

Welcome to the November General Meeting

Nov 16, 2025



Prop 50+
Thank You's



Prop 50 Farmers Market Table



Prop 50 and Virginia
Postcards



Prop 50 PopUps



Prop 50 Freeway Sign



Prop 50 Canvassing



Election Results

CA Prop 50 Results (11/10)

State Wide YES - 64.6% NO – 35.4%

Alameda County YES – 80.6% NO 19.4%

Virginia

Governor Abigail Spamberger (D) 57% Earle-Sears (R) 42%

House of Delegates 64 D/ 36 R Democrats picked up 13 seats

New Jersey

Governor Mikie Sherrill (D) 56.6% Ciattarelli (R) 42.8%

Pennsylvania

Retained three Democratic state Supreme Court Justices



Save The Date



Sunday, December 7
2-5 PM



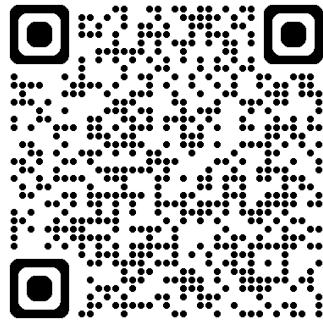
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What's Going Down on our Public Lands?

November 16, 2025
Ann Brown, Vicky Hoover, Celeste Garamendi

What are Public Lands?



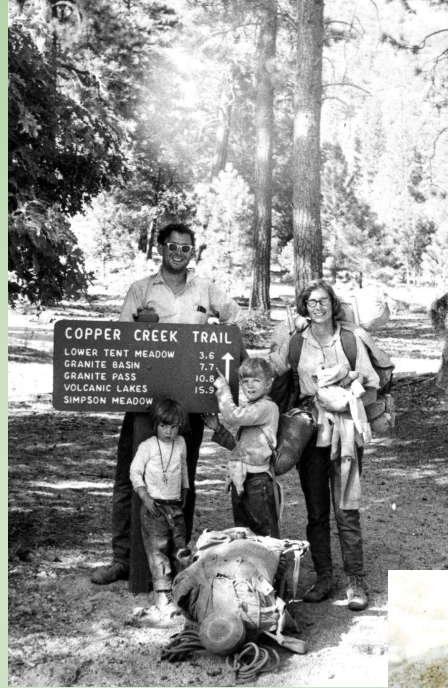
Why are Public Lands Important?



Audience Participation:
Put in the chat *your favorite
national park, national forest,
seashore, or monument.*

Put in the chat: What
experiences do you want your
grandchildren and future
generations to *enjoy on public
lands?*

Meet Vicky Hoover



Backpack Outings leader for over 50 years!

Vicky: Tireless advocate for wilderness preservation



**Desert Wilderness
Protection Act**



Wilderness Forever Future Award



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Newsletter of the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Wilderness Committee

Cheer the TENTH anniversary of TWO National Monuments in our region

On July 10, 2015 President Barack Obama proclaimed three new national monuments, Berryessa Snow Mountain in California, Basin and Range in Nevada, and Waco Mammoth in Texas: Two of these are in our region!

10th Anniversary of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

-- by Teri Shore



Redwood Chapter's Teri Shore, Alicia Bayles, and Deb Sally at the Tallman Hotel party

Sierra Club's Redwood Chapter helped sponsor the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument at the Tallman Hotel in Upper Lake in Lake County on July 10, 2025.

The heartwarming event gathered the advocates, tribal leaders and elected officials who had worked together to achieve monument designation on July 10, 2015, by President Obama's proclamation. The broad coalition that won the monument also more recently forged its 2024 expansion to include Molok Luvuk (aka

Our June 6-9 CA/NV Wilderness Committee Desert Service Outing in Nevada's remote Basin and Range National Monument was an impactful two-fer. As a birthday celebration to mark the monument's ten-year anniversary, we

acres to the monument's existing 330,000 acres.

Organized by Tuleyome, based in Davis, CA, and emceed by Tuleyome Executive Director Sandra Schubert, the program featured speakers who were instrumental — *continued page 2*

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Celebrating Nevada's Basin and Range National Monument

-- by Anne Henny



Basin & Range National Monument celebrates ten years in our Day of Action

participated in a Bureau of Land Management-organized BioBlitz—an event that brings together scientists, naturalists, and enthusiasts to inventory and observe the biodiversity of the Monument—and we also organized a local mini-rally as part of the June 7 national Day of Action to defend our country's national monuments and other public lands.

This was our third joint project working with Basin and Range National Monument manager Alicia Styles and staff, plus volunteers from other advocacy groups. We camped in the beautiful Mt. Irish area with its diverse habitats

Photo: Lynn Boudoin



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Sierra Borealis *alaska* report

SIERRA CLUB ALASKA CHAPTER
SEPTEMBER 2025



Help keep harmful roads out of the Tongass National Forest!

Your COMMENT to save the Roadless Rule needed by September 19

Our national forests are the heart of our public land. But now nearly 45 million acres are under attack, including the Tongass and Chugach National Forests here in Alaska. The Trump administration wants to revoke the "Roadless Area Conservation Rule," commonly known as the "roadless rule," an extremely popular 2001 policy that protects the wildest parts of our national forests. The full repeal would allow the building of roads through critical areas of Tongass National Forest wildlife habitat and open the door to more unnecessary and harmful development. It would have devastating effects on wildlife, clean air and drinking water, outdoor recreation, communities, local economies, and wildfire management.

Tongass Forest is a precious gem in Southeast Alaska. It is the United States' largest national forest—by far. It is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, and one of Earth's important carbon sinks. Developing and logging this old growth forest would hinder its ability to absorb carbon from the atmosphere.



In the Tongass Forest near Juneau

Photo: Andrew Feniger

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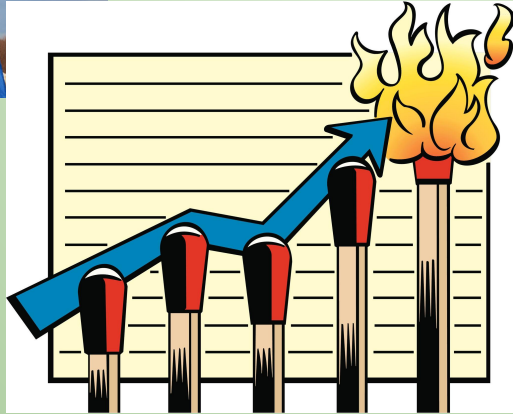
The Tongass's ability to thrive without further road construction boosts major Alaskan industries like tourism and fishing. Destroying the wildness of the Tongass

could sacrifice those economic boons forever for short-sighted, short-term development projects.

The Trump Administration claims roads will help with wildfire management, but the data does not support that. In fact, the opposite is true. Roads bring vehicles and more people who are responsible for the vast majority of wildfires. Roadbuilding also leads to a change in the types of vegetation that grow on the forest floor and an uptick in invasive species, making the forest harder to manage.

The comment period for the repeal of the Roadless Rule is now open and will close on September 19. See NEXT page to take action! — *continued page 2, bottom*

Donald Trump's "vision" for our public lands: **Profit**, not Preservation.



Defunding our federal lands:

Firing Staff



Defunding our federal lands: Government shutdown



Tell Congress: Keep Polluters' Hands Off Public Lands!

It's more important than ever to demand that your members of Congress do all they can to defend the national monuments and other public lands and waters we all love. Send your message today!

**Sierra Club Take Action
Webpage - one example**
<https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National>



Contact your congressional representatives



U.S. Senate

Alex Padilla

Adam Schiff

<https://www.schiff.senate.gov/contact/>



House of Representatives

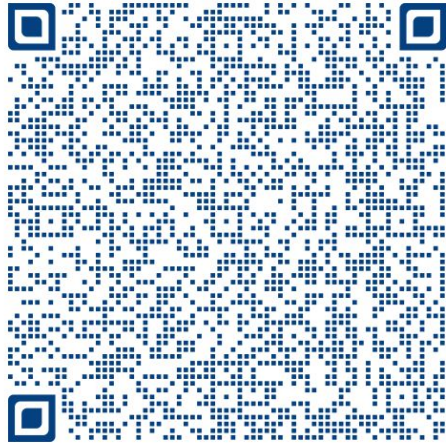
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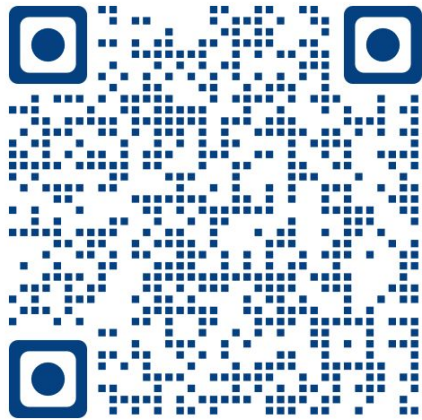
Vandalism in Arches Nat'l Park!

SFGate Article



Take Action - Contact your elected officials!

Sierra Club Action
page



Find and contact your elected
officials - federal, state, local



30 x 30: Conserve 30% of Lands & Waters by 2030

Why?



Mitigate effects of climate disruption

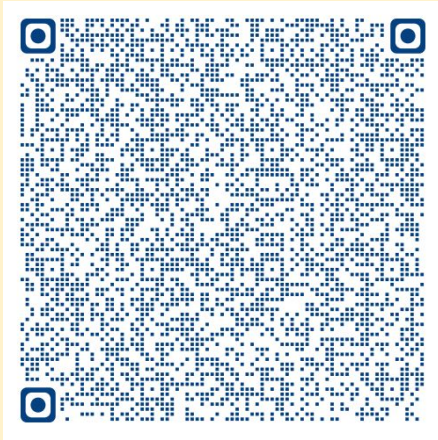


Stop biodiversity loss & extinction

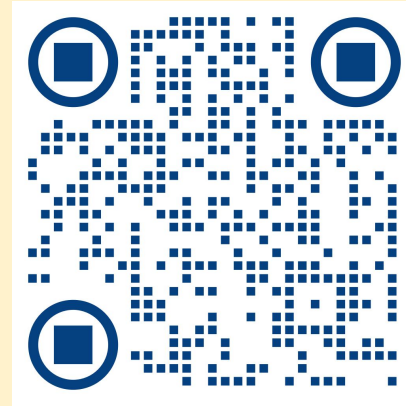


Provide access to nature near where people live

Guide to Respond to State Park's Tesla Survey



E Mail template for Tesla Natural Reserve Designation



Where is the biggest landscape-level opportunity to protect biodiversity in California?



"An entire mountain range hidden in plain sight"

- 4 million acres
- 200 miles long
- 27% protected
- 30 x 30 goals
- Rich biodiversity: 100's of rare and endangered species
- 12 counties, with 10 M. people surrounding the Range



How is the Diablo Range at risk?

- Attempts to sell off millions of acres of public lands by Trump admin. to offset tax cuts to billionaires
- Public pressure prevented the sell off, but
- Sen. Mike Lee insists on pursuing the sale of public lands
- The sales would have included 86% of BLM lands, 200,000 acres



First annual Diablo Range Convening, June 5, 2025

Hosted by Save Mount Diablo

- 150 people, 60 conservation groups, including local tribes
- Some funding from Prop. 4, CA Climate bond (2024)
- funds could be used to attract other long-term reliable funding from a variety of sources
- multi-benefit campaign & message:
 - *biodiversity, *connectivity,
 - *water resources, *climate,
 - *adaptation, *resilience,
 - *agriculture, *equity, and *access.



What legislation can help preserve the Diablo Range?

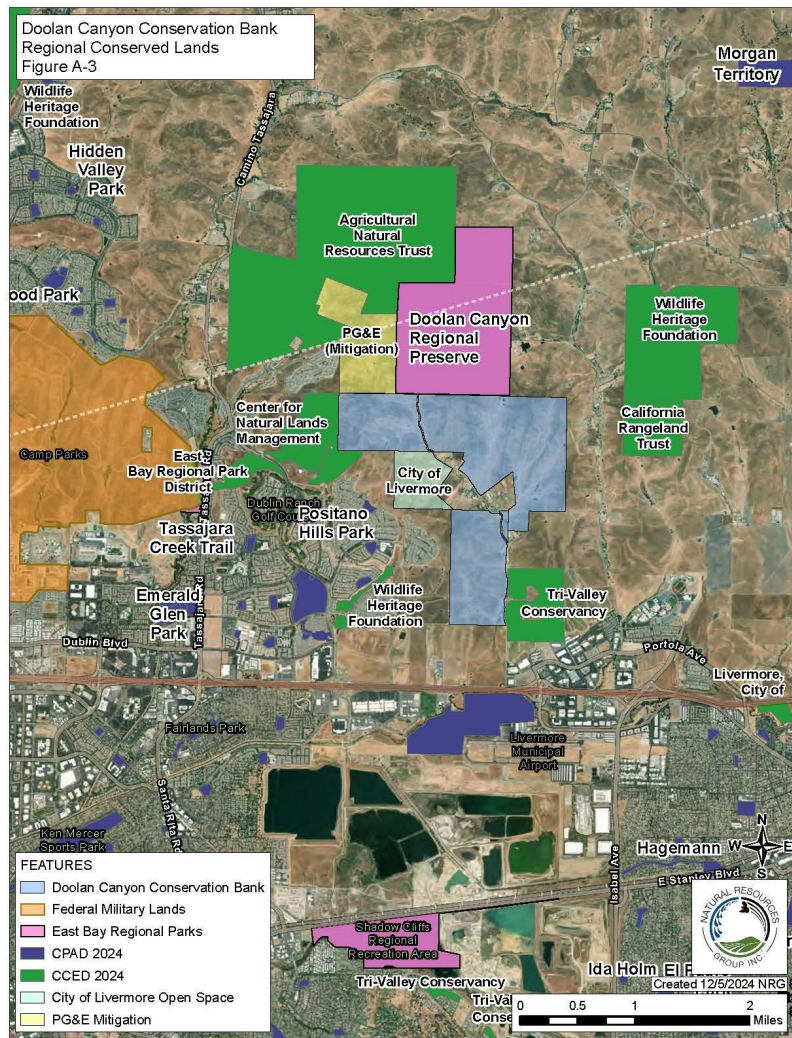
An Assembly Concurrent Resolution, **ACR 107**, co-authored by Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, to recognize the Diablo Range as a **California Conservation Priority**, passed by the Assembly on Sept. 13.

Next step: **Pass the ACR 1078 in the CA Senate in January.** Contact Sen Jerry McNerney to express support!

<https://sd05.senate.ca.gov/contact>

Visit
SaveMountDiablo.org



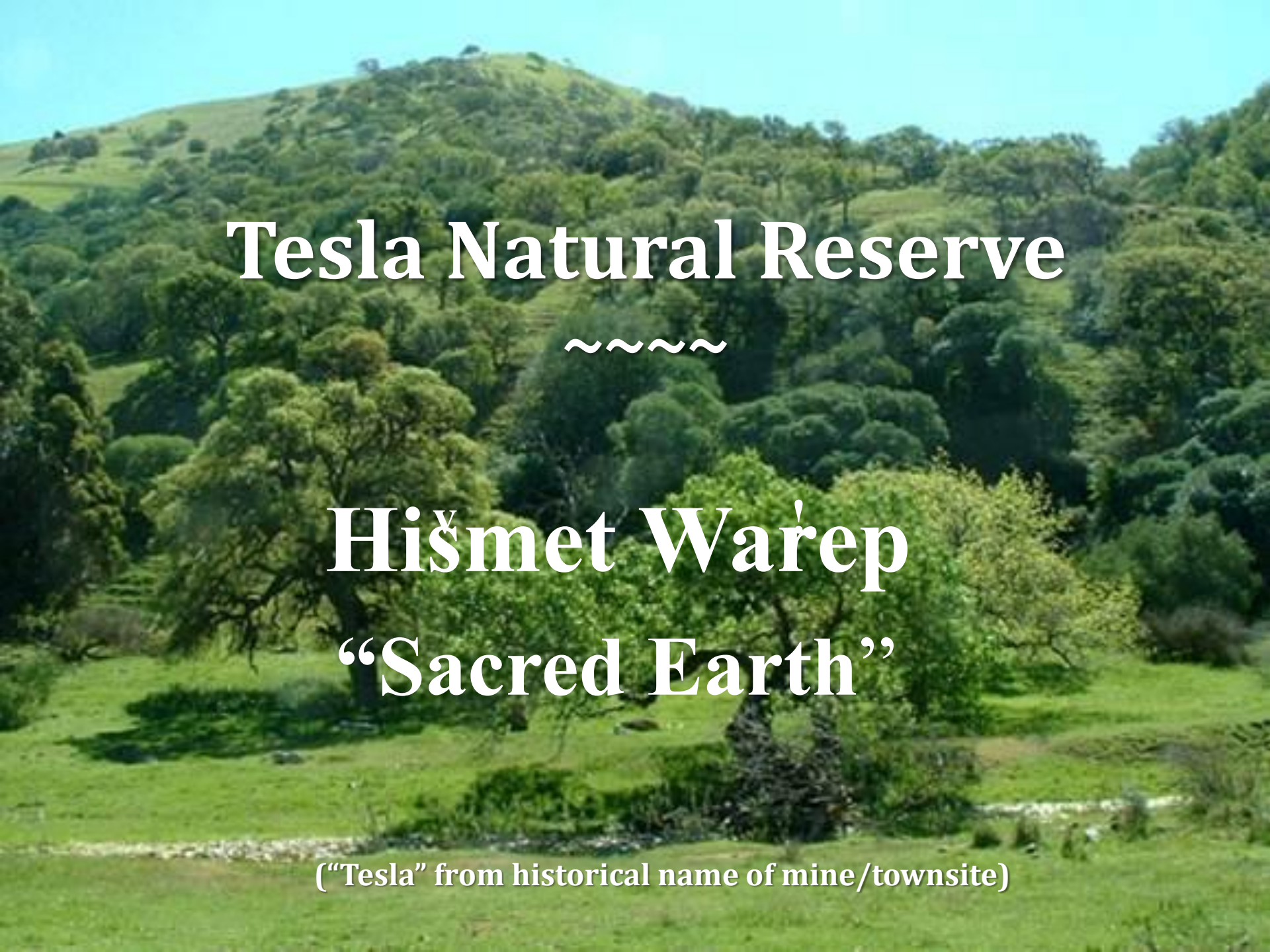


Recent local Win: Conserving Doolan Canyon



Essential open space corridor between
Dublin and Livermore, north of 580





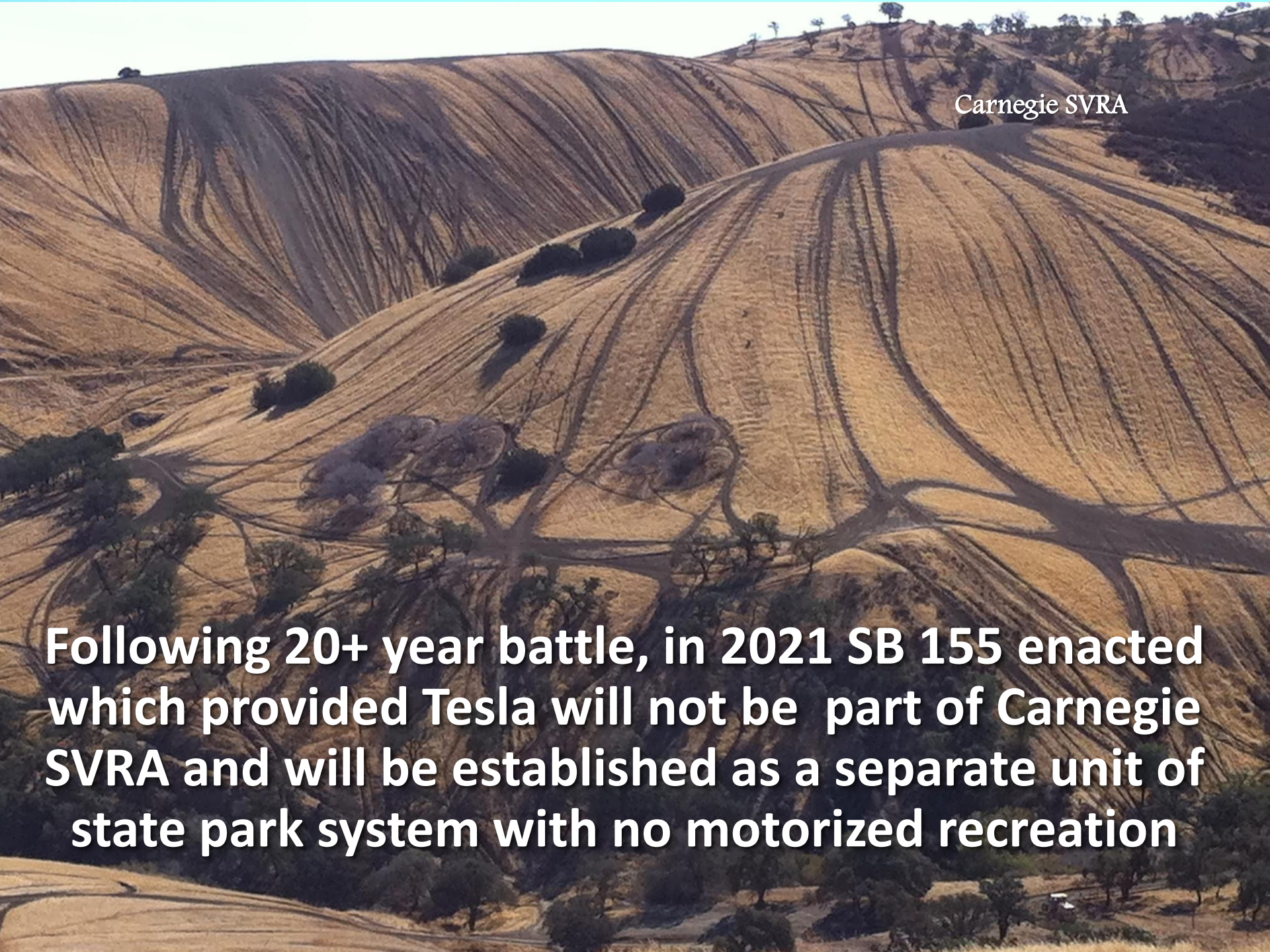
Tesla Natural Reserve

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## Hišmet Waɾep “Sacred Earth”

(“Tesla” from historical name of mine/townsite)



An aerial photograph of a dry, hilly landscape. The hills are covered in sparse, dry vegetation and are crisscrossed by numerous winding roads and tracks. The terrain is rugged and appears to be in a semi-arid region. The text "Carnegie SVRA" is visible in the upper right corner.

Carnegie SVRA

**Following 20+ year battle, in 2021 SB 155 enacted which provided Tesla will not be part of Carnegie SVRA and will be established as a separate unit of state park system with no motorized recreation**



An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. The slopes are covered in green vegetation, with some areas showing more dense, darker green forest. The valley floor is filled with a dense forest of trees, mostly with green foliage. A winding road or path is visible on the left side of the valley floor. The overall scene is a natural, mountainous landscape.

**Classify ~3,100-acre Tesla wildland  
as a Natural Reserve under  
PRC 5019.65 (a)**



## State Natural Reserve – PRC § 5019.65

State reserves consist of areas embracing **outstanding natural or scenic characteristics or areas containing outstanding cultural resources of statewide significance...**

**(a) State natural reserves, consisting of areas selected and managed for the purpose of preserving their native ecological associations, unique faunal or floral characteristics, geological features, and scenic qualities in a condition of undisturbed integrity. Resource manipulation shall be restricted to the minimum required to negate the deleterious influence of man....**



# Statewide Significance

- Recognized Biodiversity Hot Spot, vital ecological values
- Significant Prehistoric/Tribal Cultural Landscape & Historic Cultural Features
- Wildlands Access for Urban Centers, Underserved
- Emblematic of Diablo Range & California Landscapes

**No Other State Reserves  
in Region**





# **Natural Reserve Classification of Tesla based on**

## ***Assessment of Biological Resources and Effects of Recreational Activities on Resources***

- **Comprehensive resource analysis required to determine type/intensity of possible uses**
- **Experts compiled all available information CSP surveys/reports, PRA data, government reports, independent research**
- **Covers biological resources & recreational development/use impacts**
- **Peer reviewed by top experts, thoroughly sourced, affirmed by Scientist Consensus Statement**

**Conclusion – Natural Reserve Classification = best option to protect Tesla's irreplaceable biodiversity & ecosystem**

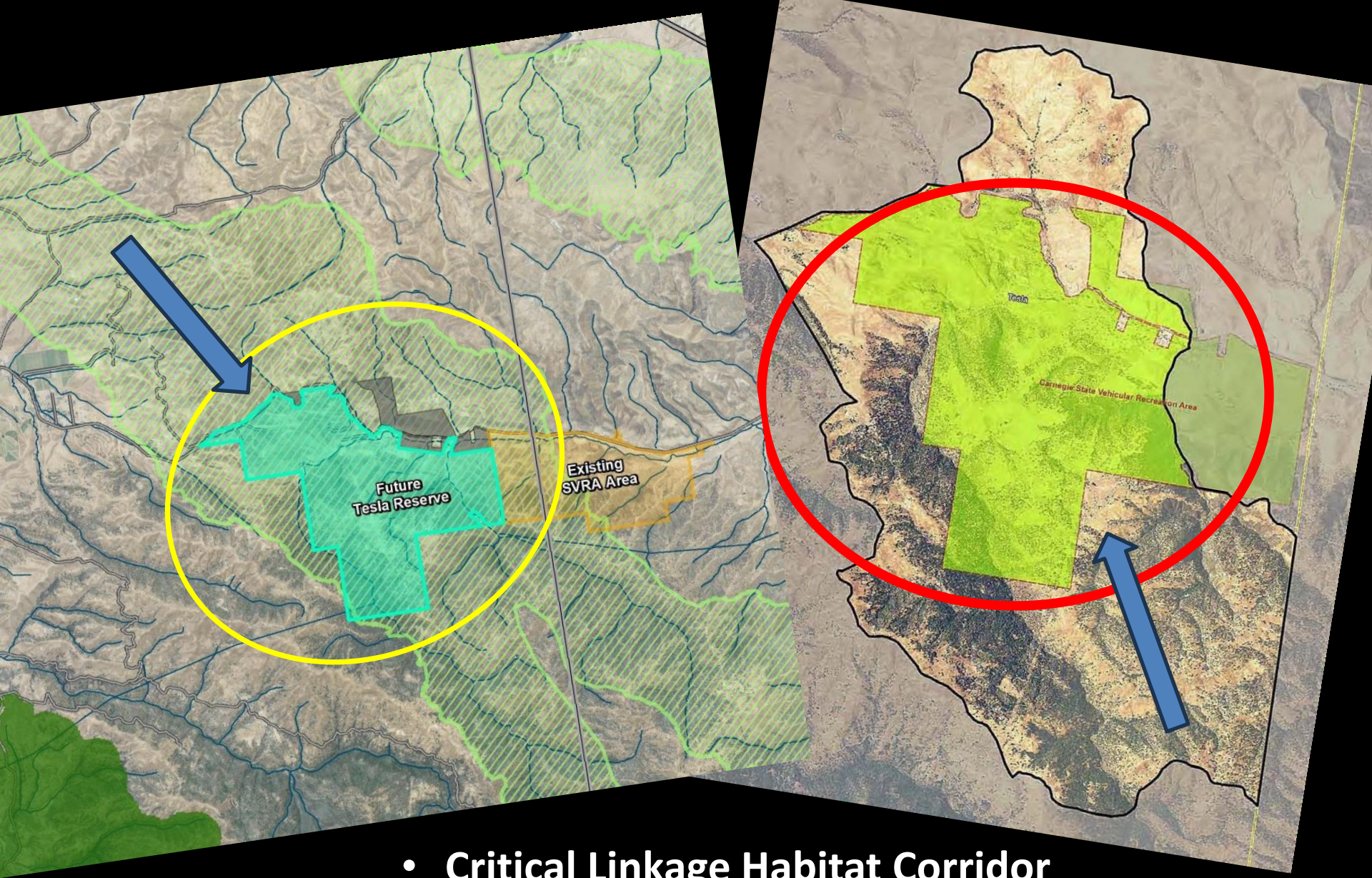


# Rare Biodiversity, Vital Ecological Values, Top Conservation Priority

- Intersection of Biotic Zones
- Intact ecosystem, Refugia for climate change resiliency
- 55 special-status animals
- 45 rare plants
- 9 Sensitive Natural Communities
- Critical Linkage Habitat Corridor
- Independent assessments – Important Bird Area, Critical Habitat CRLF, AWS

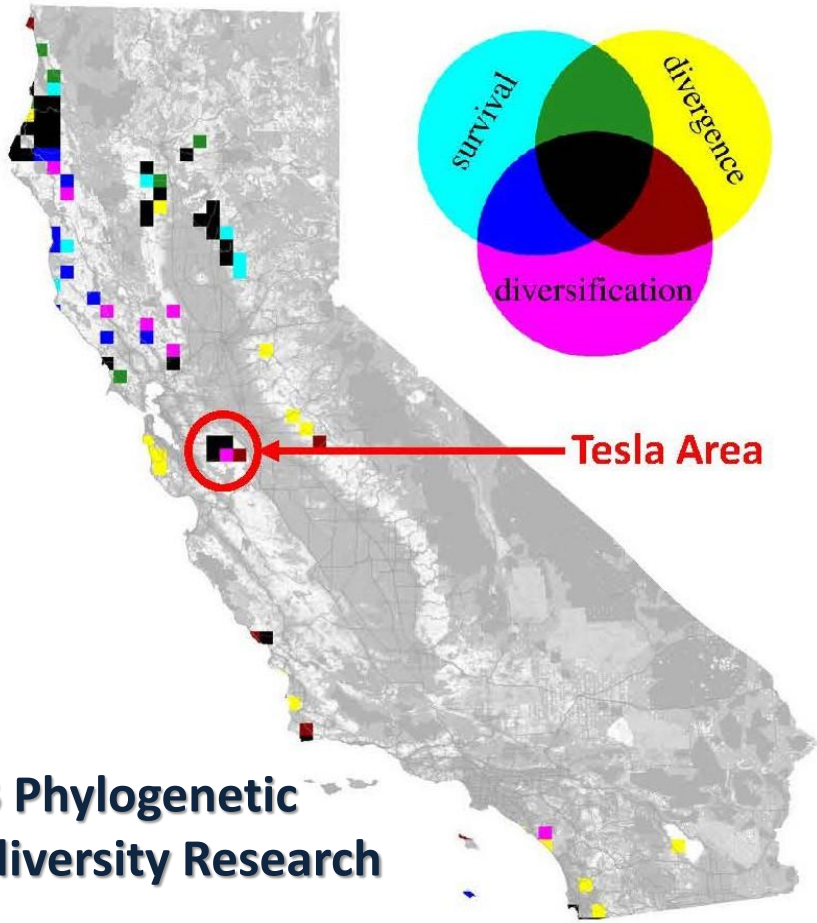






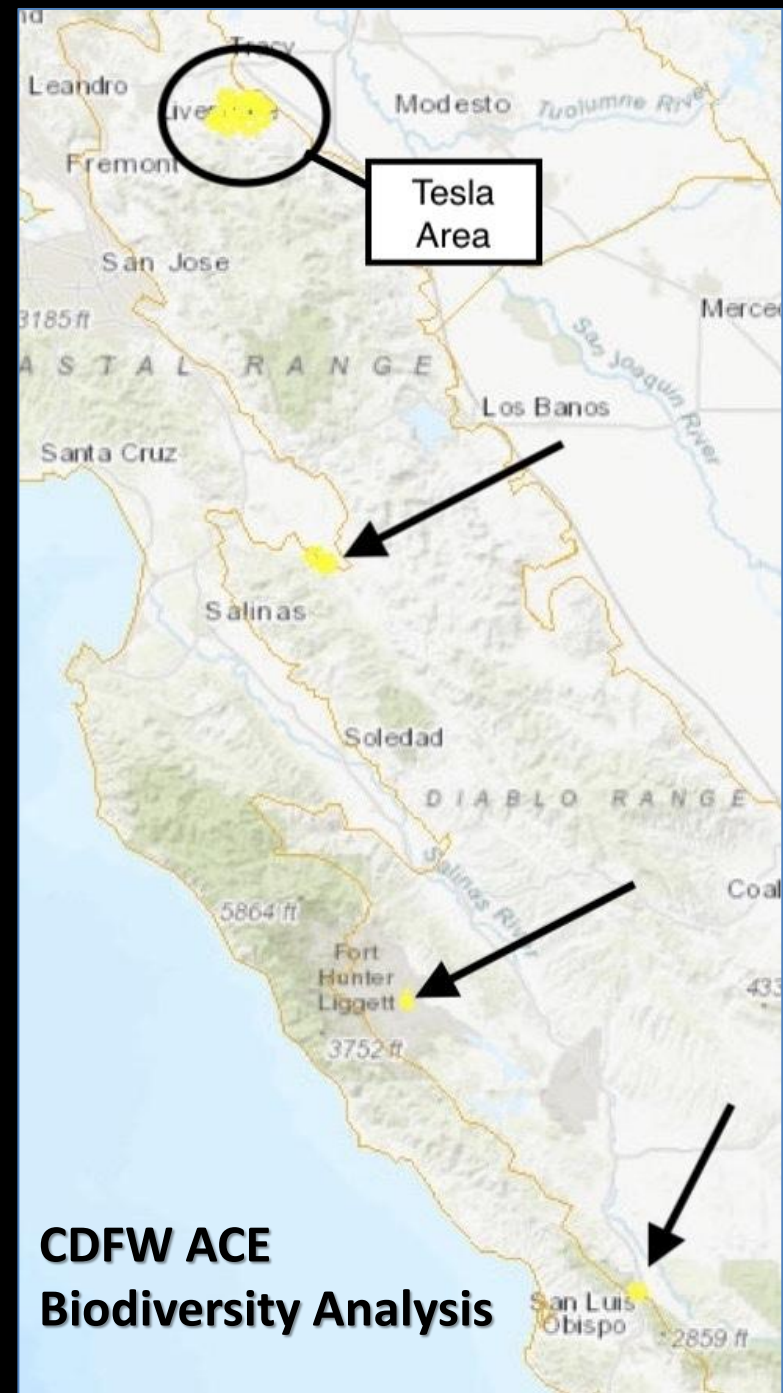
- Critical Linkage Habitat Corridor
- EBCNPS Botanical Priority Protection Area





**UCB Phylogenetic  
Biodiversity Research**

**Tesla's botanical & wildlife biodiversity  
is of Statewide significance**



**CDFW ACE  
Biodiversity Analysis**



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# Historical Significance

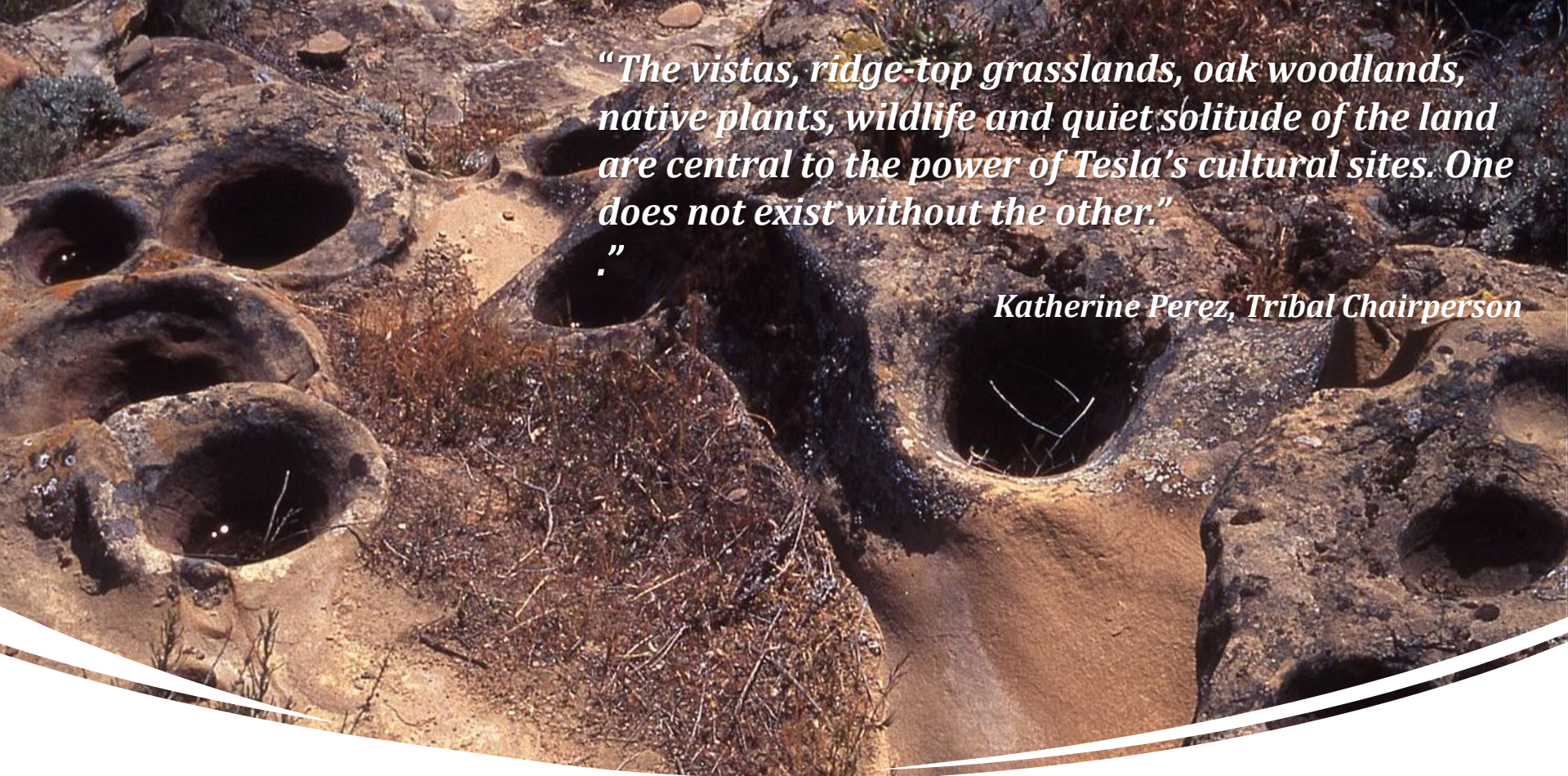
- El Camino Viejo
- Historic Tesla Town and Mine Site
- Establishment of Historic District and listing in National Registry of Historic Places



Courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild



Tesla "Company Town" in foreground



*"The vistas, ridge-top grasslands, oak woodlands, native plants, wildlife and quiet solitude of the land are central to the power of Tesla's cultural sites. One does not exist without the other."*

*Katherine Perez, Tribal Chairperson*

## **Tribal Cultural Landscape**

- **Ancestral lands of Ohlone in East Bay Area to Northern Valley Yokuts in San Joaquin Valley**
- **3,100 acre Tribal Cultural Landscape (TCL) with pre-historic features and elements**
- **Must protect entire landscape, not just the footprints of archeological features**





# Hiśmet Wārep Hor̕setka

“Sacred Earth in Harmony”

*Chochenyo Language  
of the Ohlone people*

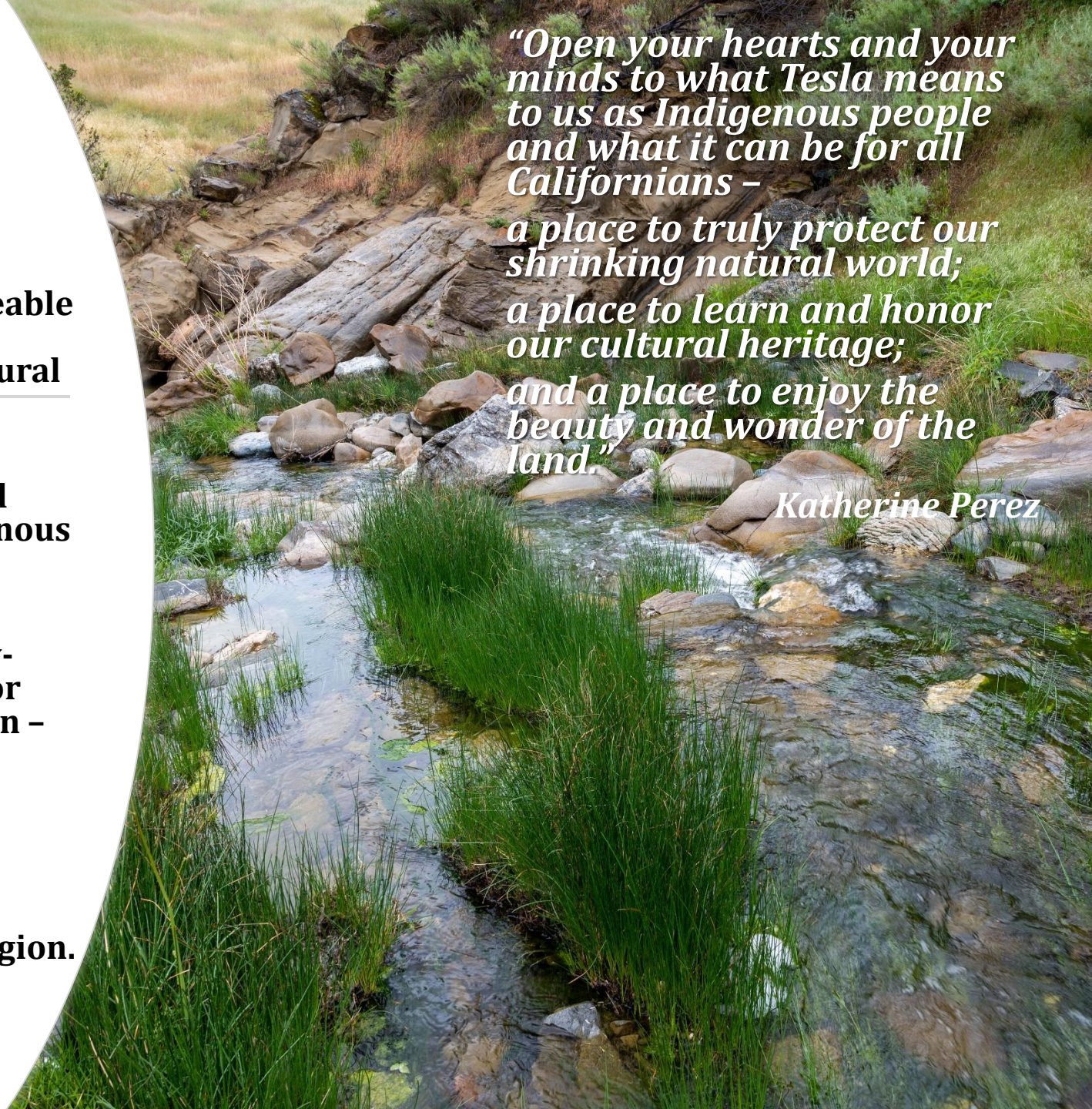


# One-of-a-kind Opportunity

- Fully protect irreplaceable biological resources, ecological values, cultural resources
- Organize Tesla around relationship of Indigenous People with the land
- Provide access for low-intensity recreation for enjoyment & education – hiking, nature study, interpretation, k-12 education, research
- Many other active recreation parks in region. NO other Reserves

*“Open your hearts and your minds to what Tesla means to us as Indigenous people and what it can be for all Californians – a place to truly protect our shrinking natural world; a place to learn and honor our cultural heritage; and a place to enjoy the beauty and wonder of the land.”*

*Katherine Perez*







# Where are we & where do we go from here

- State Parks does not support a Natural Reserve
- Concept plans ignore public input , damage resources, add vehicular traffic, bikes/e-bikes, associated facilities
- We reject plans & continue work for Natural Reserve



# Special Status Species and Habitat Occurrences on Future Tesla Reserve

Alameda County, CA

## Legend

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|--|------------------------------|
|  | <b>Reference Features</b>    |
|  | Major Road                   |
|  | Stream (CARI)                |
|  | County Boundary              |
|  | Wetland or Water Body (CARI) |

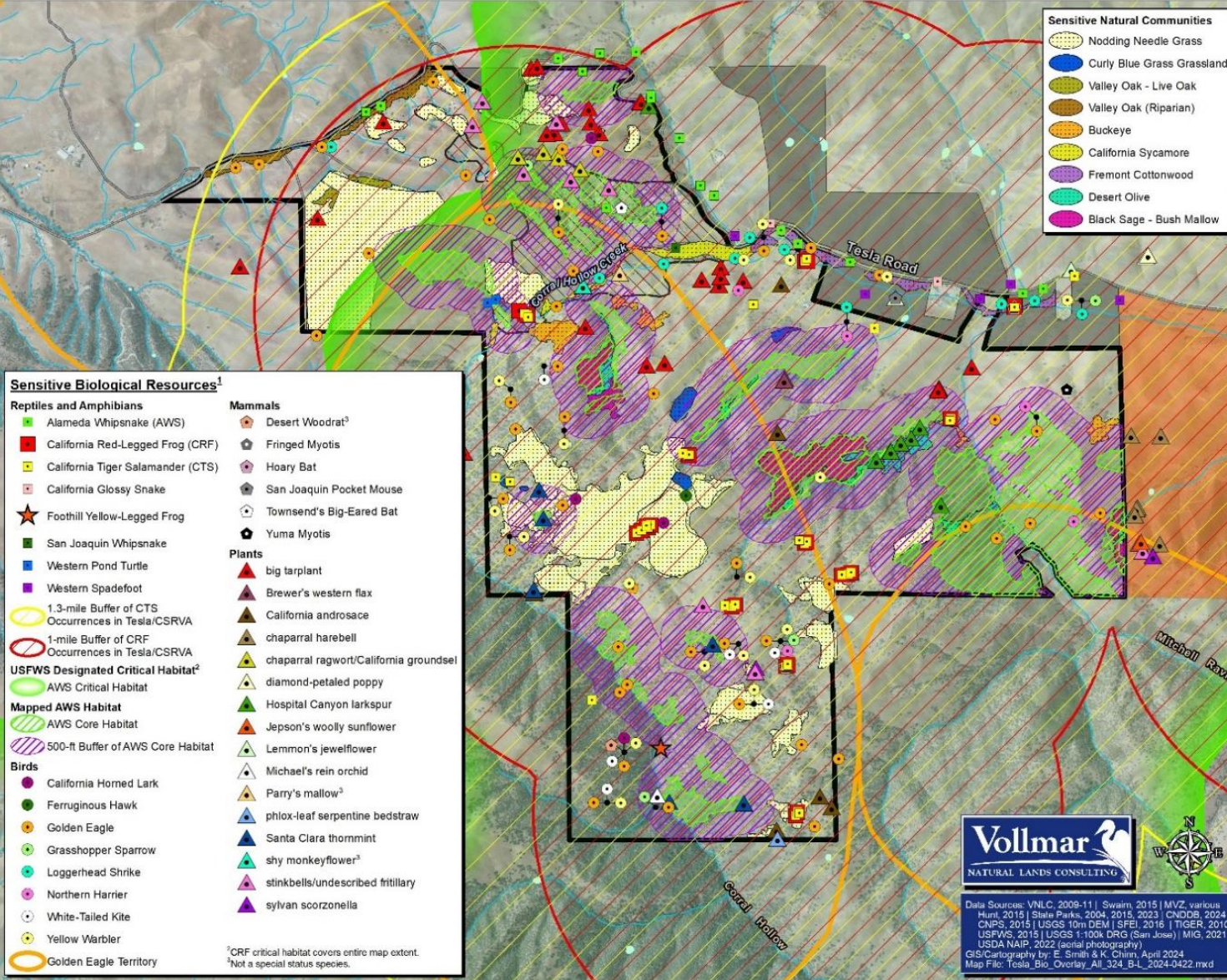
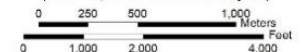
**Notes:**  
Map depicts upland habitat areas needed by pond breeding CRF and CTS, and buffers around core habitat of AWS, and territories of Golden Eagles. For other species, home ranges, dispersal distances, population areas, and protective buffers around nests and breeding sites are not depicted. Habitat mapping is approximate and incomplete. More extensive sensitive grasslands likely exist. Locally rare plants not depicted.

**Species and habitat mapping from various sources:**  
2012 and 2014 Carnegie SVRA HMS reports located burrowing owls in the Tesla expansion area; because specific locations were not documented, burrowing owl occurrences are not plotted.  
- CRF and CTS aquatic stage and breeding data from HMS reports (2011-2014), CNDDB, and VNL; terrestrial occurrence also presumed in surrounding uplands.  
- Golden Eagle occurrence data from Hunt (2015), CNDDB, and HMS reports (2011-2014, 2023).  
- Alameda whipsnake (AWS) and San Joaquin whipsnake occurrence data from Swaim (2015), UC Berkeley MVZ, and HMS reports (2011-2014), and J. Alvarez, pers. comm. (2016). Records are concentrated along Tesla Road because surveys have been conducted along the road. Actual distribution is likely broader. Sensitive natural community mapping from California State Parks Natural Resources Division (2023).  
- Other species occurrence data from HMS reports (2011-2014, 2023), CNDDB, and 2022 PRA response.  
- California Native American resources and other historic resources not mapped.



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## Sensitive Biological Resources<sup>1</sup>

### Reptiles and Amphibians

- Alameda Whipsnake (AWS)
- California Red-Legged Frog (CRF)
- California Tiger Salamander (CTS)
- California Glossy Snake
- Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog
- San Joaquin Whipsnake
- Western Pond Turtle
- Western Spadefoot

1.3-mile Buffer of CTS Occurrences in Tesla/CSRVA

1-mile Buffer of CRF Occurrences in Tesla/CSRVA

### USFWS Designated Critical Habitat<sup>2</sup>

AWS Critical Habitat

### Mapped AWS Habitat

AWS Core Habitat

500-ft Buffer of AWS Core Habitat

### Birds

- California Horned Lark
- Ferruginous Hawk
- Golden Eagle
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Northern Harrier
- White-Tailed Kite
- Yellow Warbler
- Golden Eagle Territory

### Mammals

- Desert Woodrat<sup>2</sup>
- Fringed Myotis
- Hoary Bat
- San Joaquin Pocket Mouse
- Townsend's Big-Eared Bat
- Yuma Myotis

### Plants

- big tarplant
- Brewer's western flax
- California androsace
- chaparral harebell
- chaparral ragwort/California groundsel
- diamond-petaled poppy
- Hospital Canyon larkspur
- Jepson's woolly sunflower
- Lemmon's jewelflower
- Michael's rein orchid
- Pary's mallow<sup>3</sup>
- phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw
- Santa Clara thornmint
- shy monkeyflower<sup>3</sup>
- stinkbells/undescribed fritillary
- sylvan scorzonella

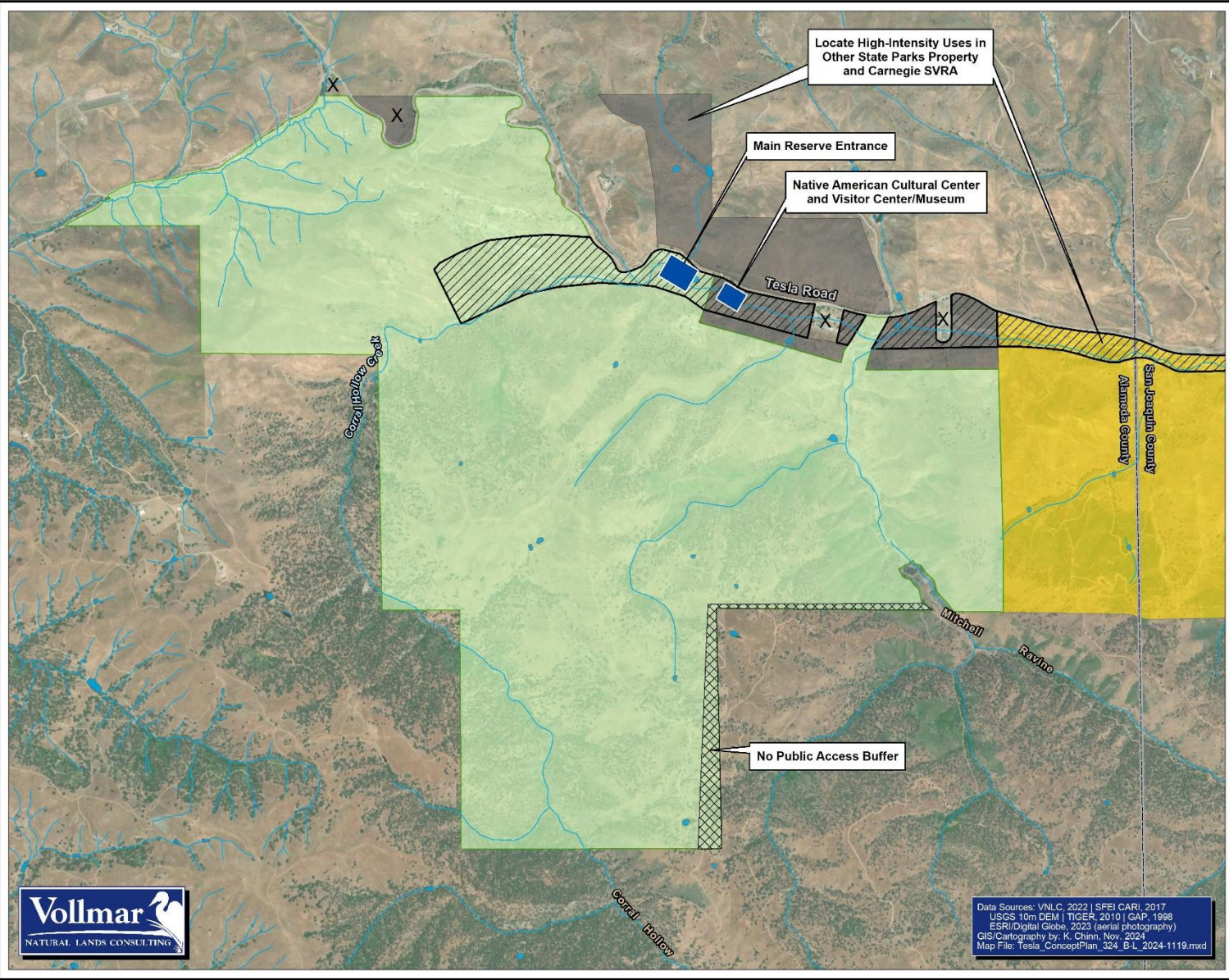
<sup>2</sup>CRF critical habitat covers entire map extent.

<sup>3</sup>Not a special status species.



Data Sources: VNL, 2009-11 | Swaim, 2015 | MVZ, various Hunt, 2015 | State Parks, 2004, 2015, 2023 | CNDDB, 2024 | CNPS, 2015 | USGS 10m DEM | SFEI, 2016 | TIGER, 2010 | USFWS, 2015 | USGS 1:100k DRG (San Jose) | MIG, 2021 | USDA NAIP, 2022 (aerial photography)  
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# Tesla (Hismet Wares) Reserve Concept Plan

Alameda County, CA

## Legend

- County Boundary
- Stream
- Wetland
- Tesla (Hismet Wares) Reserve
- Other State Parks Property (High-intensity Uses)
- Carnegie SVRA (High-intensity Uses)
- Tesla Historic District Overlay
- Potential Purchase/Trade



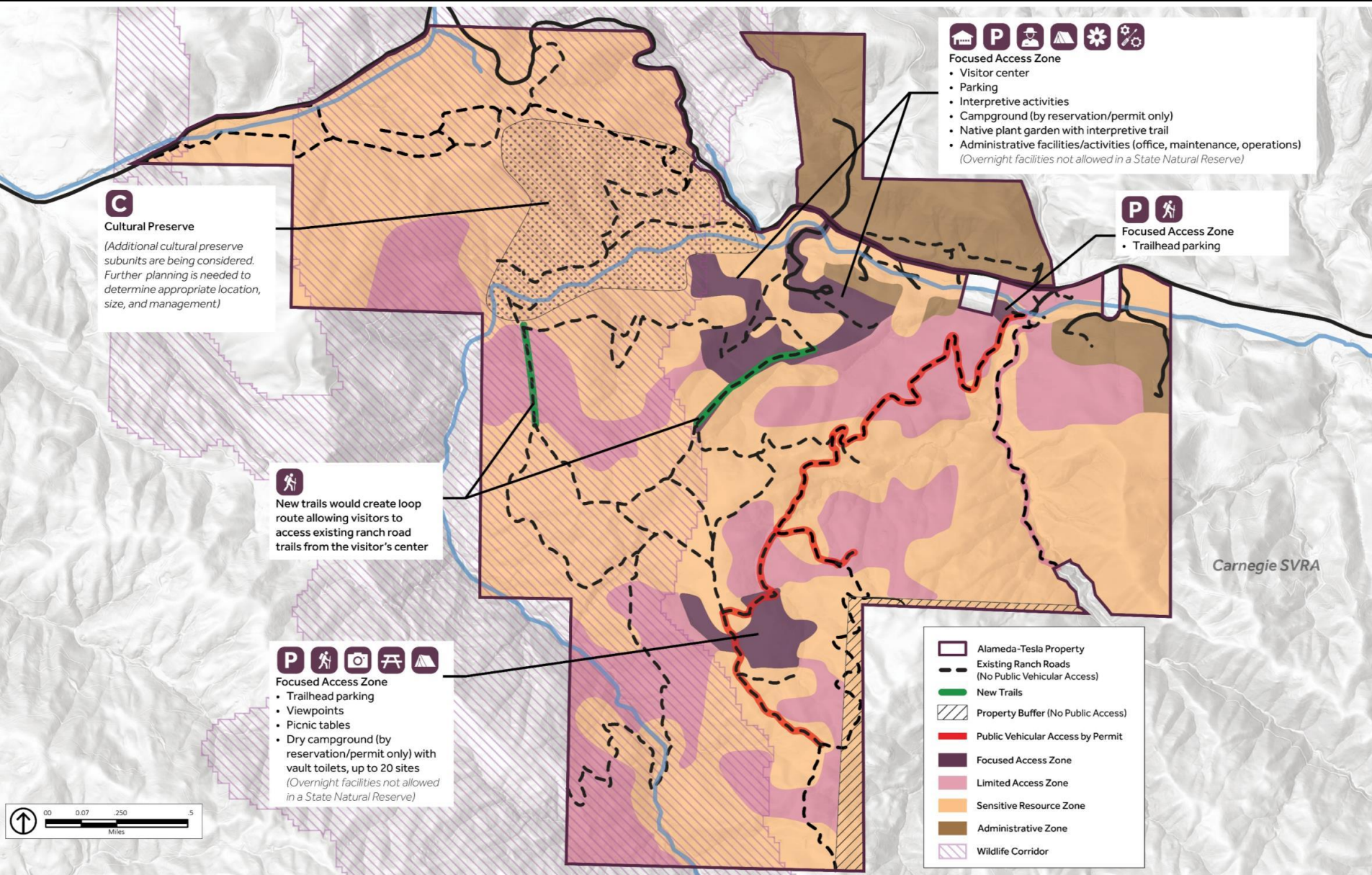
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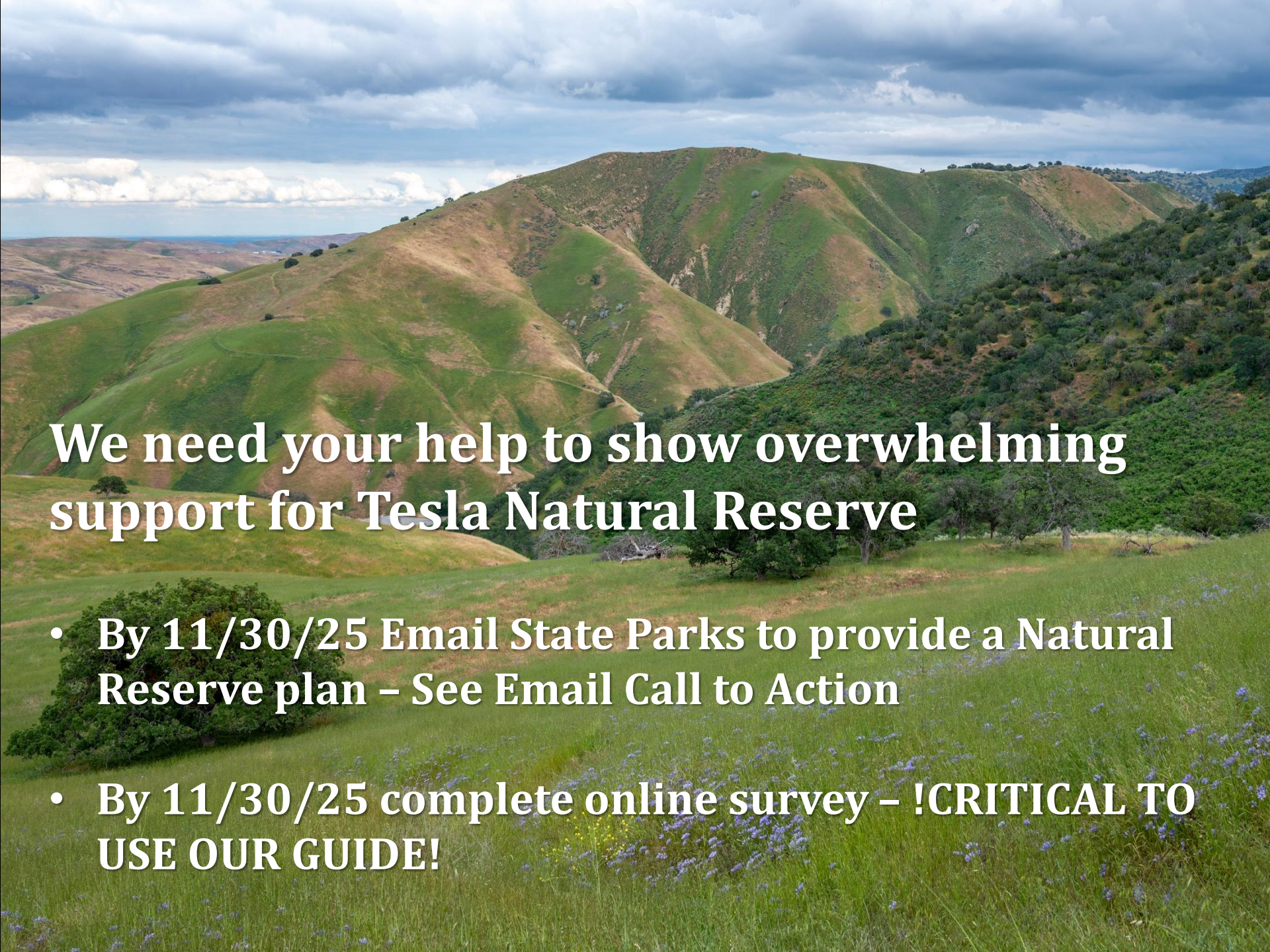
*Access for All does not mean Access for All Uses in All Places, but access for all compatible with protecting resources.*

*Low intensity recreation is high-quality recreation.*

## **Public lands at risk – California State Parks case**

- **“Dual-mandate” bias toward high-intensity recreation**
  - **Low-intensity recreation not valued**
  - **Narrow view on resource protection**
  - **Only 1 new reserve in last 40 years**
- **Exploit natural lands for recreation**
- **Impact of motorized/e-vehicle recreation lobby**





# **We need your help to show overwhelming support for Tesla Natural Reserve**

- **By 11/30/25 Email State Parks to provide a Natural Reserve plan – See Email Call to Action**
- **By 11/30/25 complete online survey – !CRITICAL TO USE OUR GUIDE!**





# Hišmet Wařep Horřetka

## “Sacred Earth in Harmony”

Corral Hollow Creek Riparian area