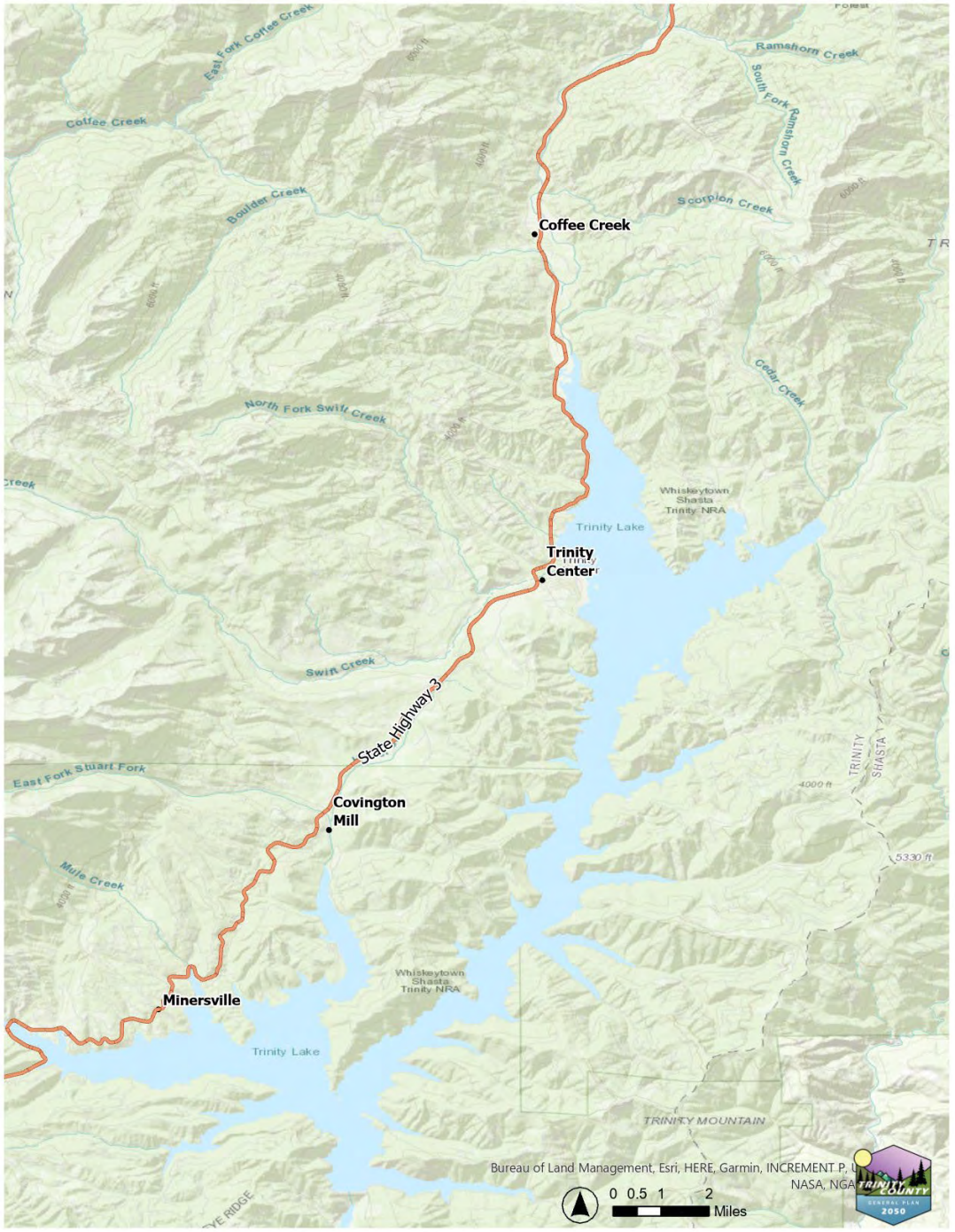


Trinity Center

Aerial

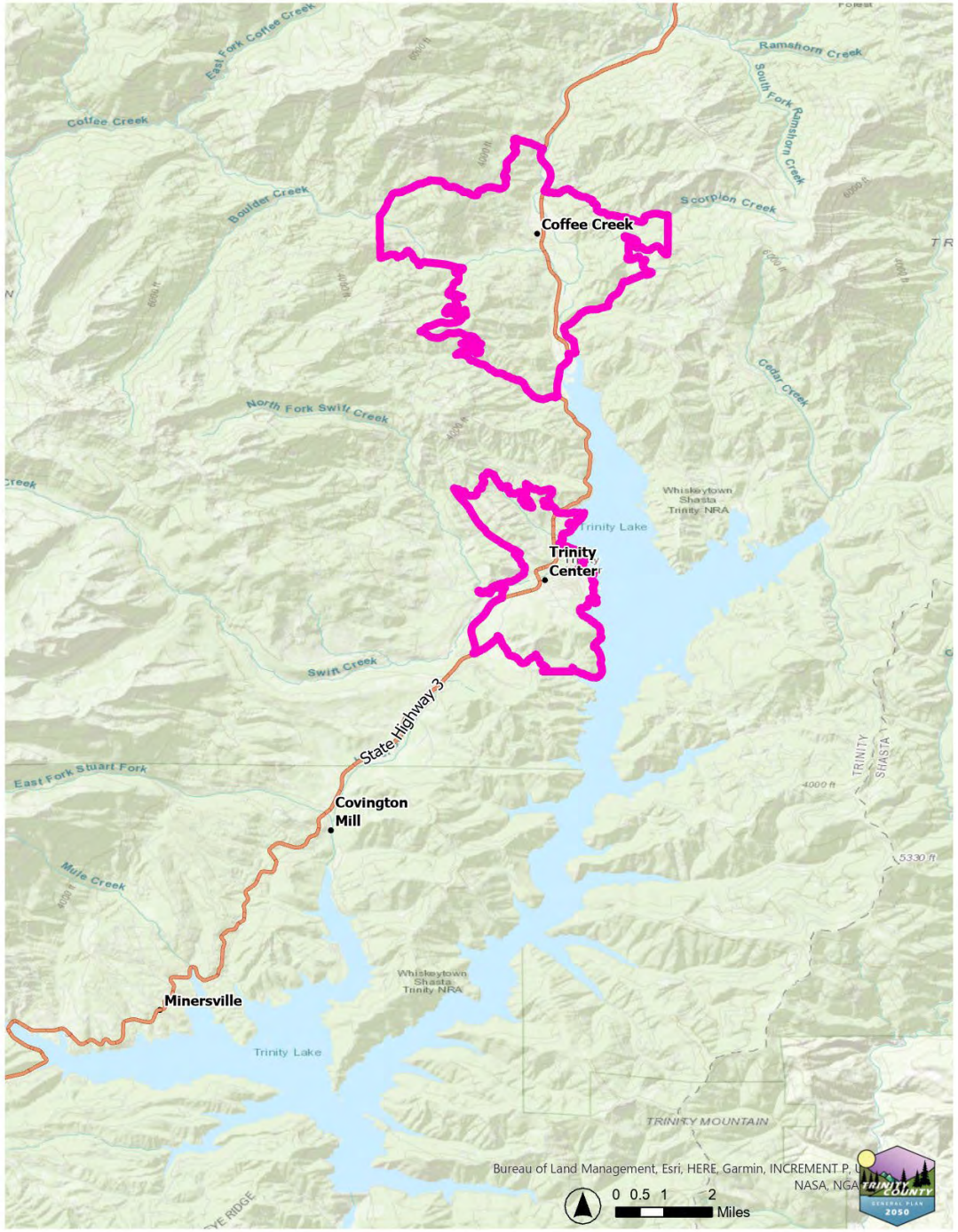
Trinity Center

Basemap



Trinity Center

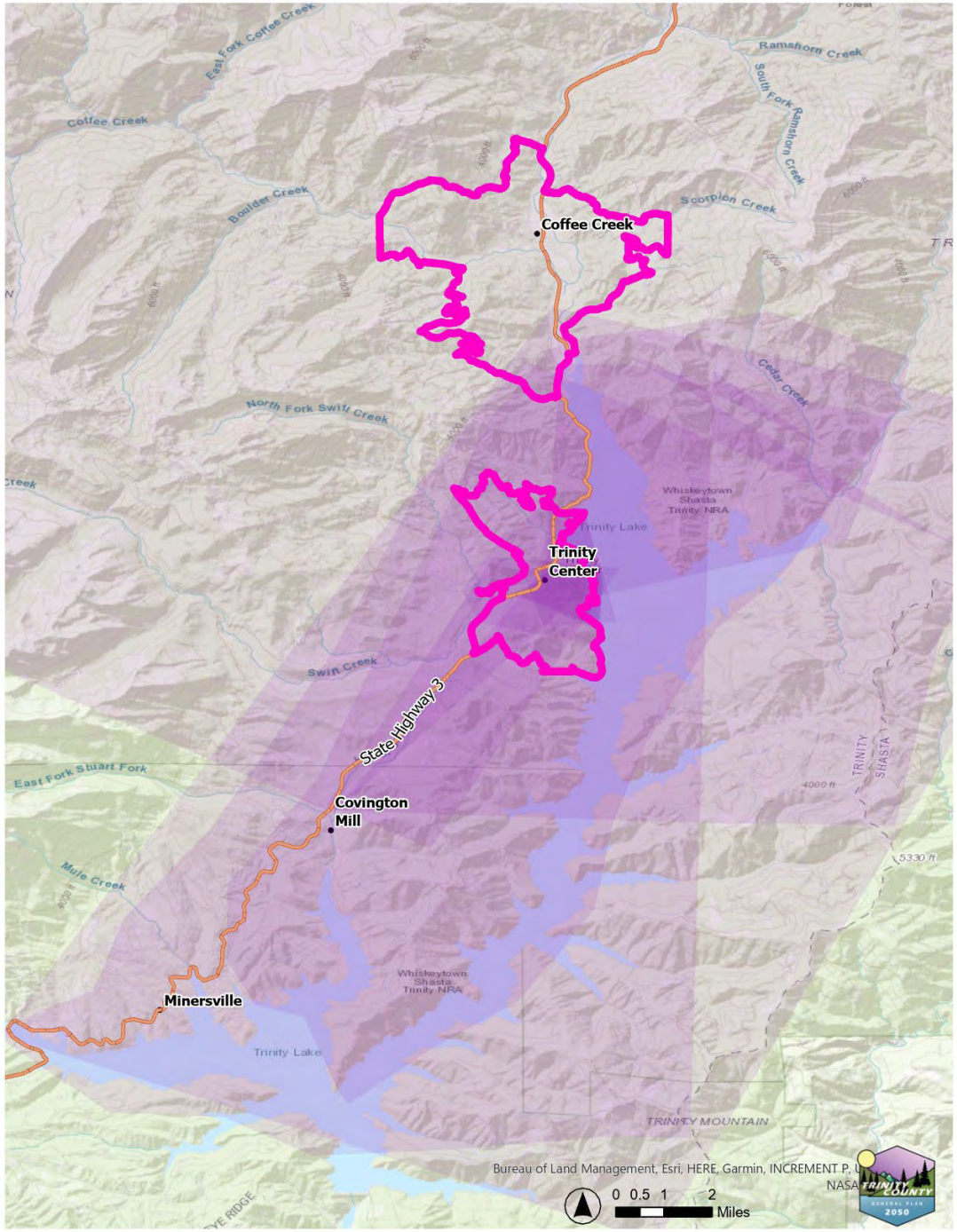
Basemap with CDP



Trinity Center

Basemap with CDP

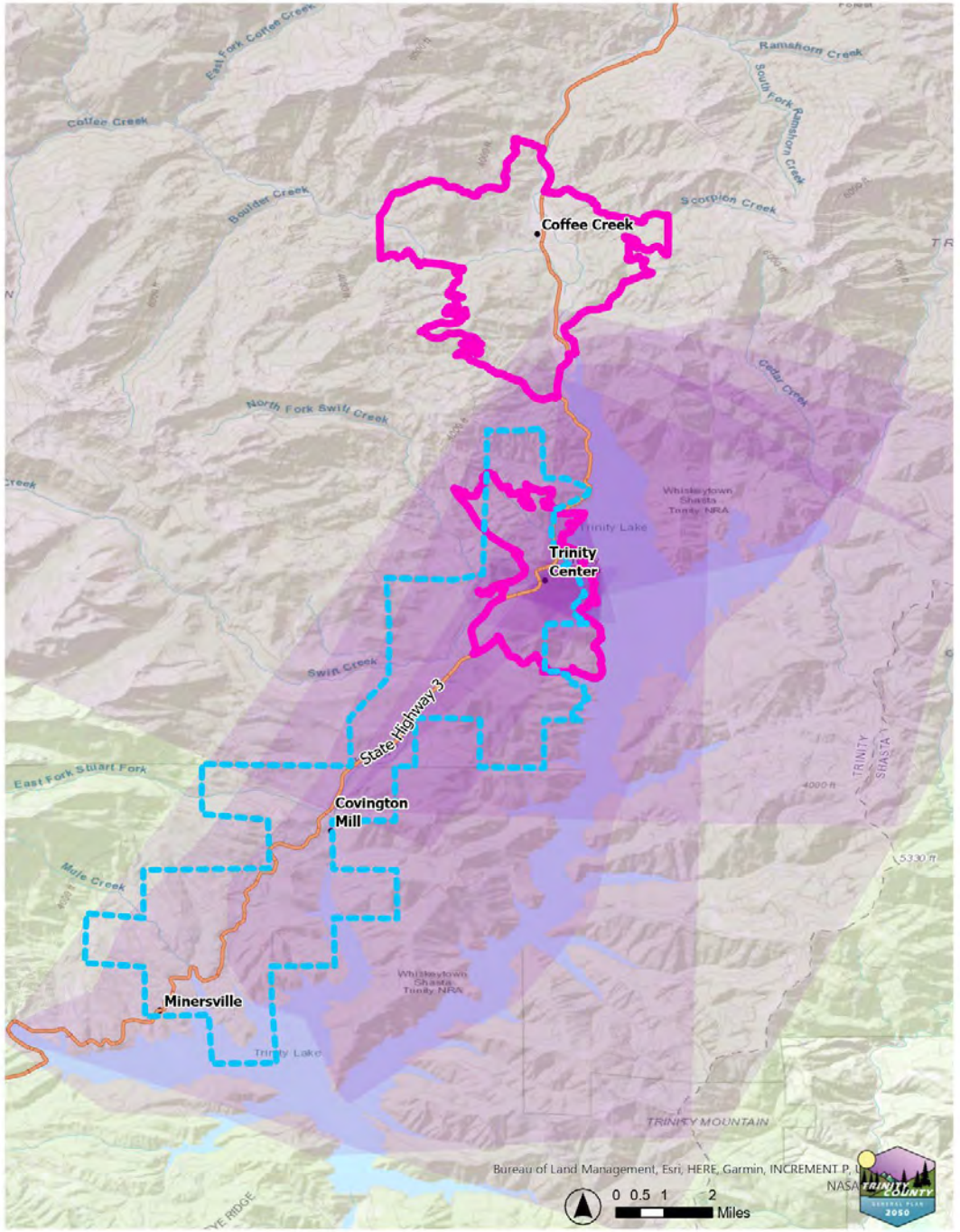
- Community responses



Trinity Center

Basemap with CDP

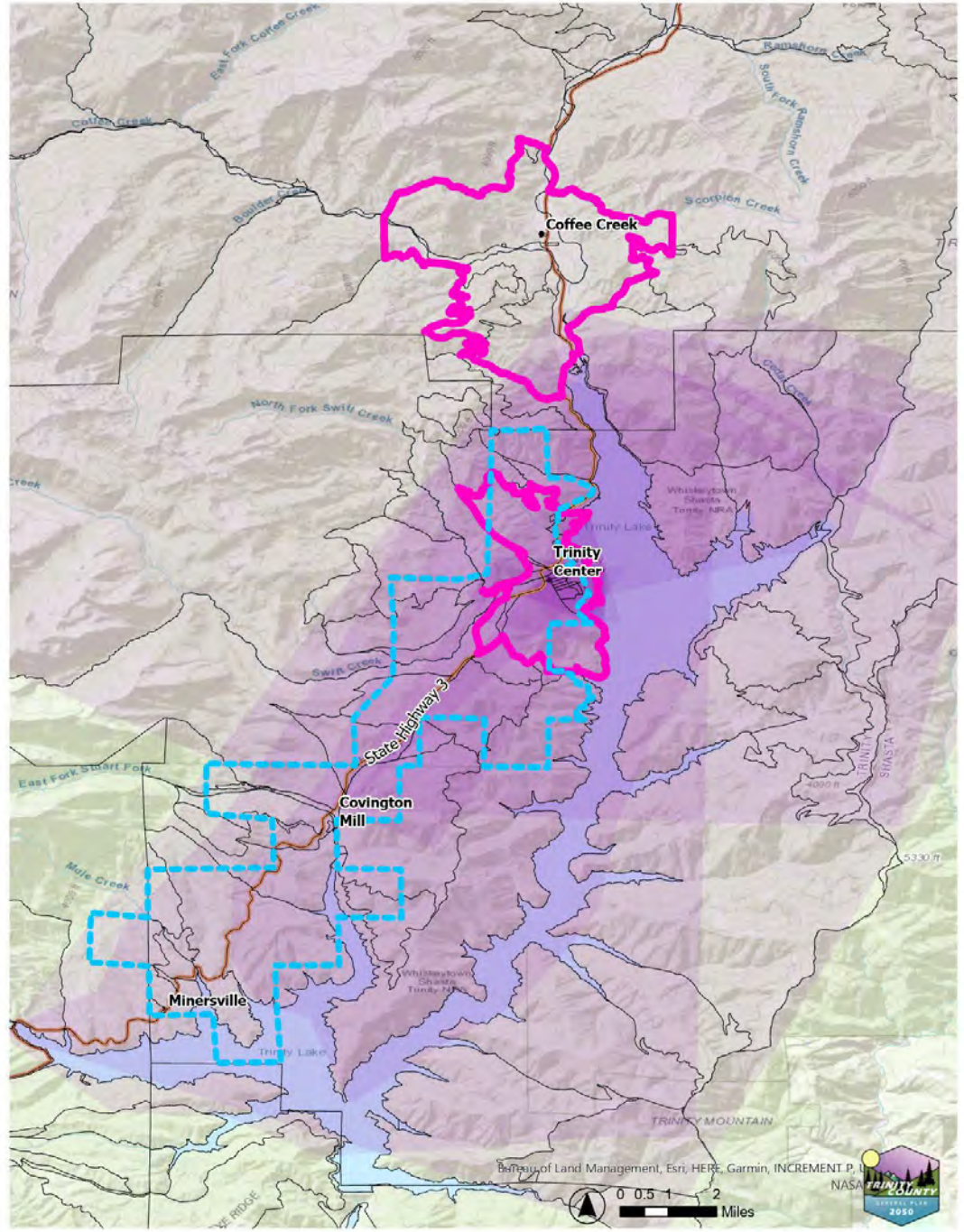
- Community responses
- CSD



Trinity Center

Basemap with CDP

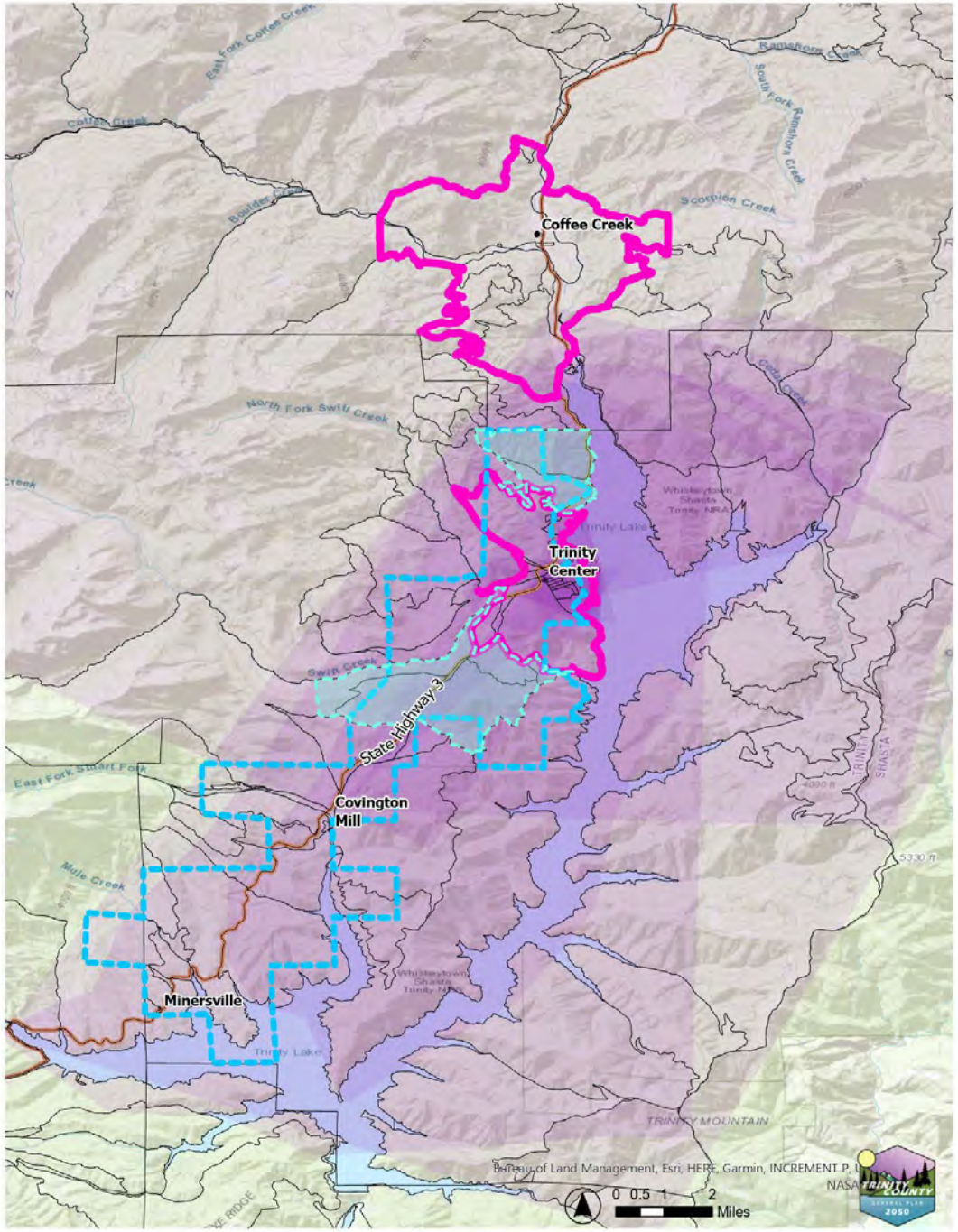
- Community responses
- CSD
- Census Blocks



Trinity Center

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses
- CSD
- Census Blocks
- Expansion beyond CDP



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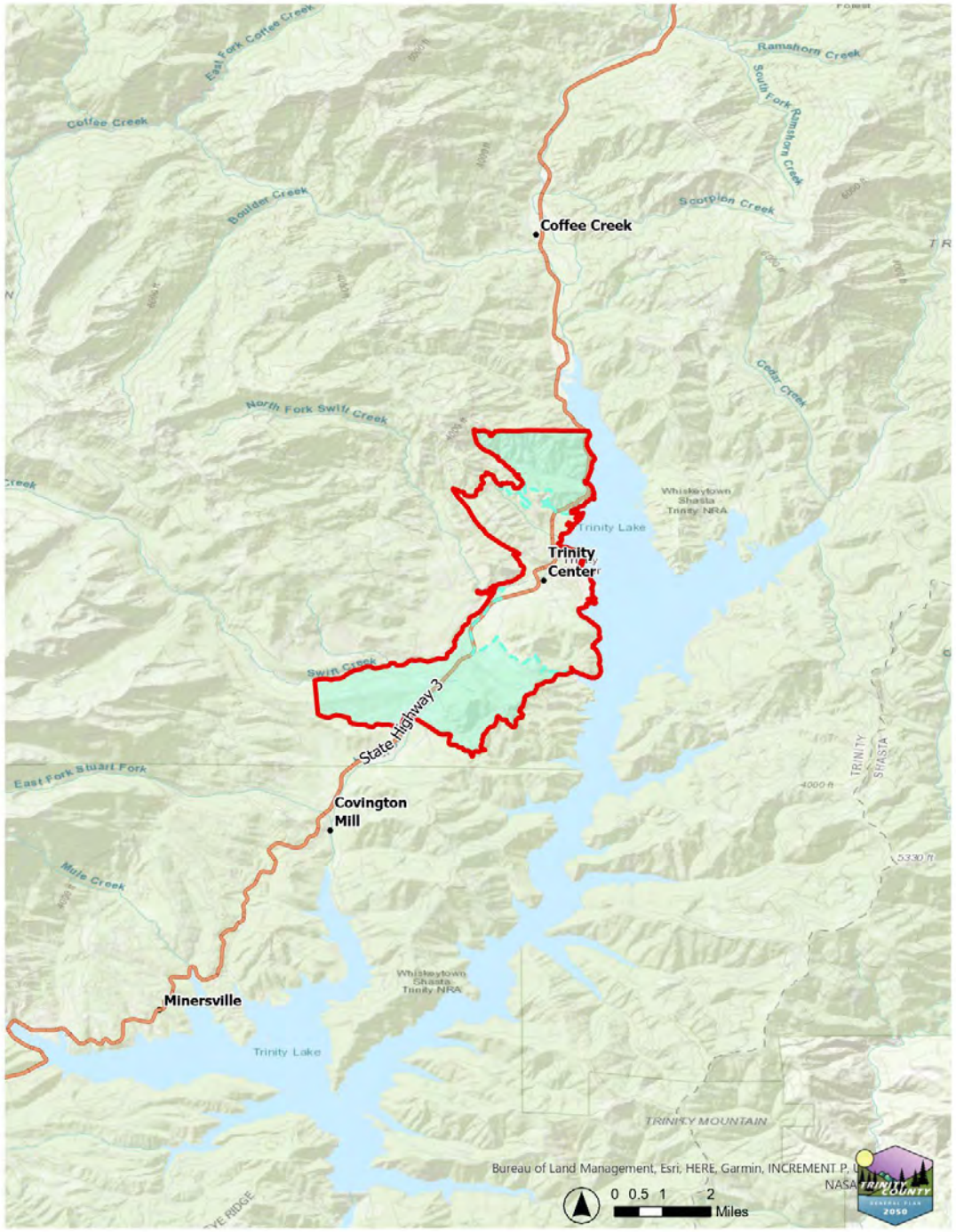
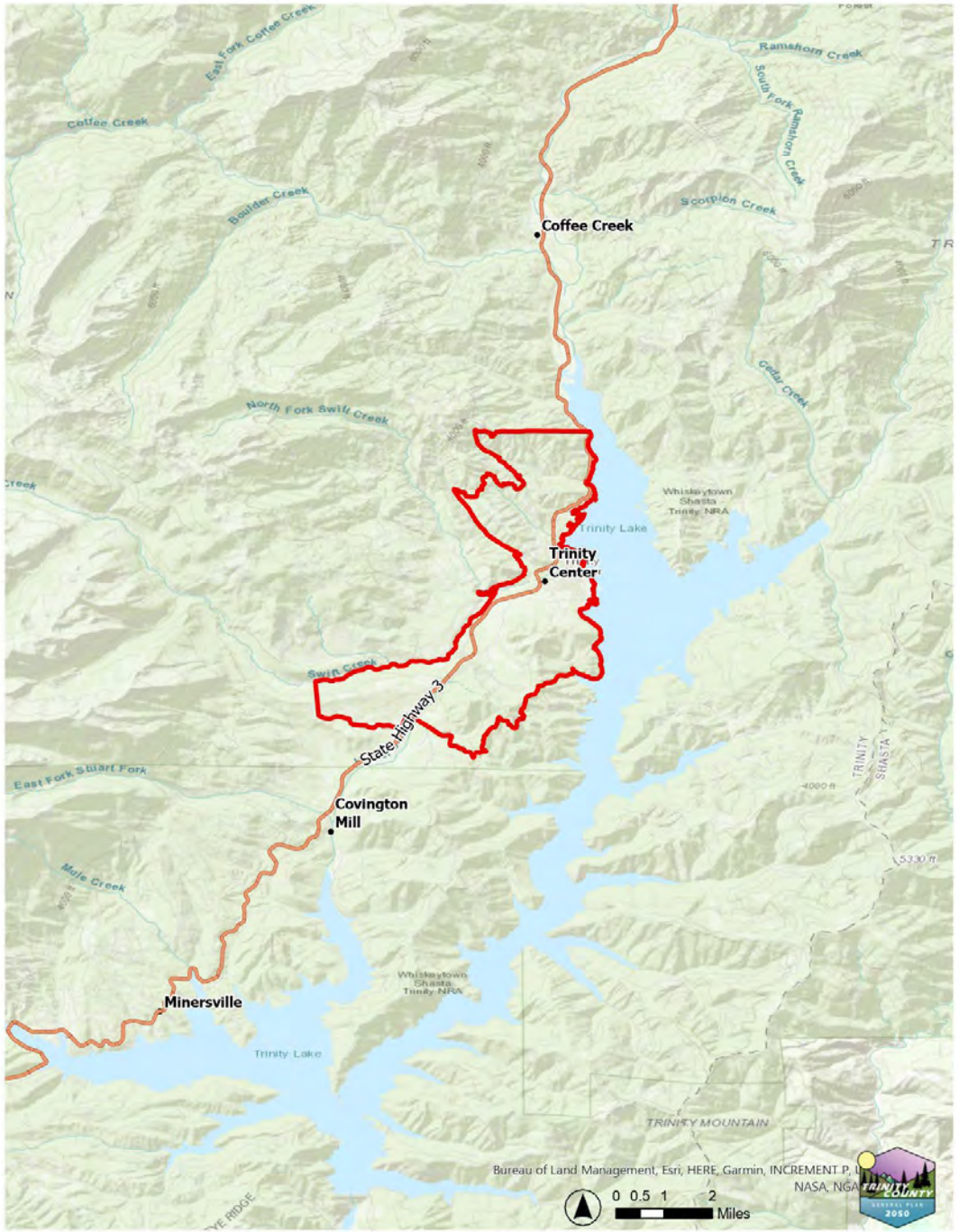


Trinity Center

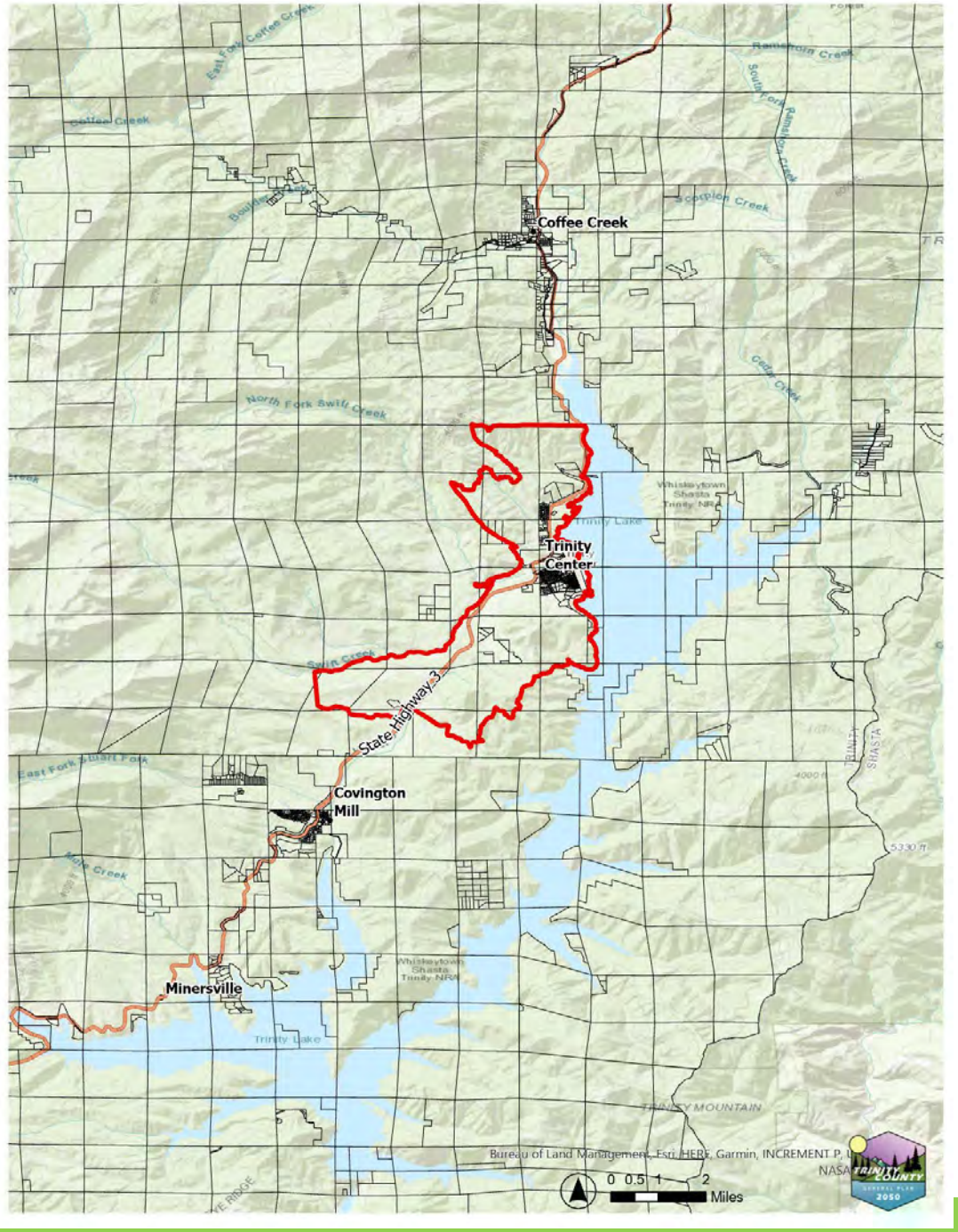
Proposed Plan boundary



Trinity Center

Proposed Plan boundary

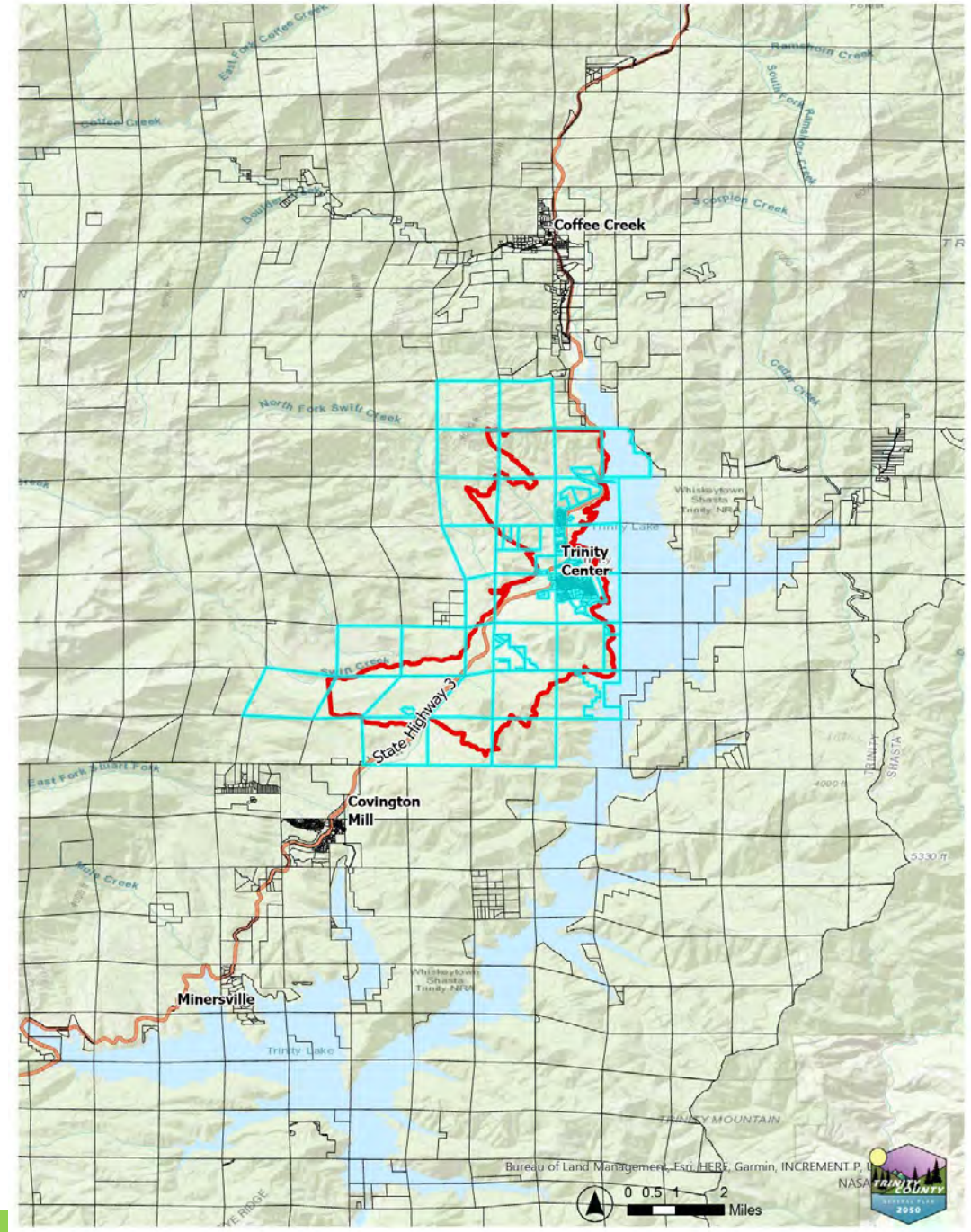
- With parcels



Trinity Center

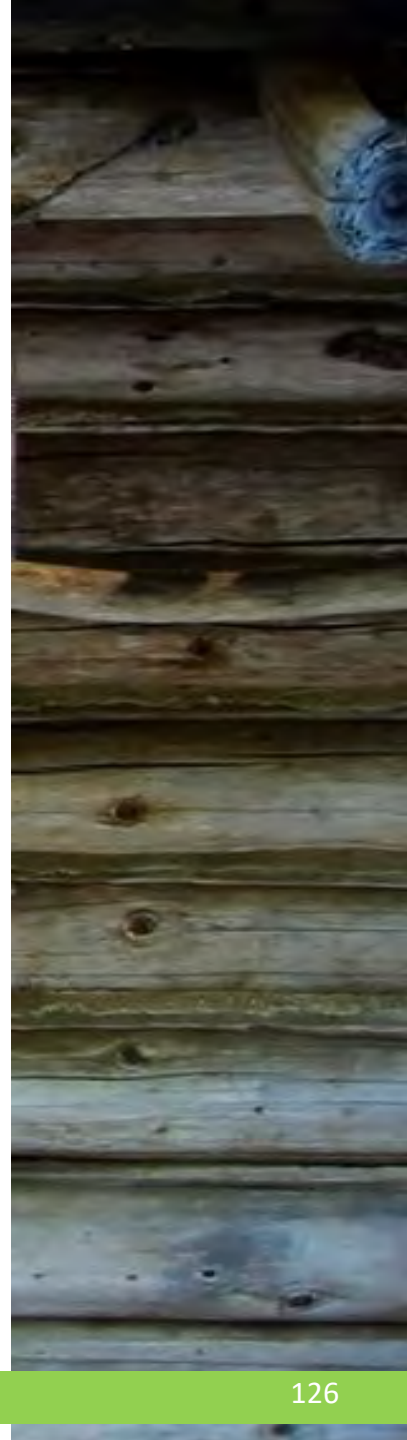
Proposed Plan boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



Trinity Center

- New community plan
- Recommended community plan boundary includes:
  1. 529 parcels with unique Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs)
  2. 16,642 acres of land



North Lake Area

Aerial

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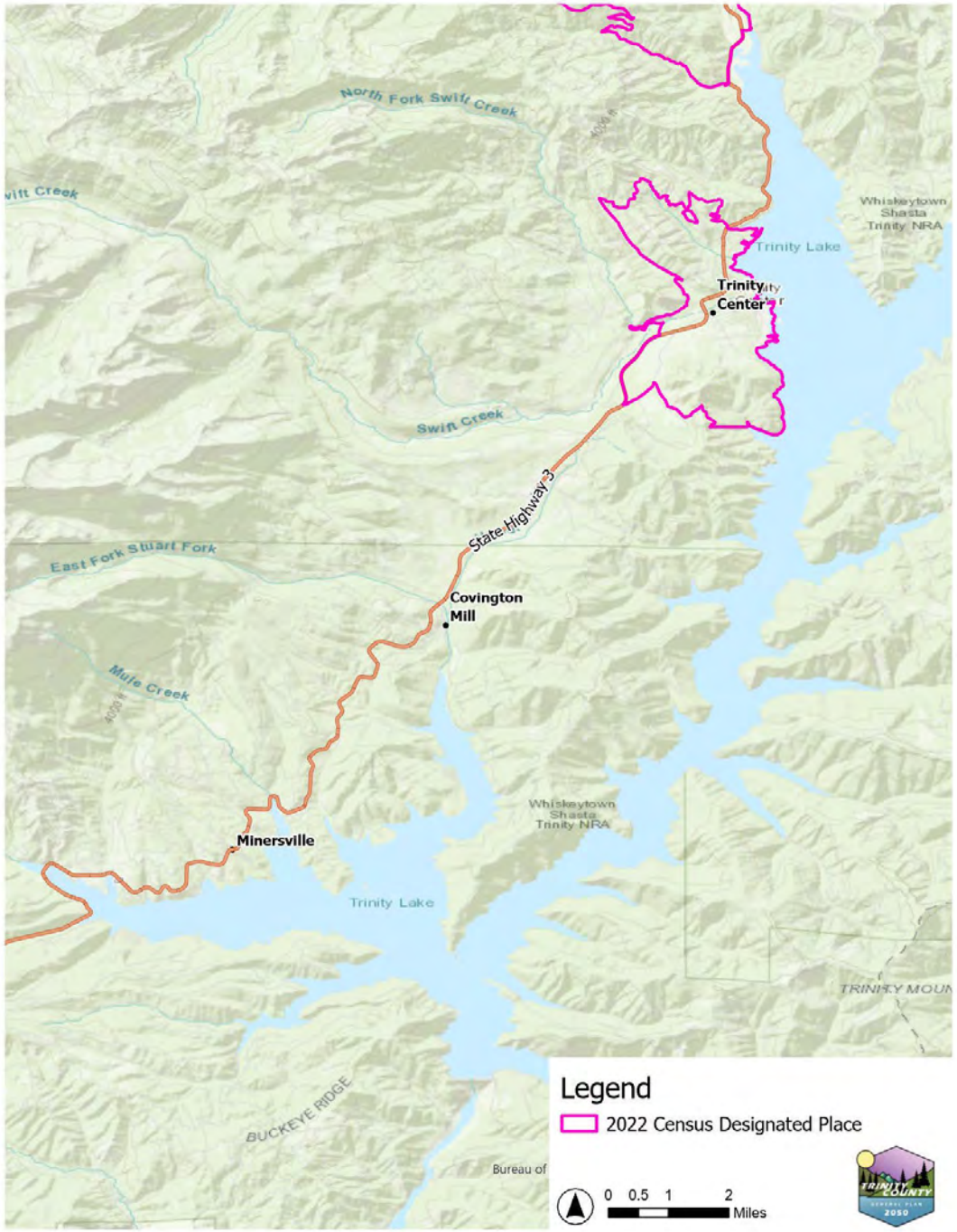
Basemap

North Lake Area

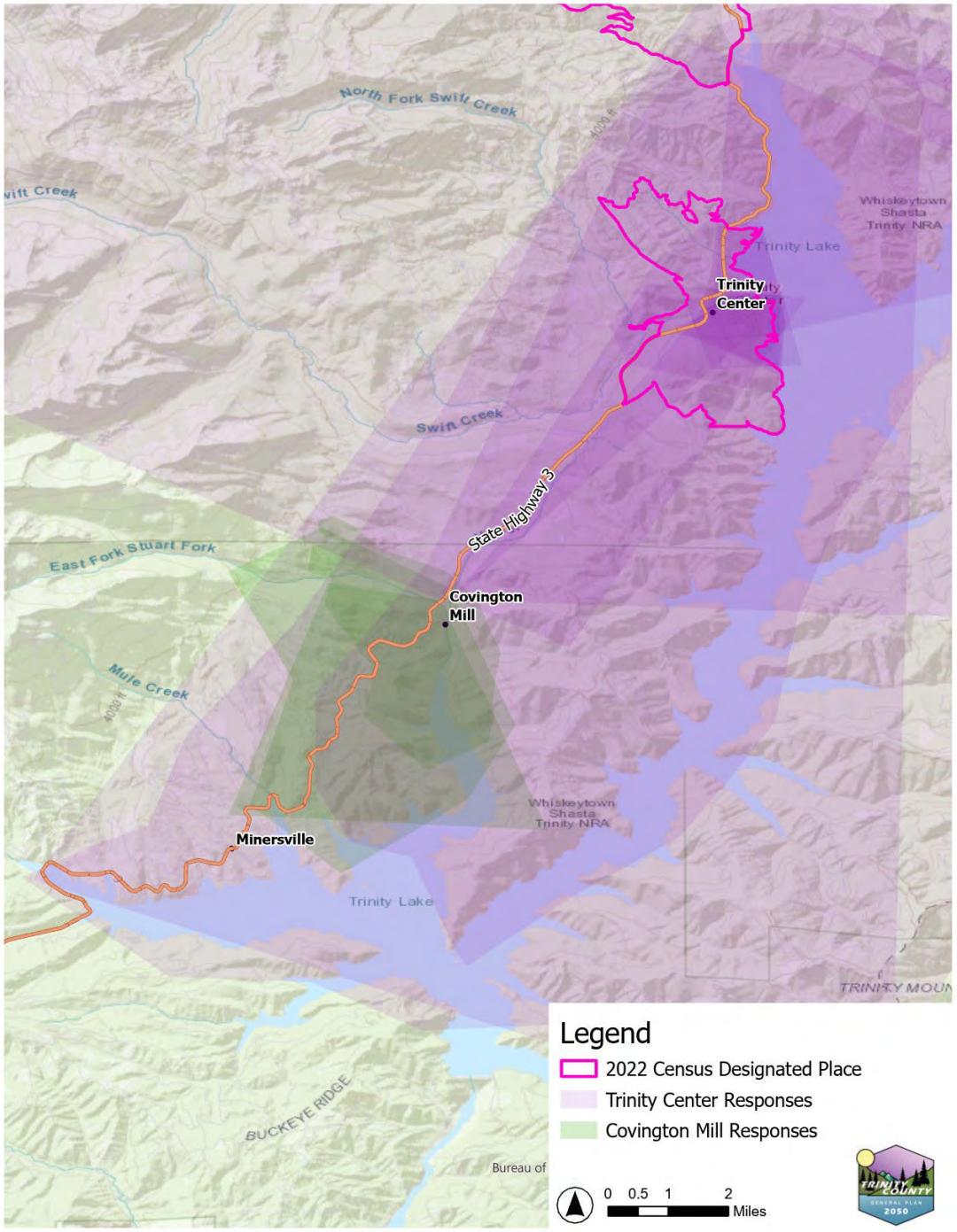
Basemap with CDP



North Lake Area

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses



North Lake Area

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- Community responses
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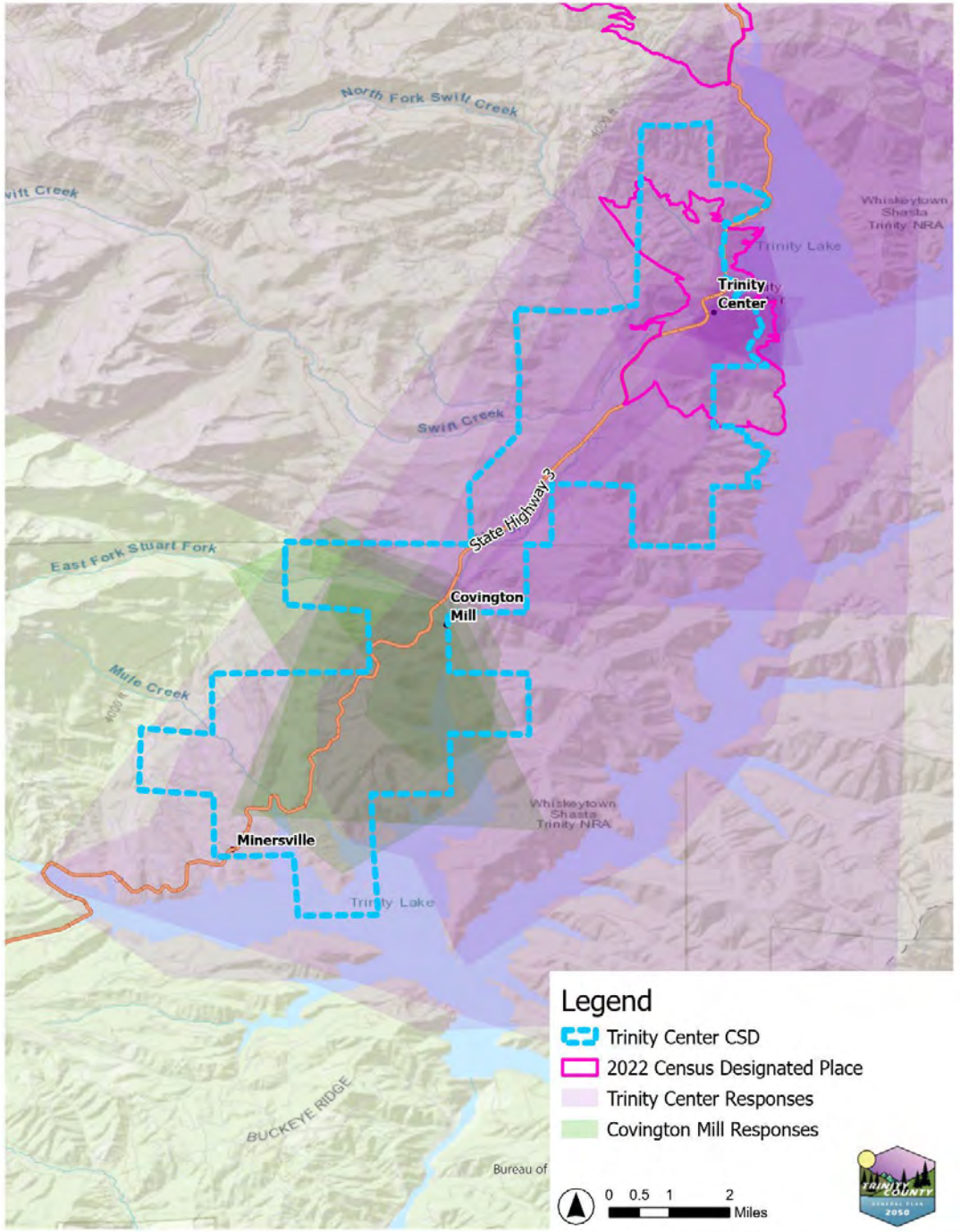
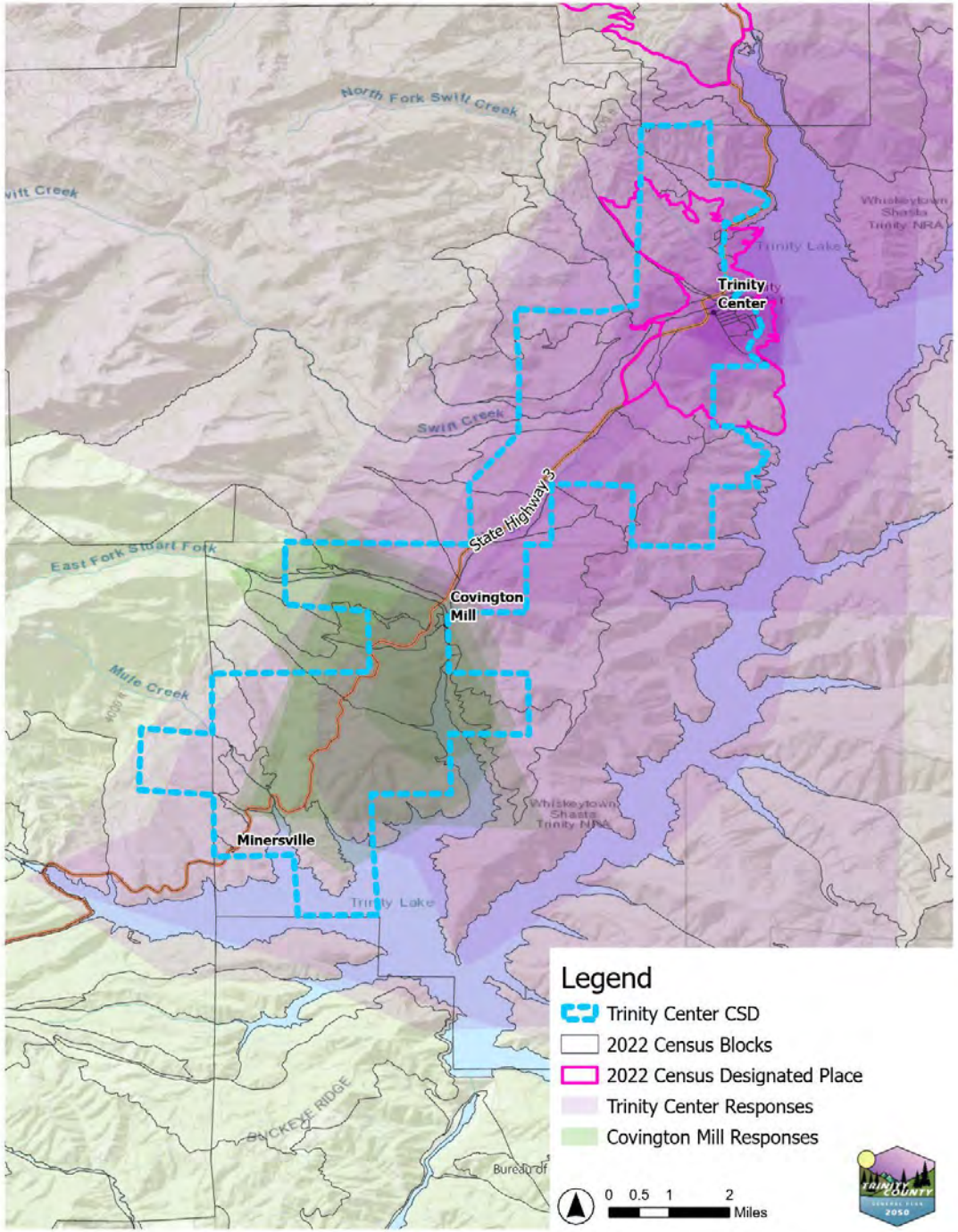


North Lake Area

Basemap with CDP

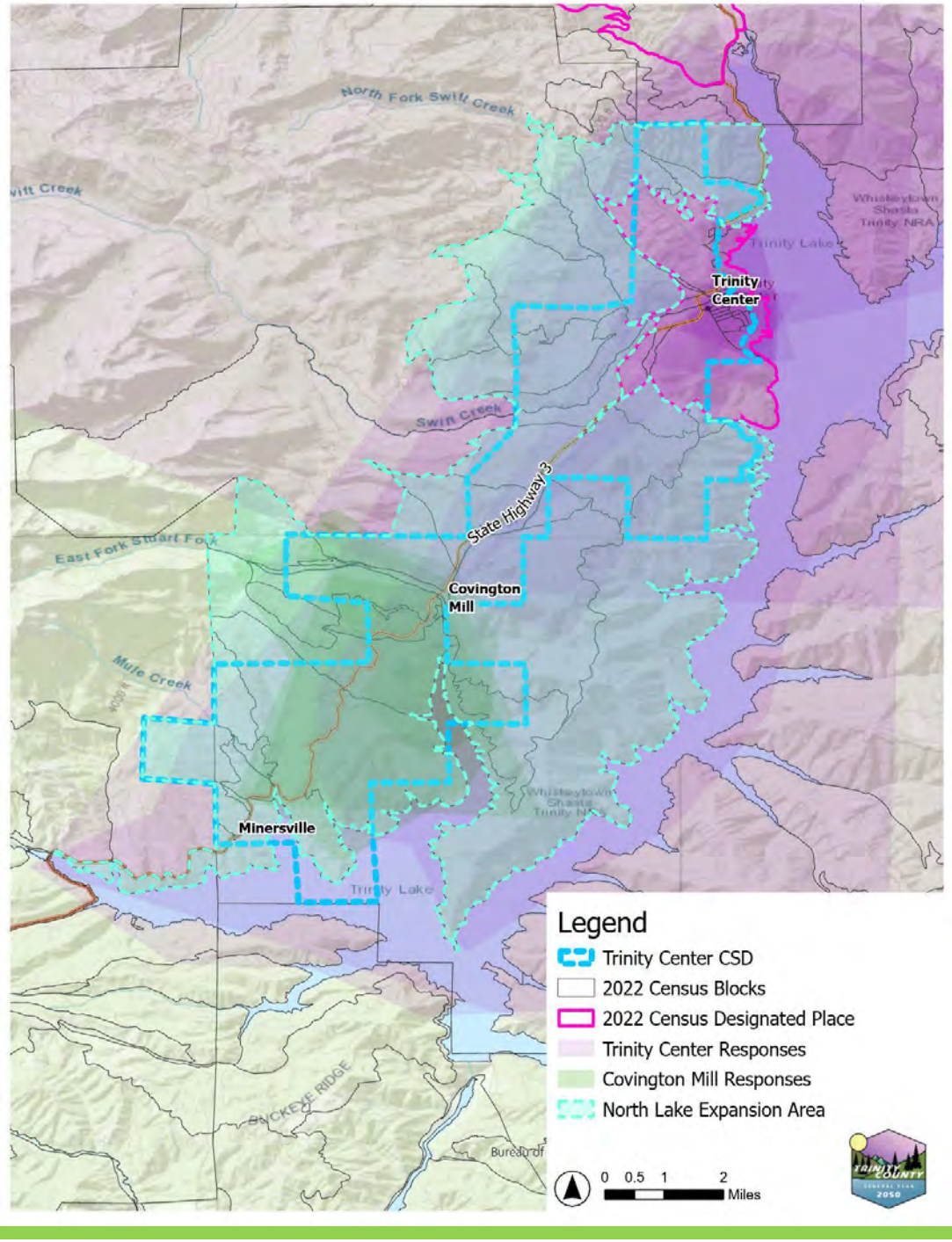
- Community responses
- CSD
- Census Blocks



North Lake Area

Basemap with CDP

- Community responses
- CSD
- Census Blocks
- Expansion beyond CDP



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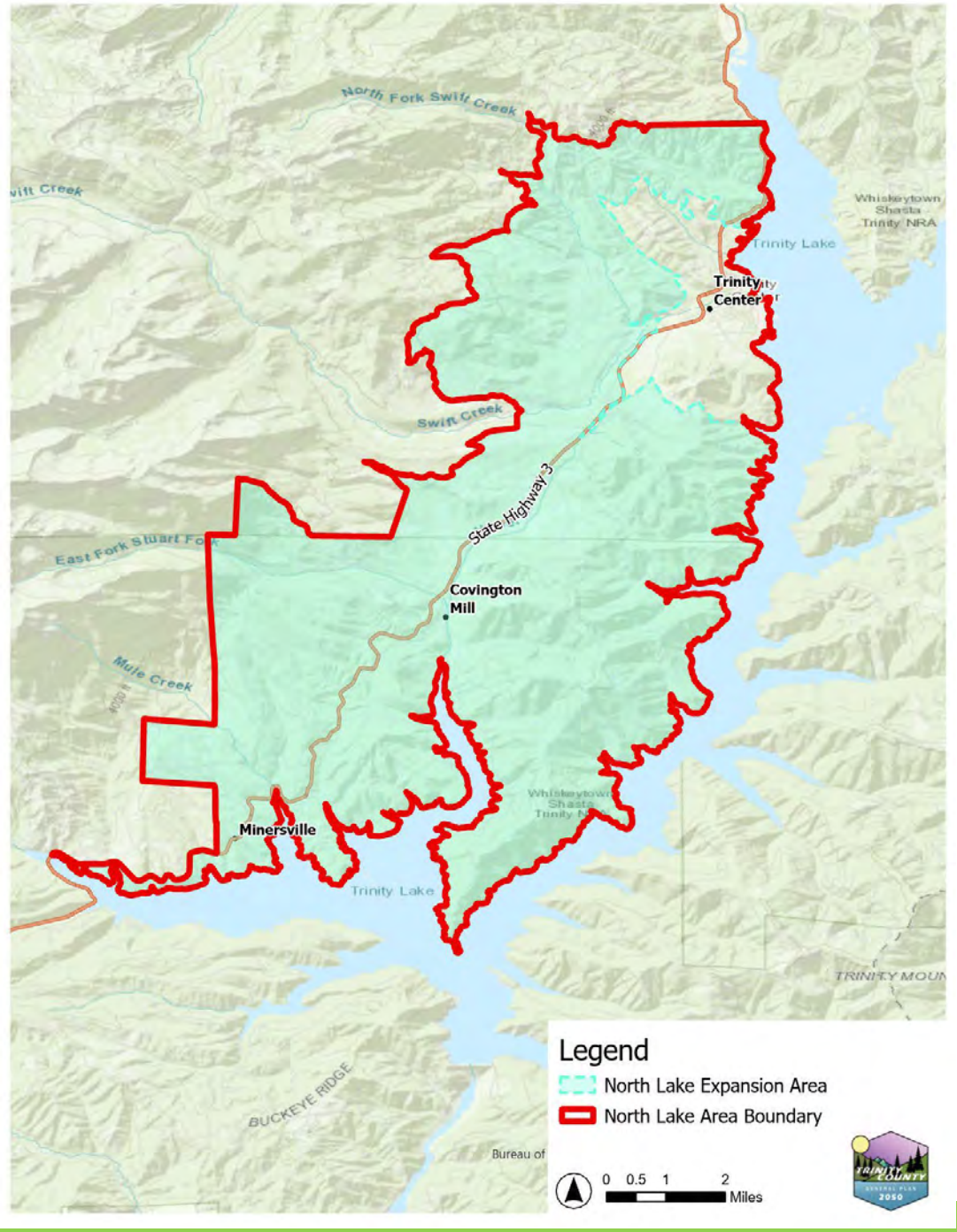
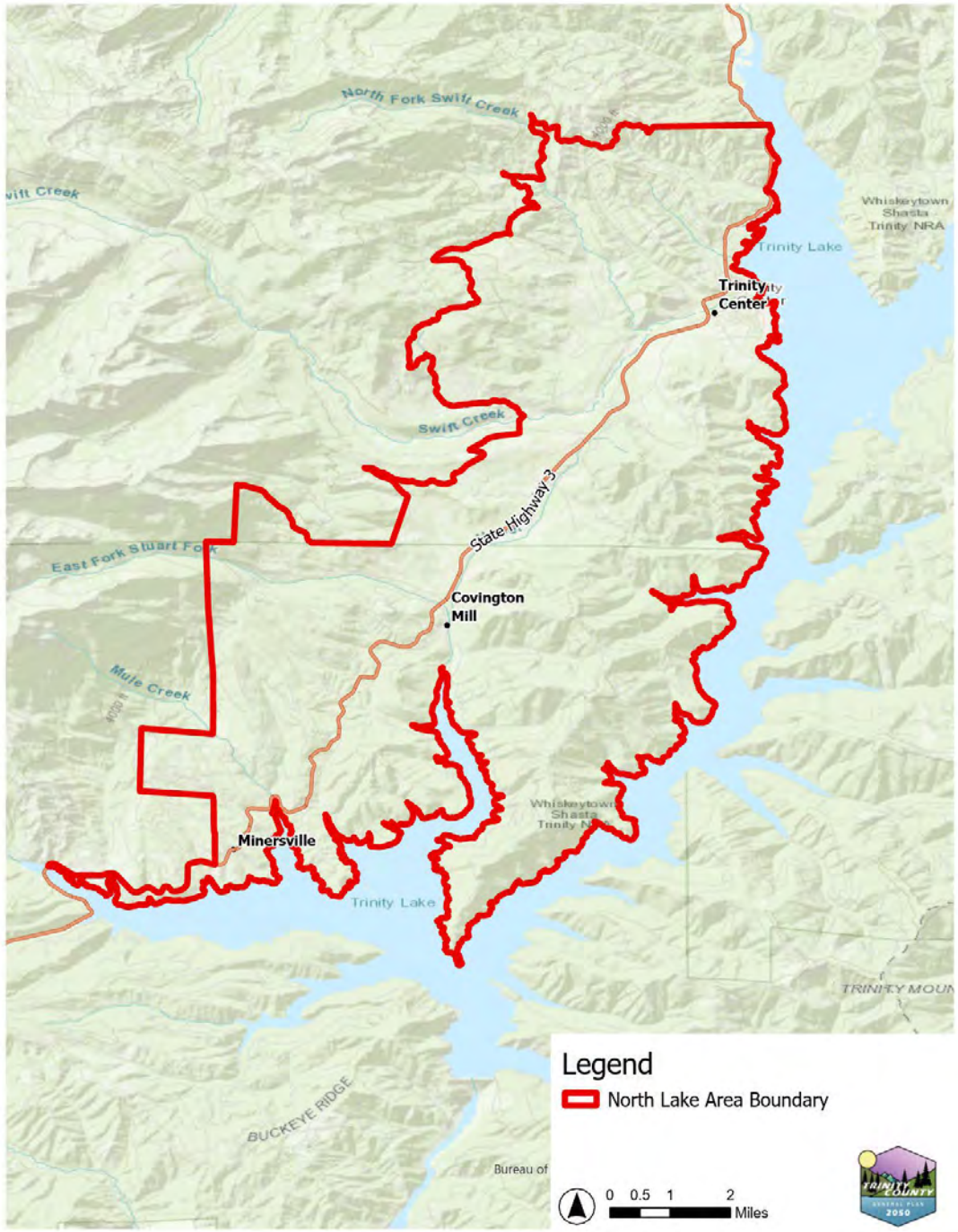


North Lake Area

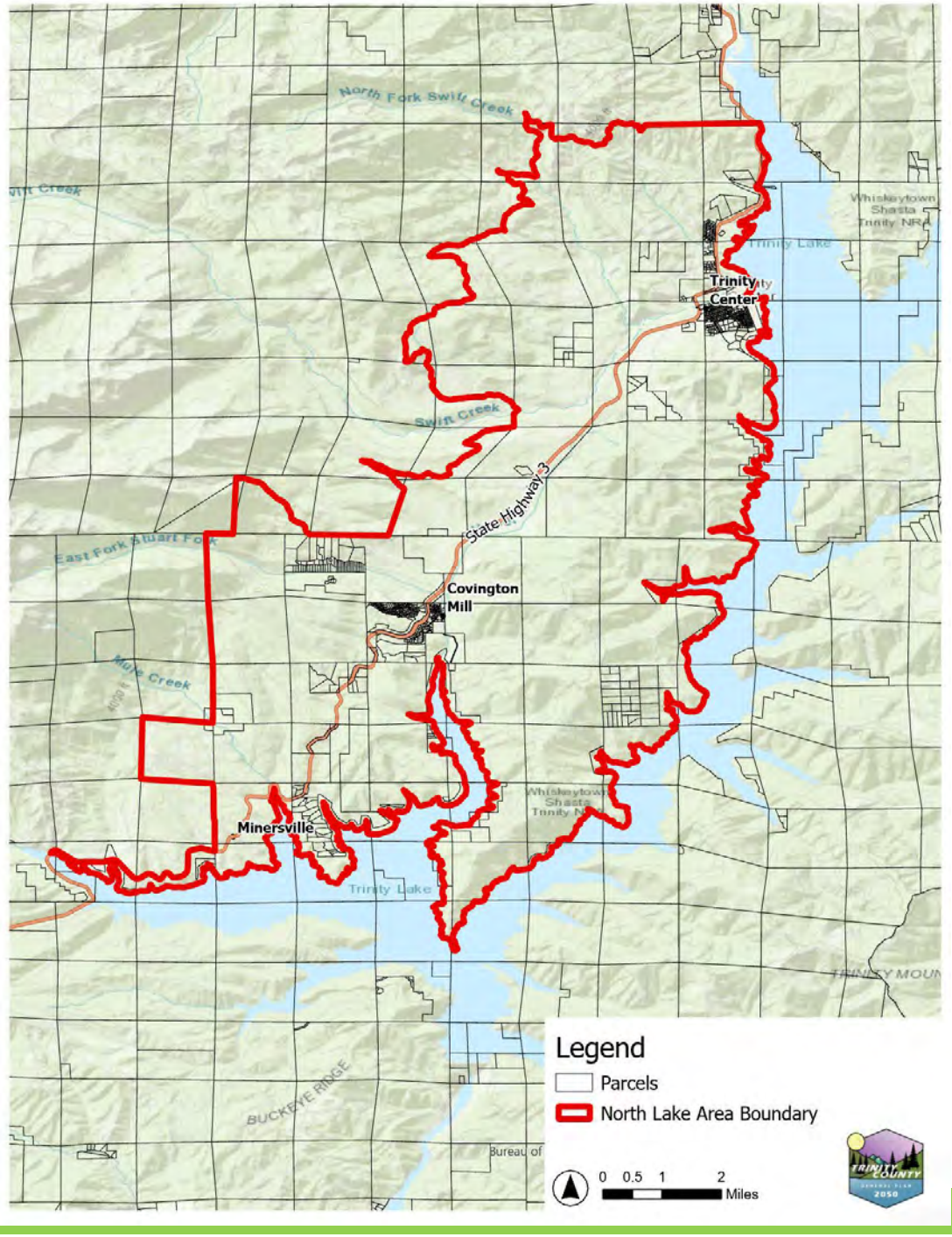
Proposed Plan boundary



North Lake Area

Proposed Plan boundary

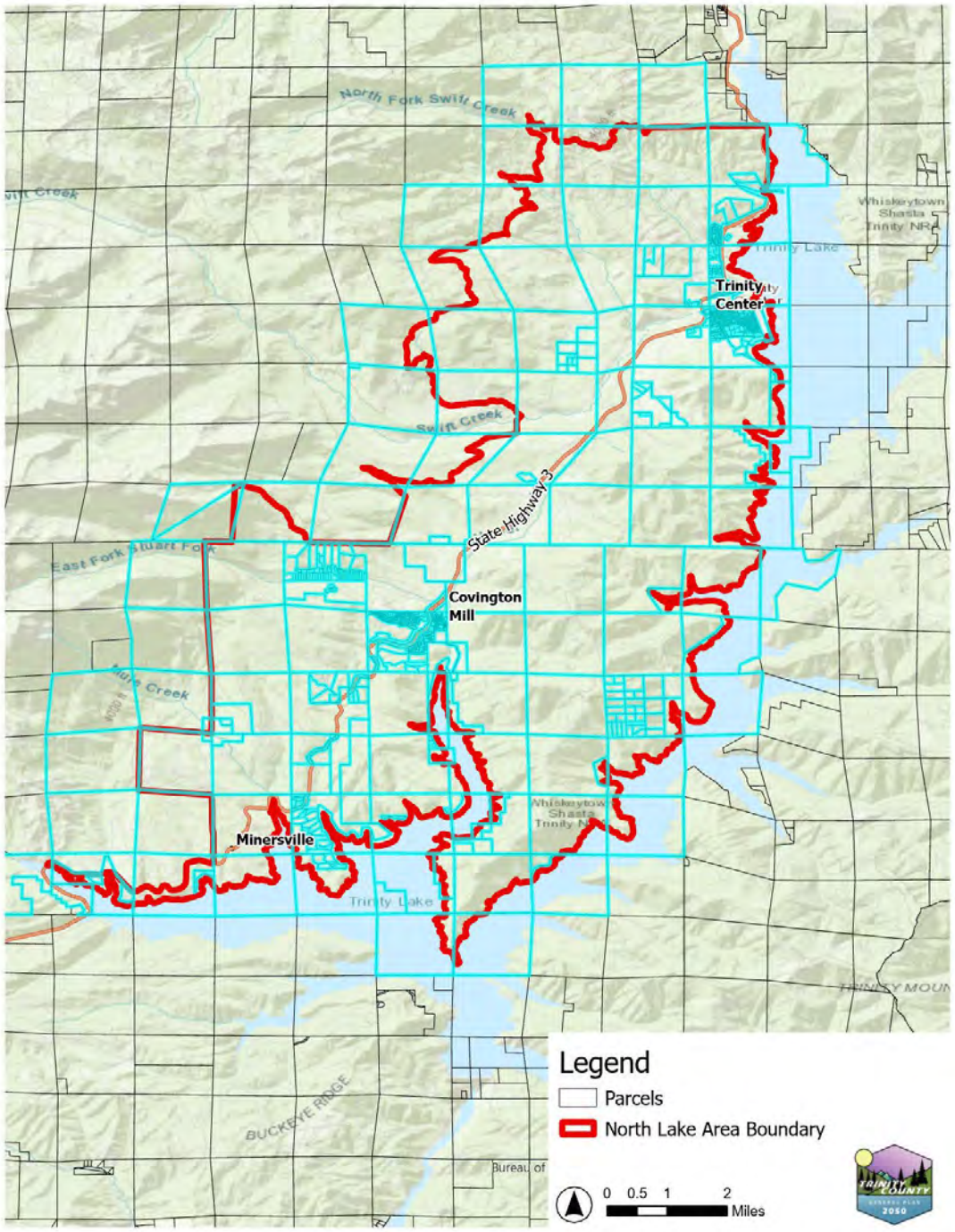
- With parcels



North Lake Area

Proposed Plan boundary

- With parcels included in Plan boundary



North Lake Area

- New area plan
- Recommended community plan boundary includes:
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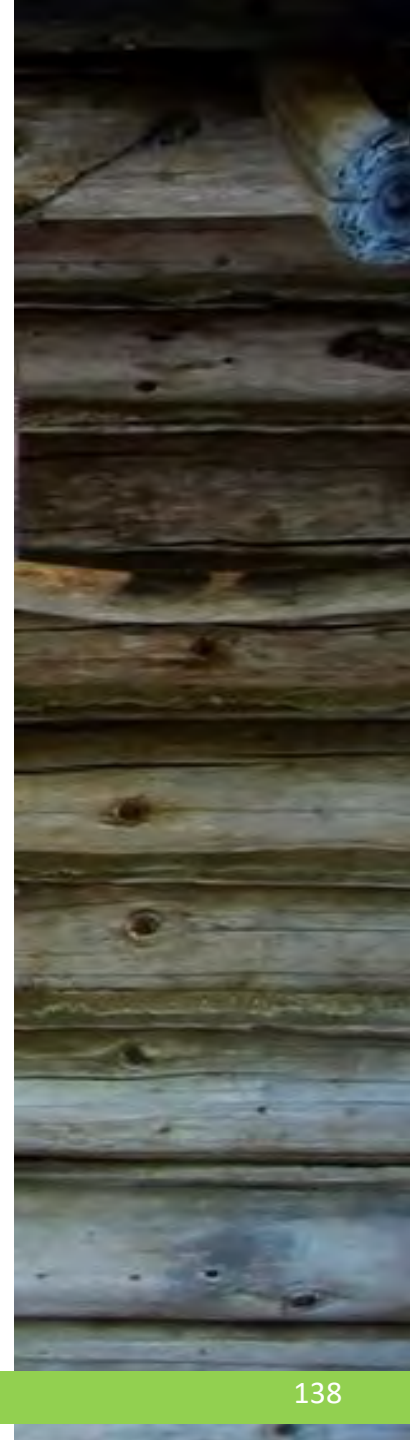
  2. 60,588 acres of land



Discussion on Community Plan Boundaries

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Community Plan Boundaries Commission Discussion:

Questions

Comments on the Recommended Boundaries

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Next Steps

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- Initiate the General Plan Policy Document