

California Forest Improvement Program

CFIP



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So Co CFIPs FY 2015-2017

32 approved contracts for a total encumbrance of \$702,879.00

Within the 32 contracts:

- 5 have been cancelled (landowners died or changed their minds)
- 8 are still active
- 19 completed

Within the 19 completed contracts:

- 13 Forest Management Plans were written
- 131 acres of forestland were treated by some combination of Pruning, Thinning and Release.
- And approximately \$200K of fisheries habitat improvements in the form of upgrades to existing watercourse crossings.

Pruning



Pre-commercial Thinning

(i.e. removing small conifers)



Release

(i.e. removing small hardwoods)



Before (background)

After (foreground)



Creek >

Safety challenge to consider

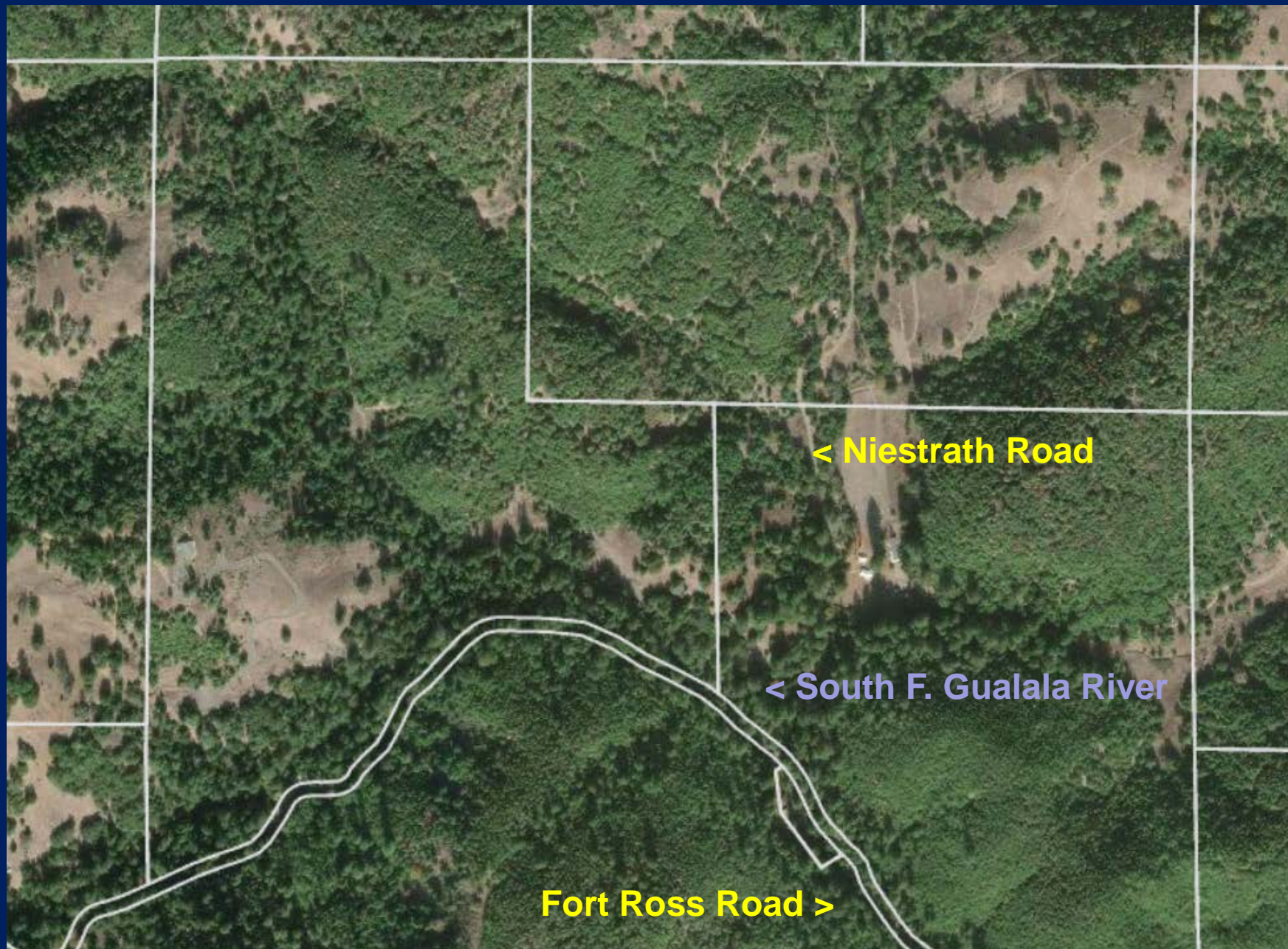
Many west Sonoma County forestland owners have escape routes that cross or parallel riparian corridors.

Specific to CFIP projects no vegetation alteration may occur within a Sonoma County riparian corridor without an approved Exception Use Permit and Conservation Plan from the County.

- Exemption K is limited to the defensible space around a residence.
- Exemption N is limited to Forest Practice Rule documents.
- CFIP does not qualify for either of the above.

CFIP Grantees are choosing not to treat riparian corridors along access roads rather than obtain the additional county permit and plan.

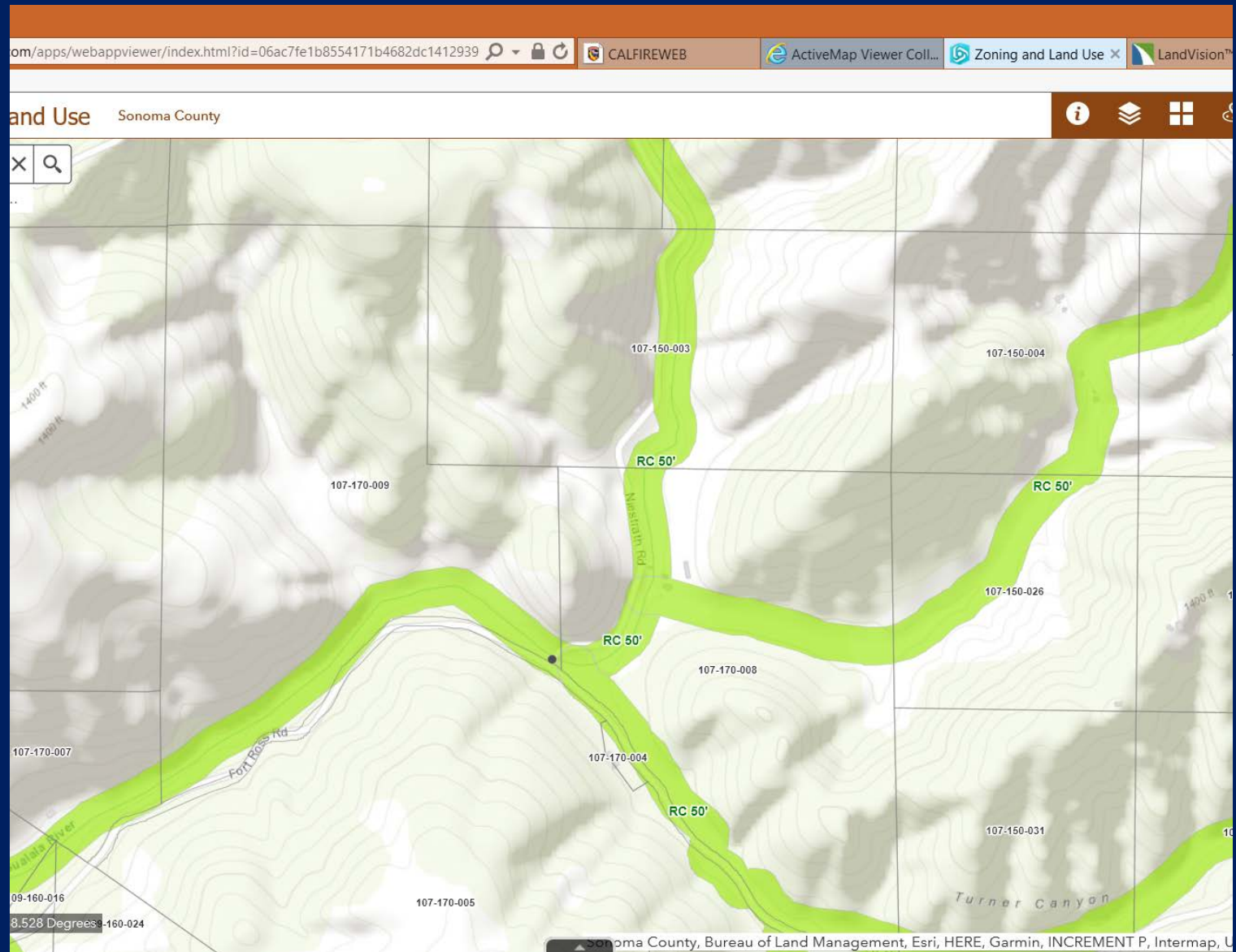
What this looks like...



< Nistrath Road

< South F. Gualala River

Fort Ross Road >



Nistrath Road has burned before, in the 1978 Creighton Ridge Fire.

Potential solution

A new exception “R”, for roads.

An exemption for:

- Shaded firebreak projects that buffer along ingress/egress roads which access residences when the project is undertaken in conformance with an approved EIR or PEIR.

CFIP has a PEIR.

CFIP web page

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestryassistance_cfip

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