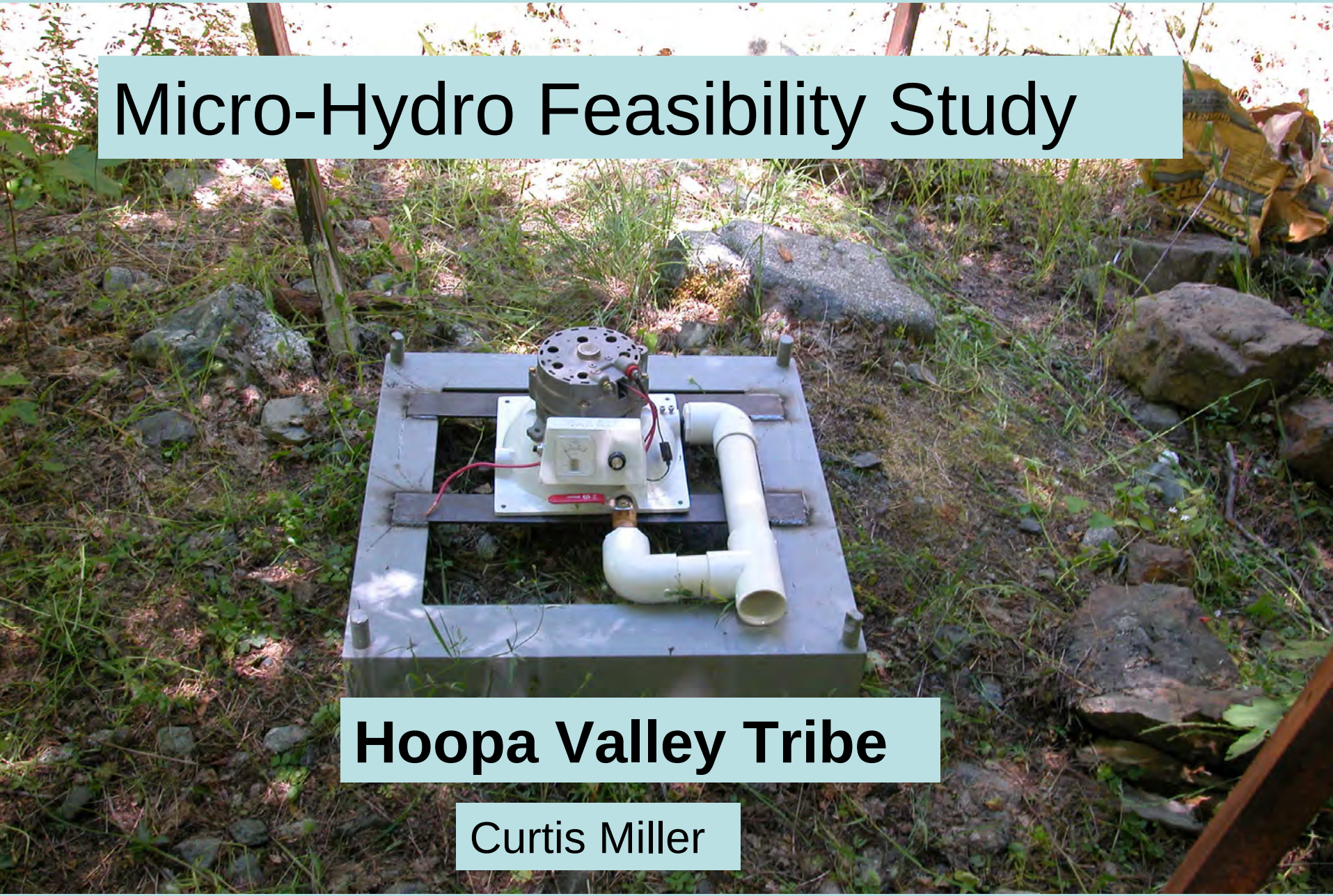
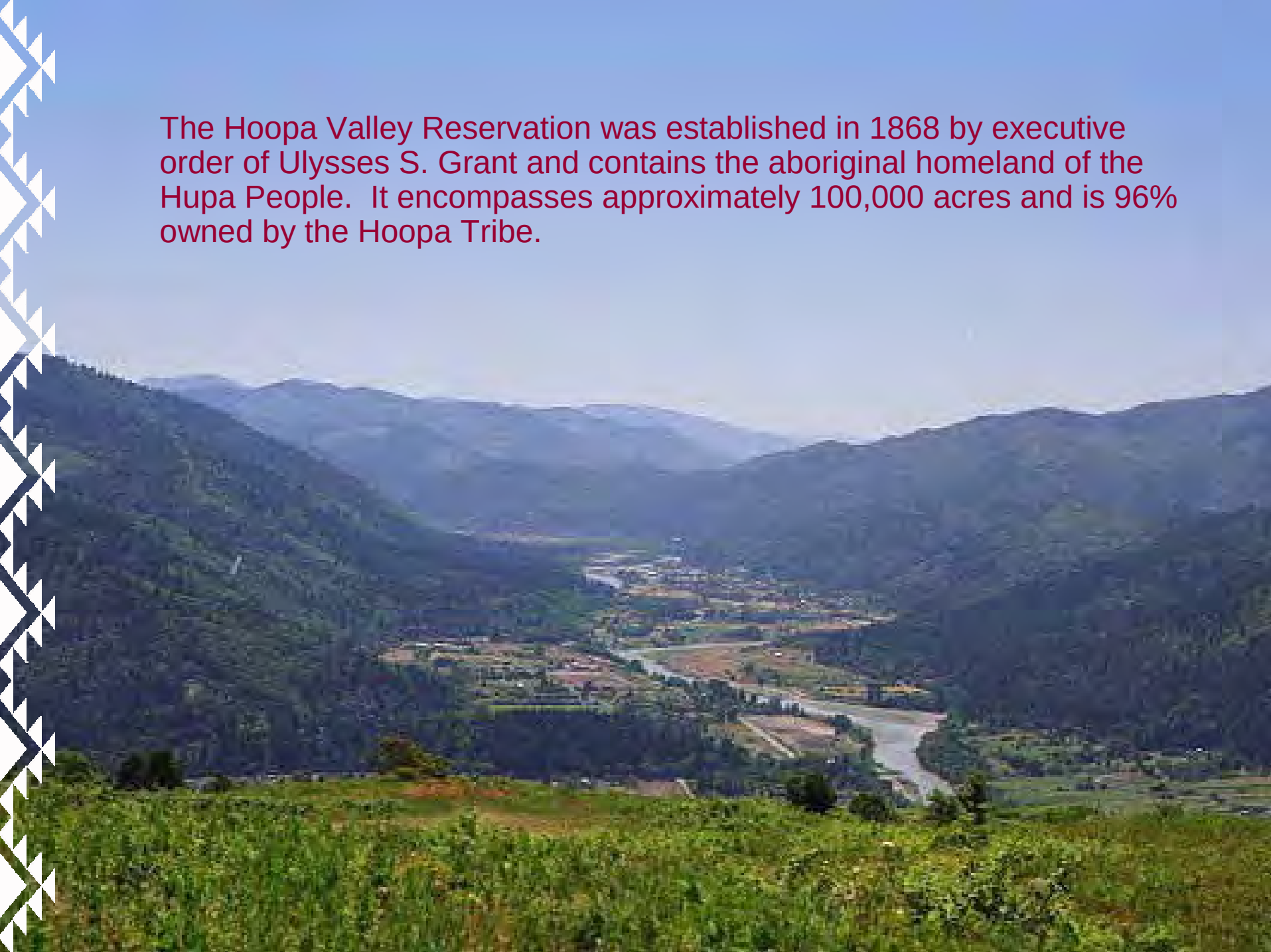
Micro-Hydro Feasibility Study



Hoopa Valley Tribe

Curtis Miller

The Hoopa Valley Reservation was established in 1868 by executive order of Ulysses S. Grant and contains the aboriginal homeland of the Hupa People. It encompasses approximately 100,000 acres and is 96% owned by the Hoopa Tribe.



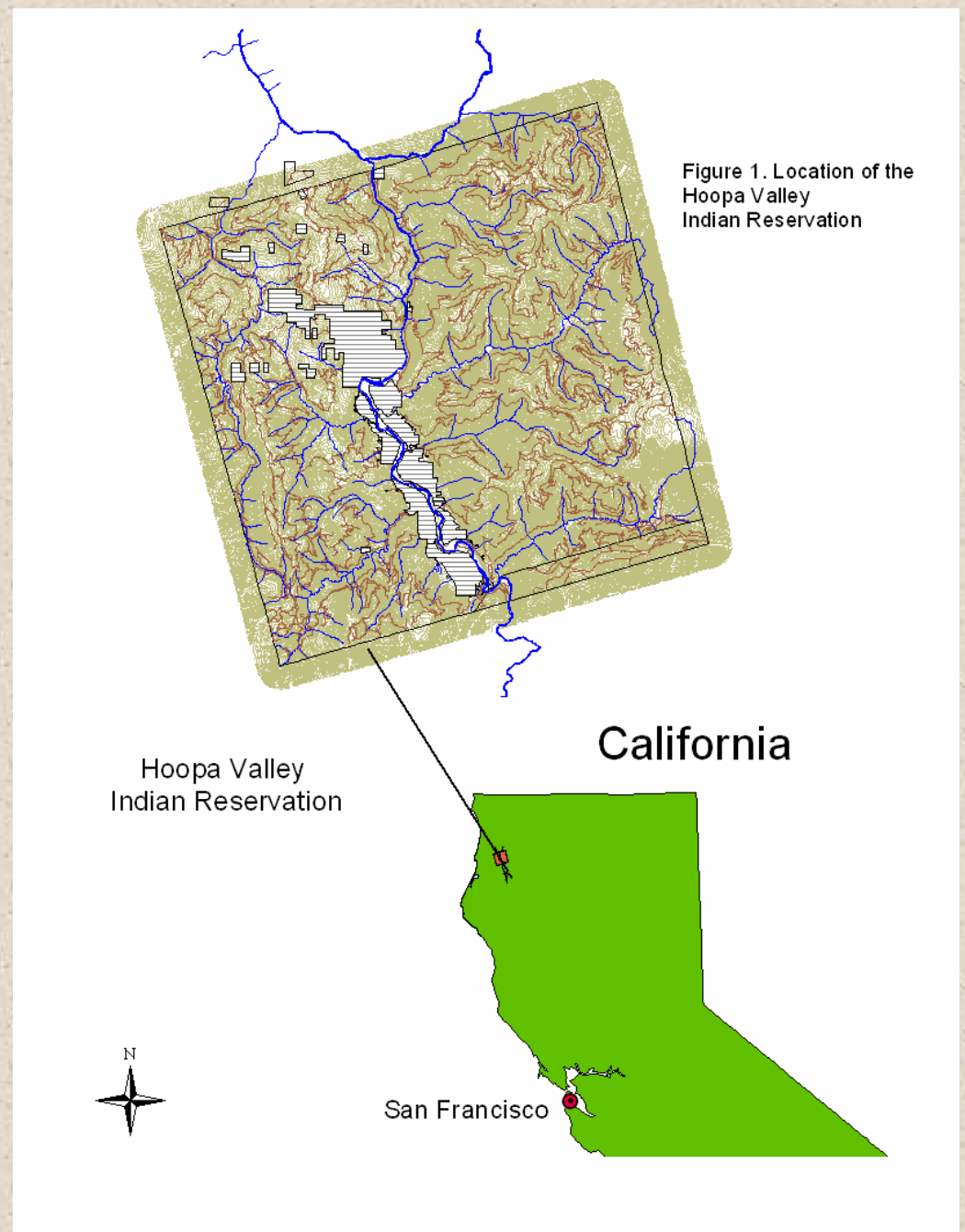
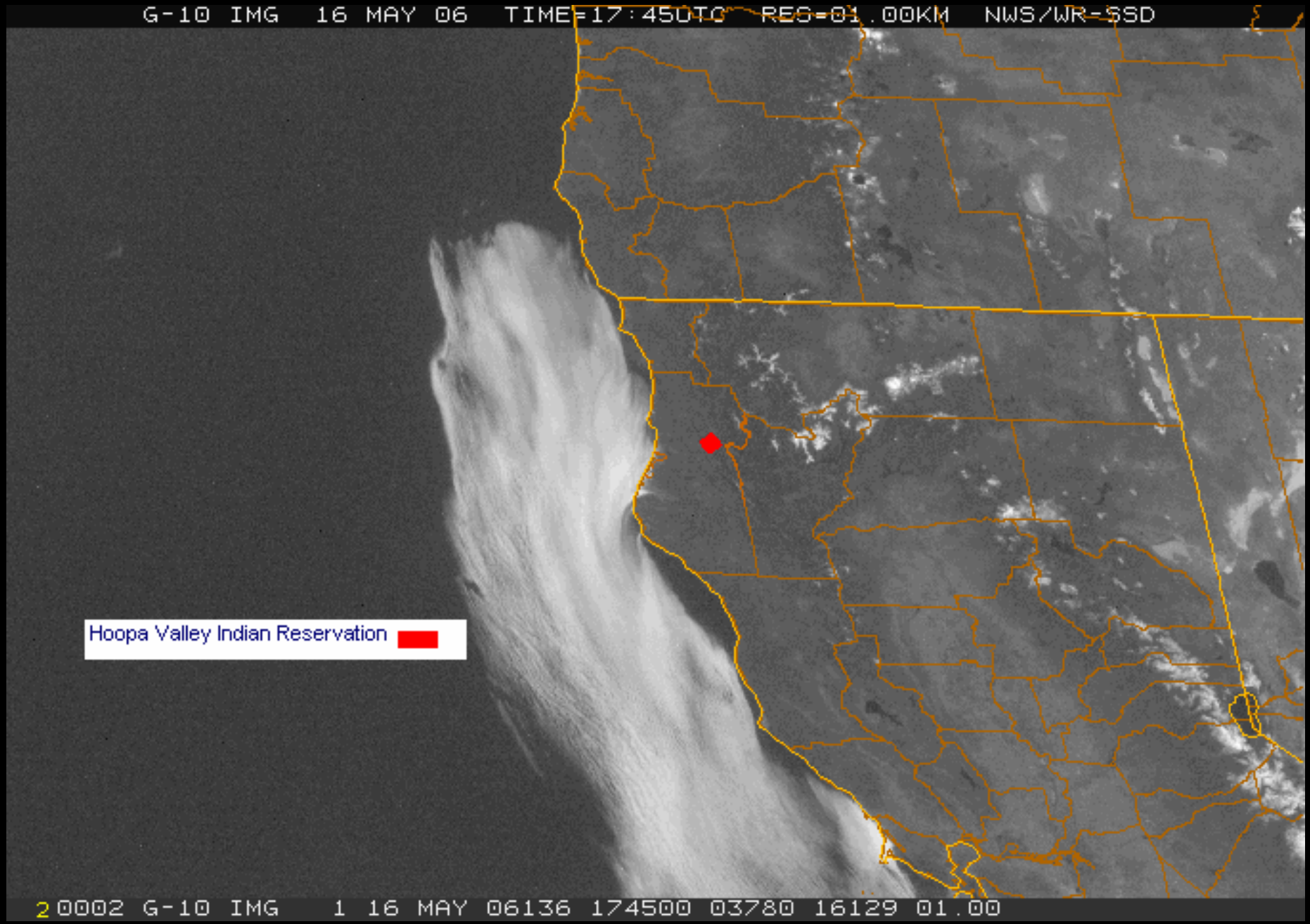


Figure 1. Location of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation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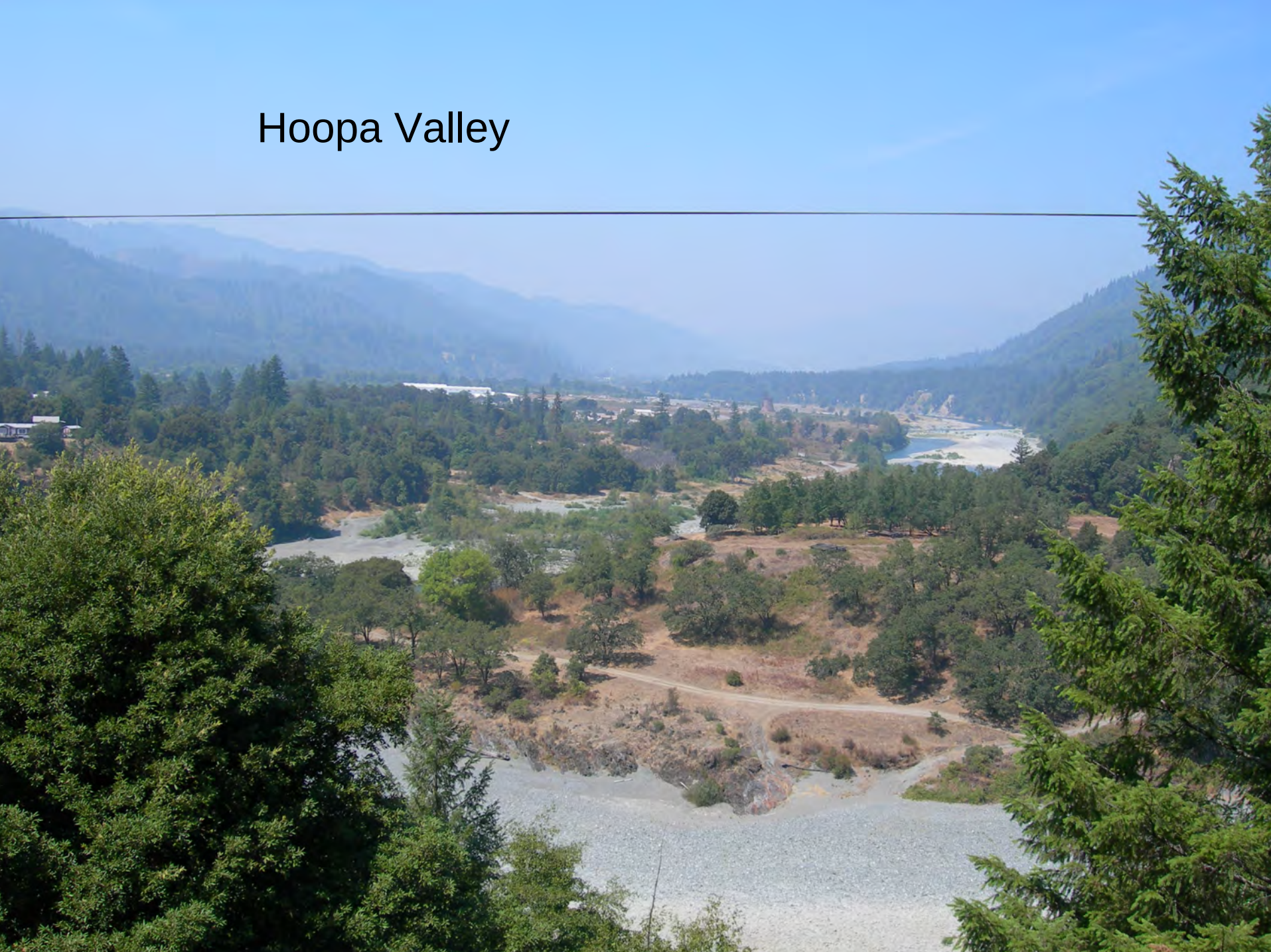
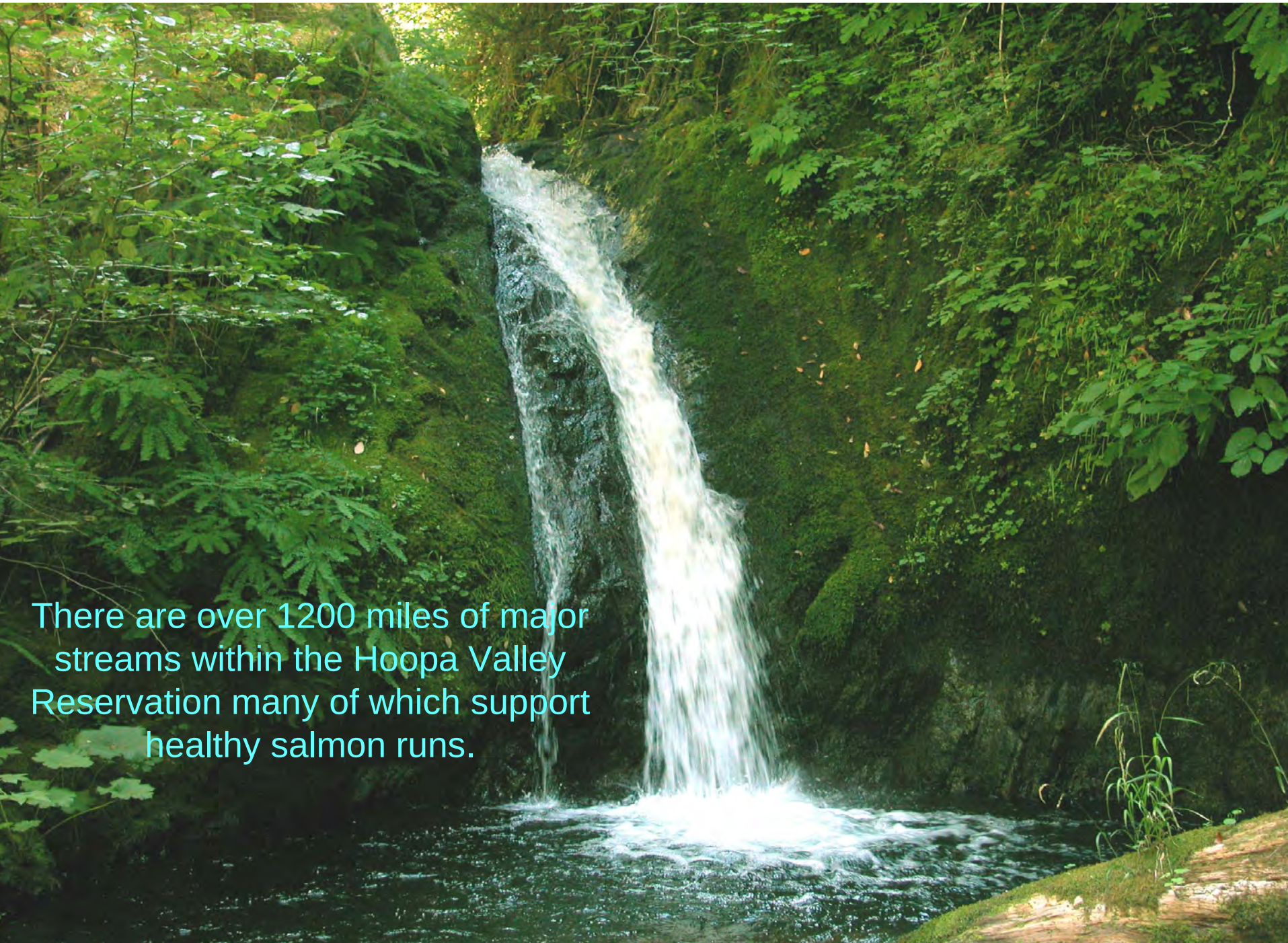
Hoopa Valley




There are over 1200 miles of major streams within the Hoopa Valley Reservation many of which support healthy salmon runs.

Chinook Salmon, Coho and Steelhead Trout comprise a large portion of the Hupa diet and the key to good health



Objectives of Project

- Assess the potential for developing micro-hydro electricity on 7 tributaries within the Reservation

- Assess the potential for economic benefits to the Tribe

Things to evaluate

- Topography of stream course
  -determining head and distance
- Terrain – road construction, pipeline
- Stream flow and dynamics - power
- Access to creeks - maintenance
- Distance of electrical transmission
- Route of electric lines



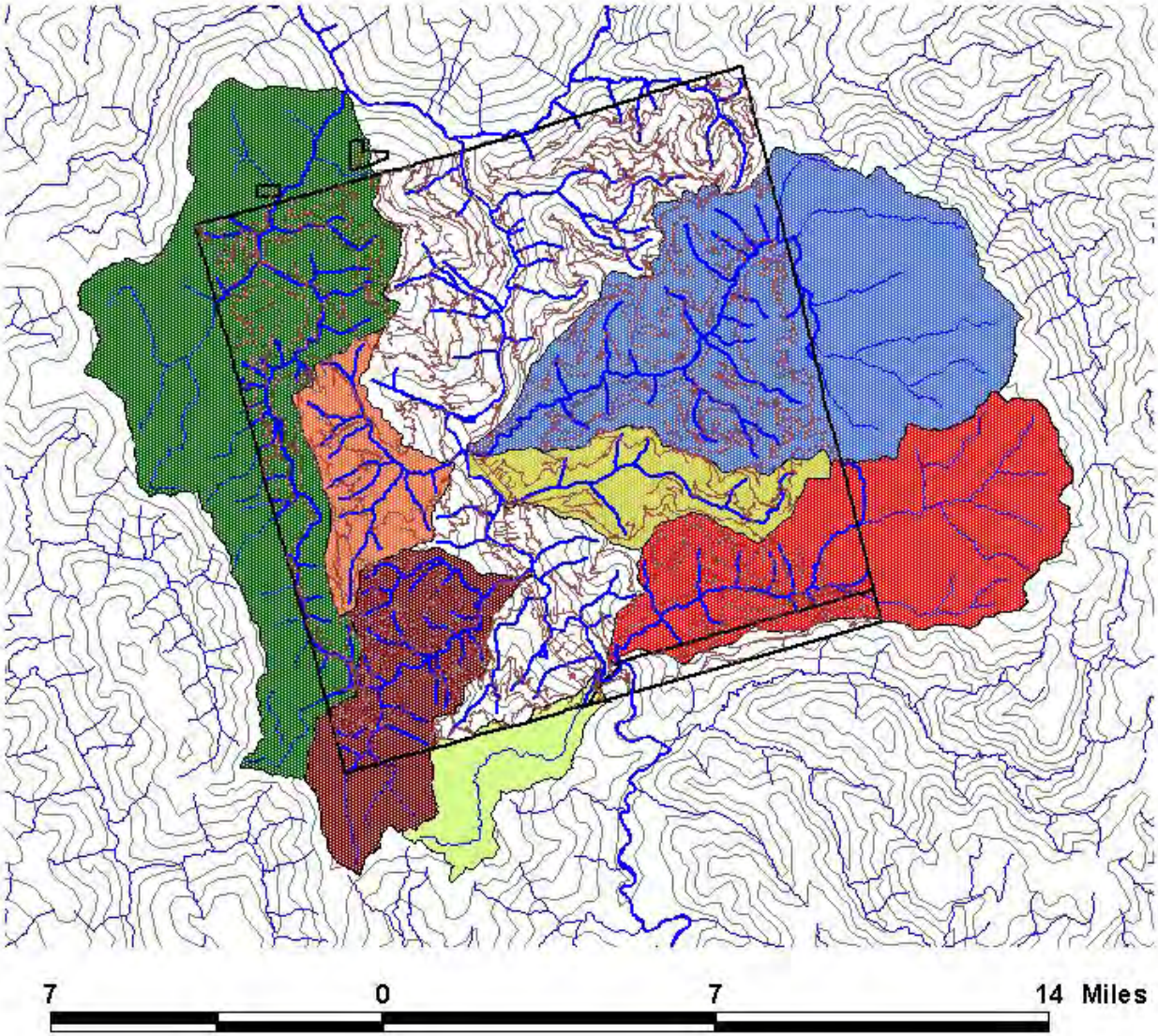



Instability

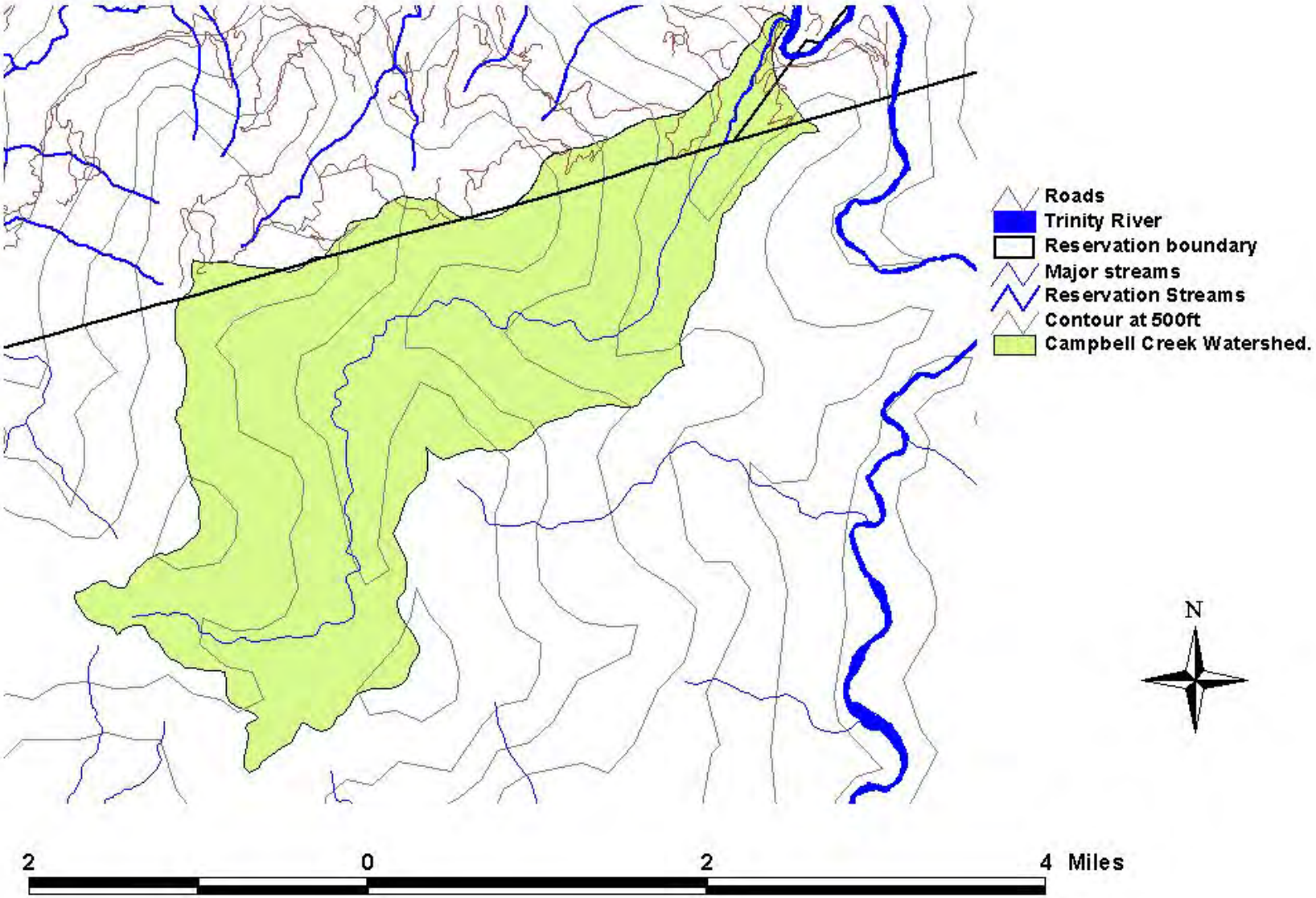
General Criteria

- Low in watershed
- Existing access
- Close to valley
- Stable terrain
- Sufficient stream flow

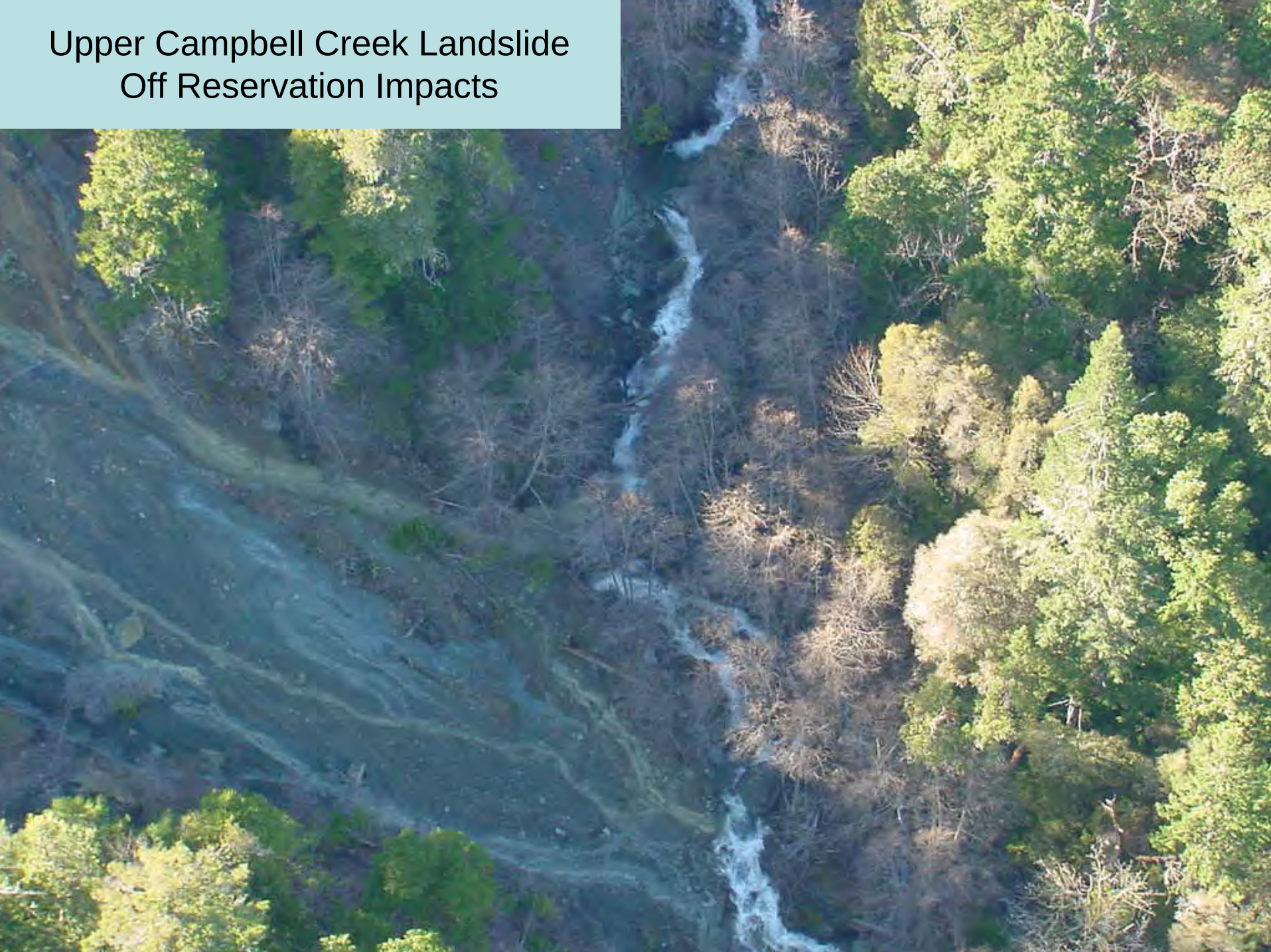
Hoopa Valley Hydrosheds



Campbell Creek Watershed



Upper Campbell Creek Landslide
Off Reservation Impacts





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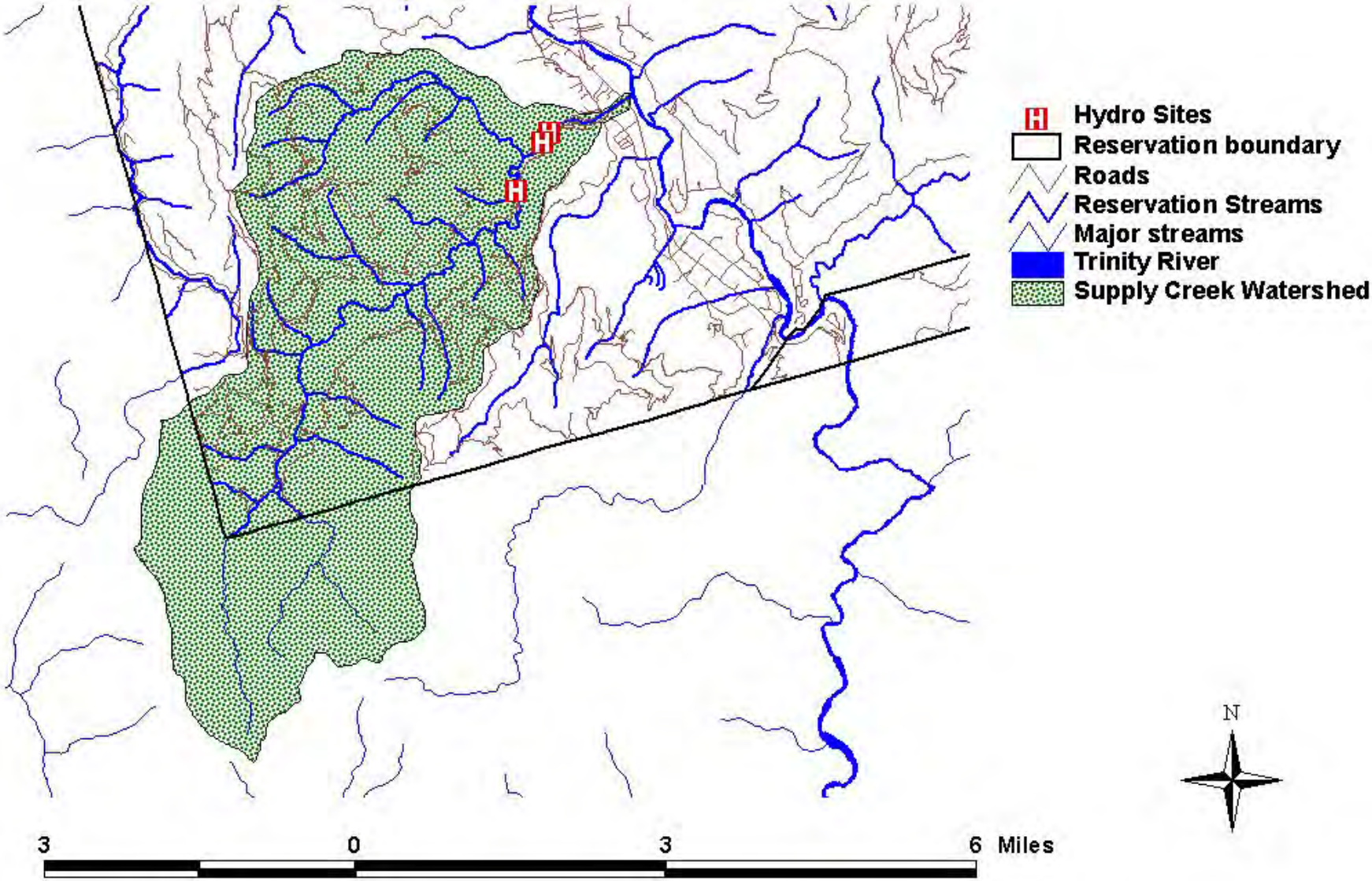

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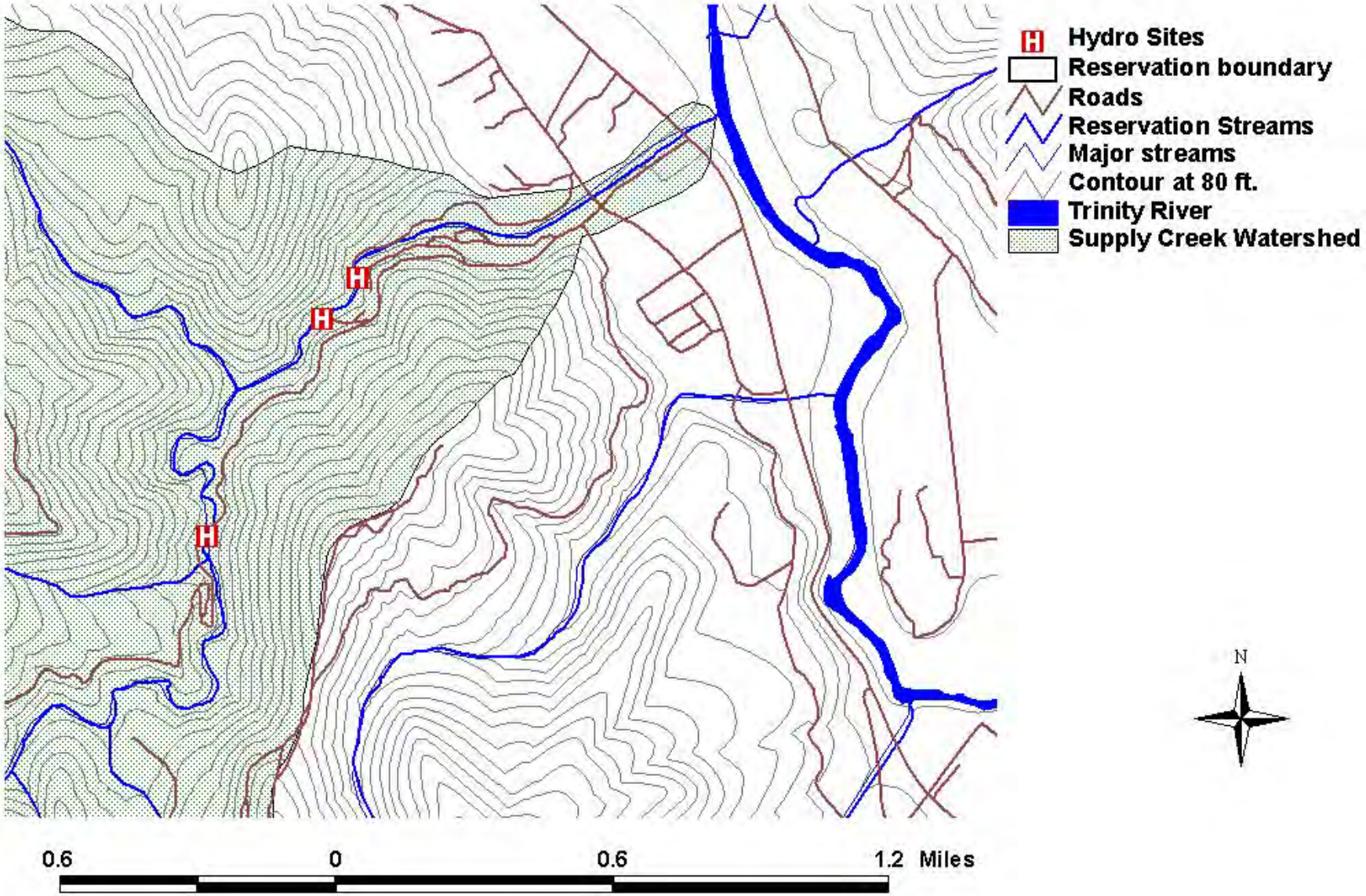








Gradient 160 feet per 1000

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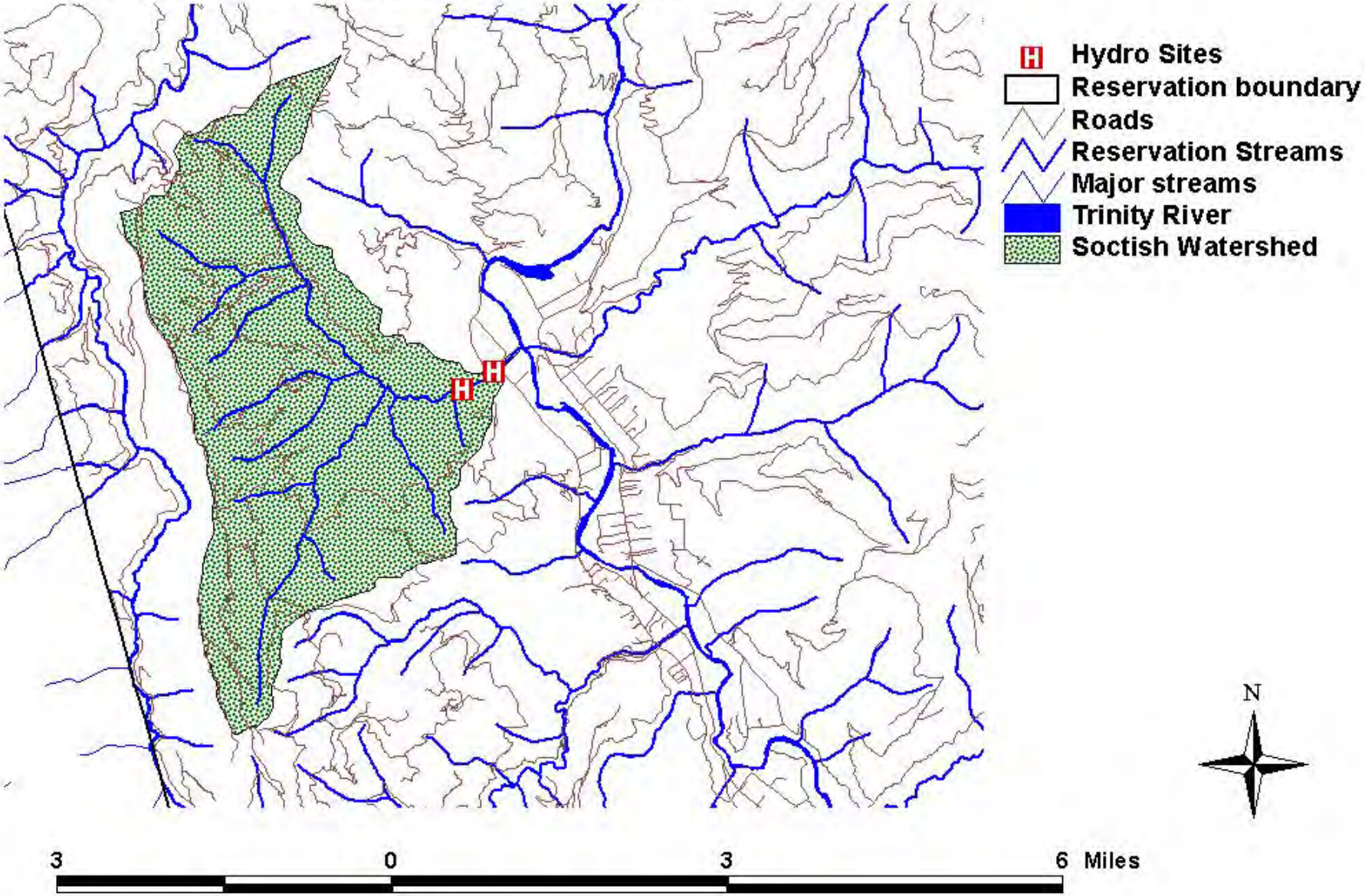

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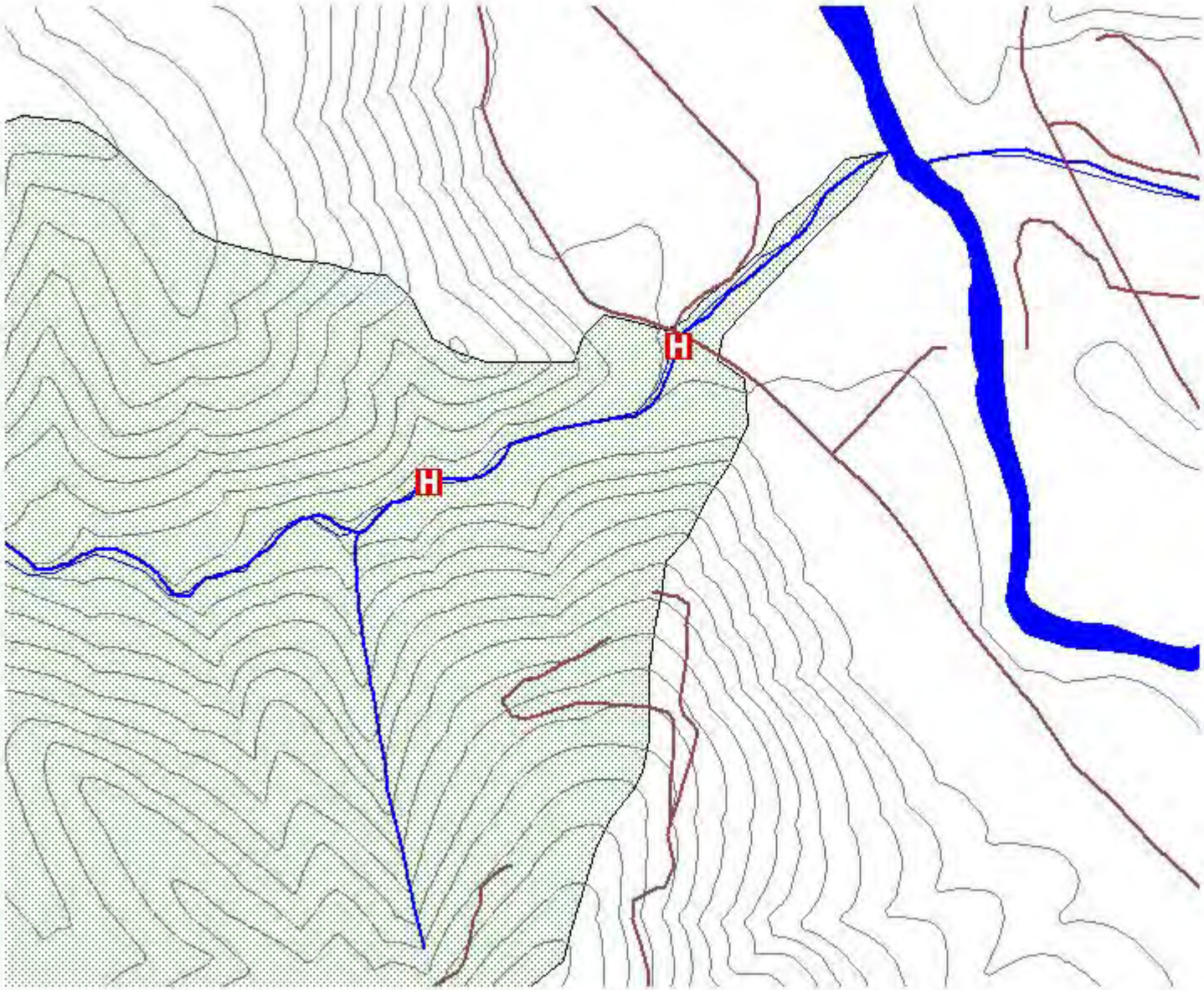
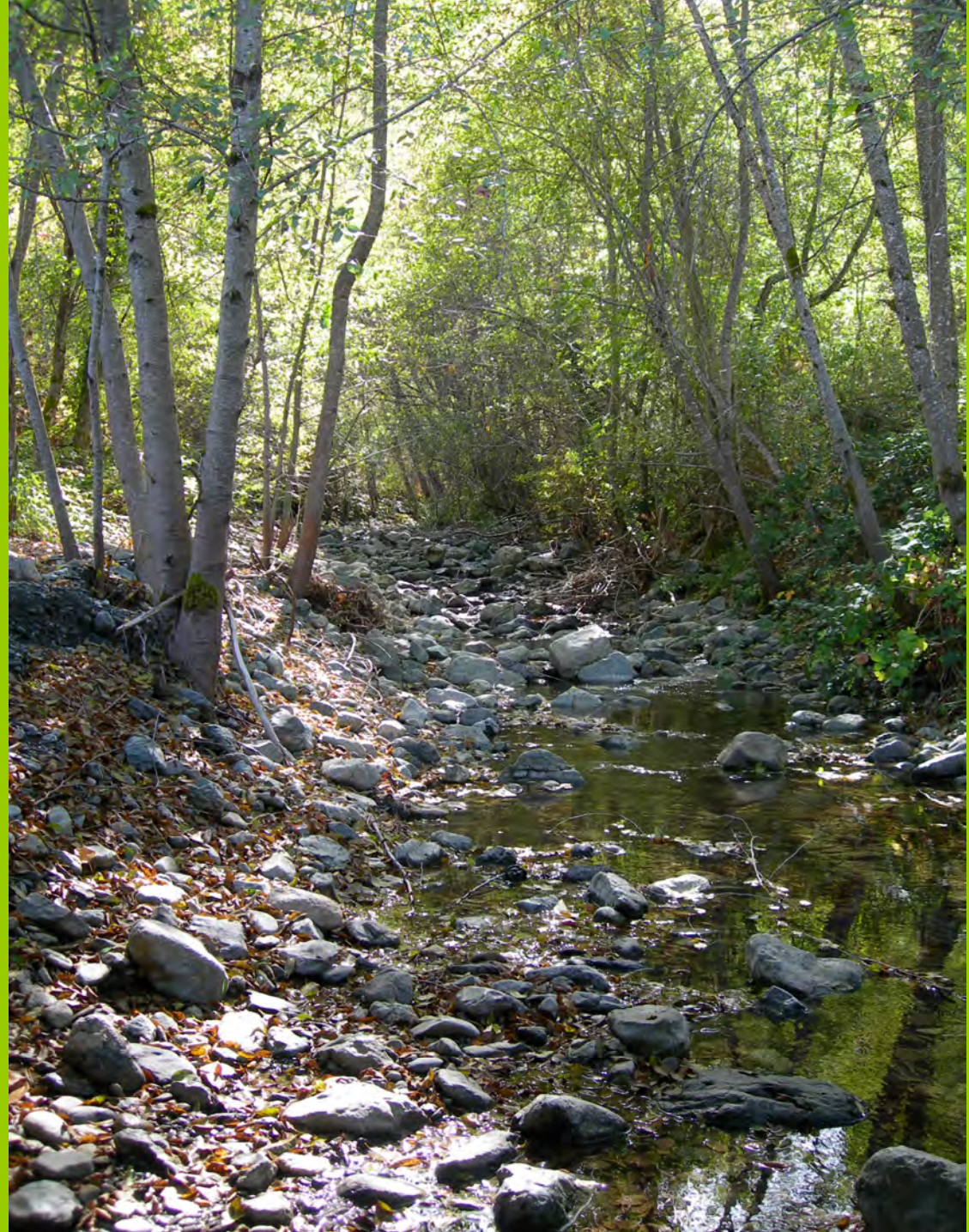


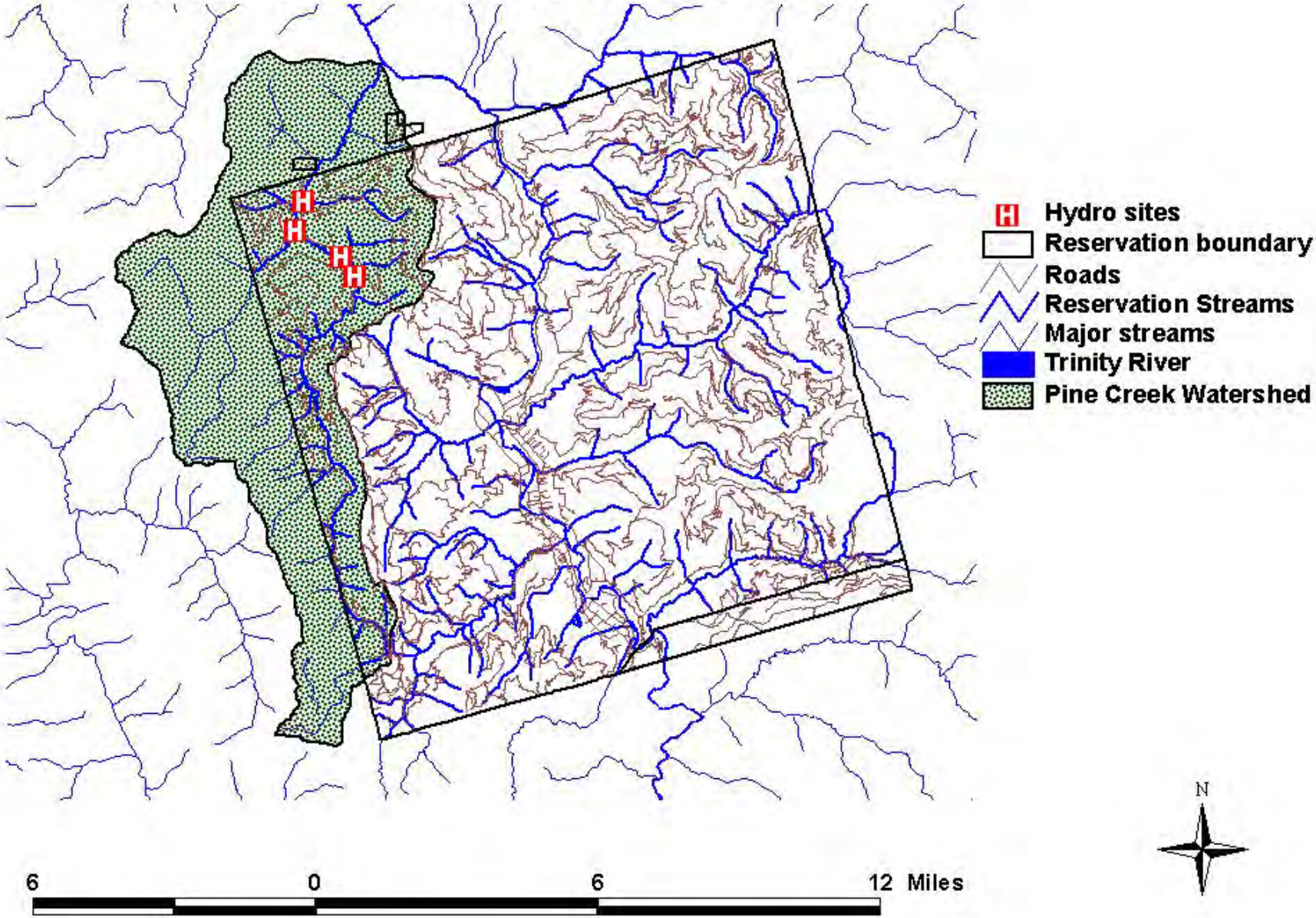





Agricultural
Water



Pine Creek Watershed



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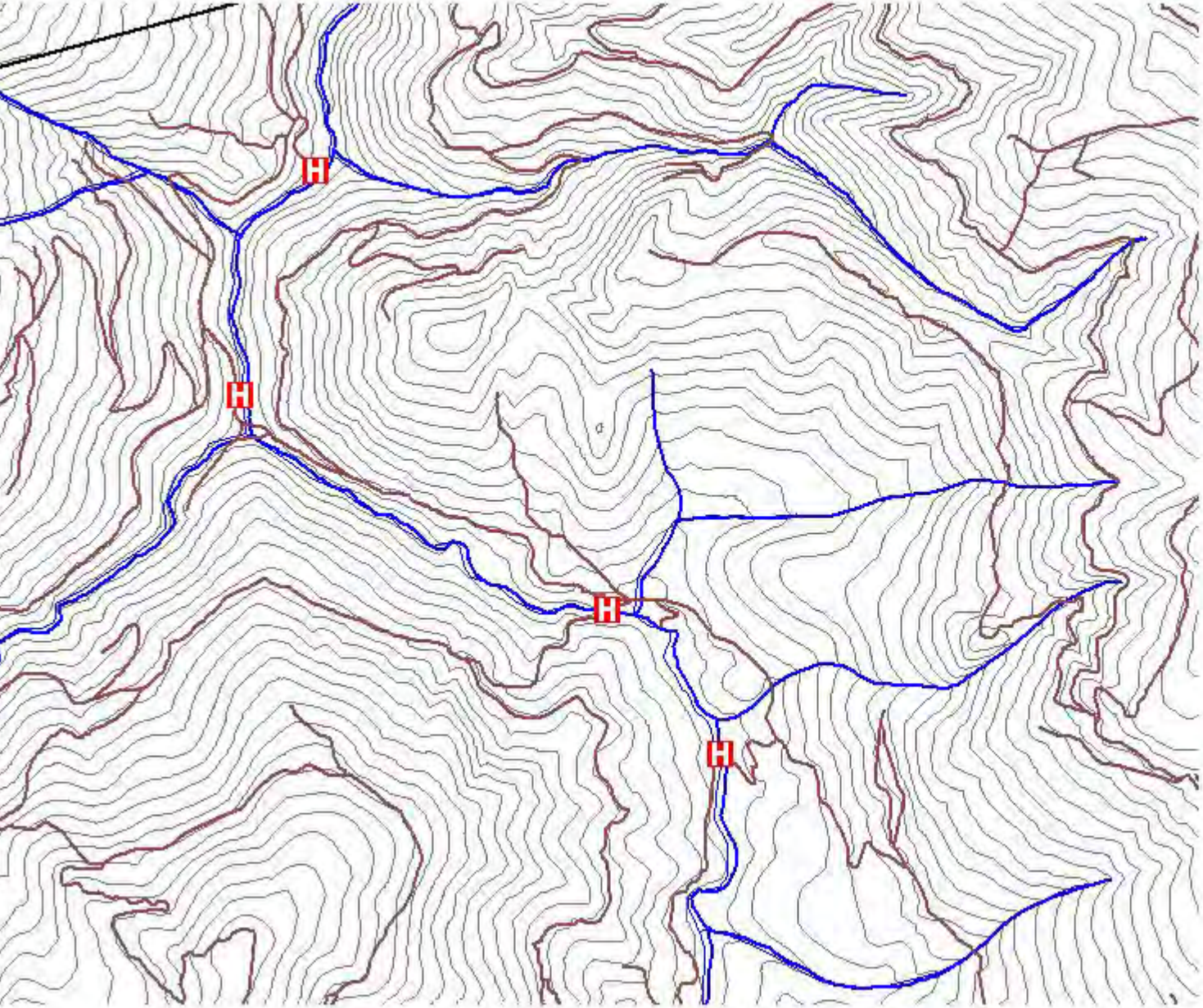

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Roads
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Major streams
Trinity River
Contour at 80 ft.

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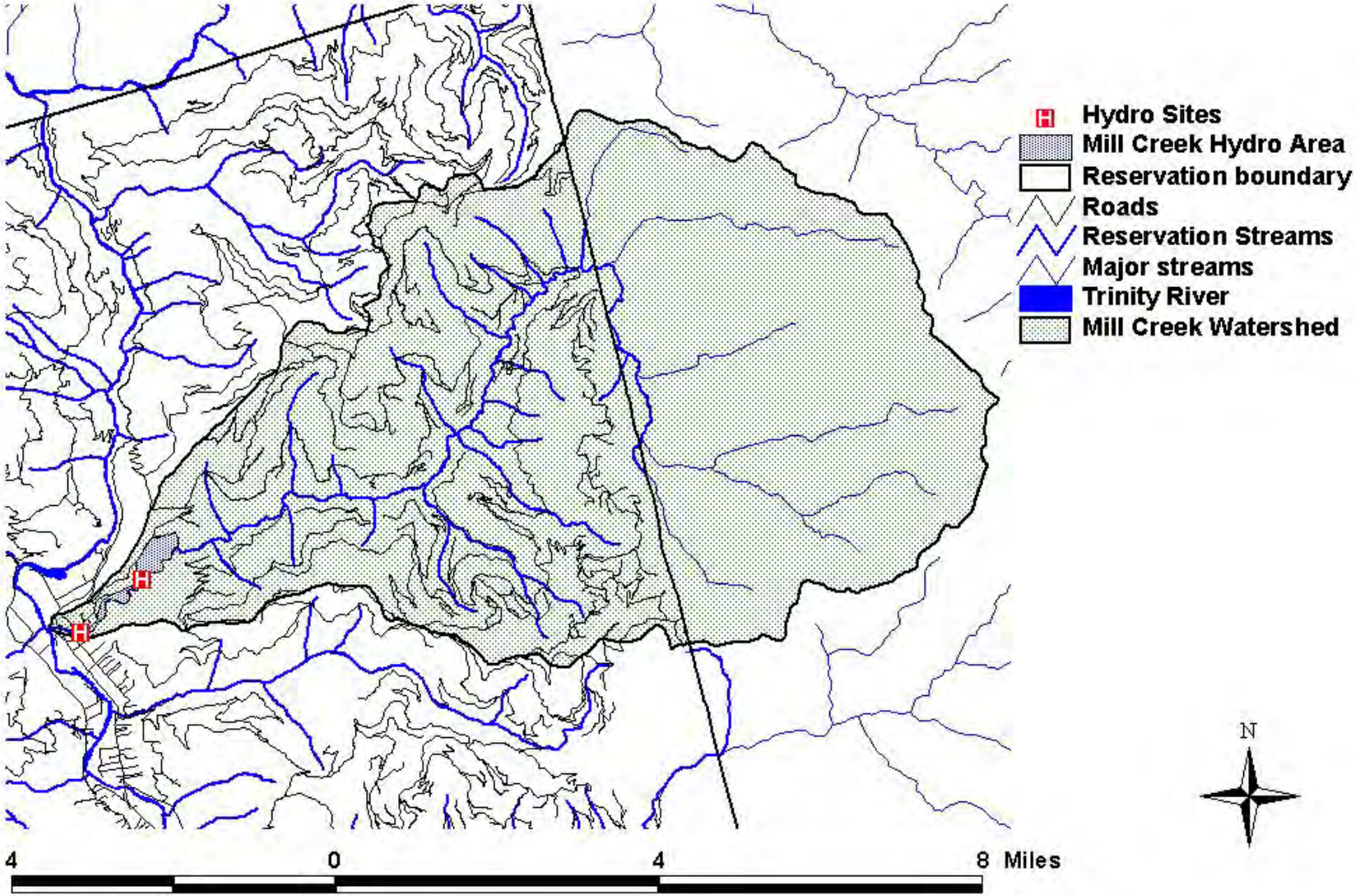
Gradient
80 feet head
per 1000 feet
of stream







Mill Creek Watershed



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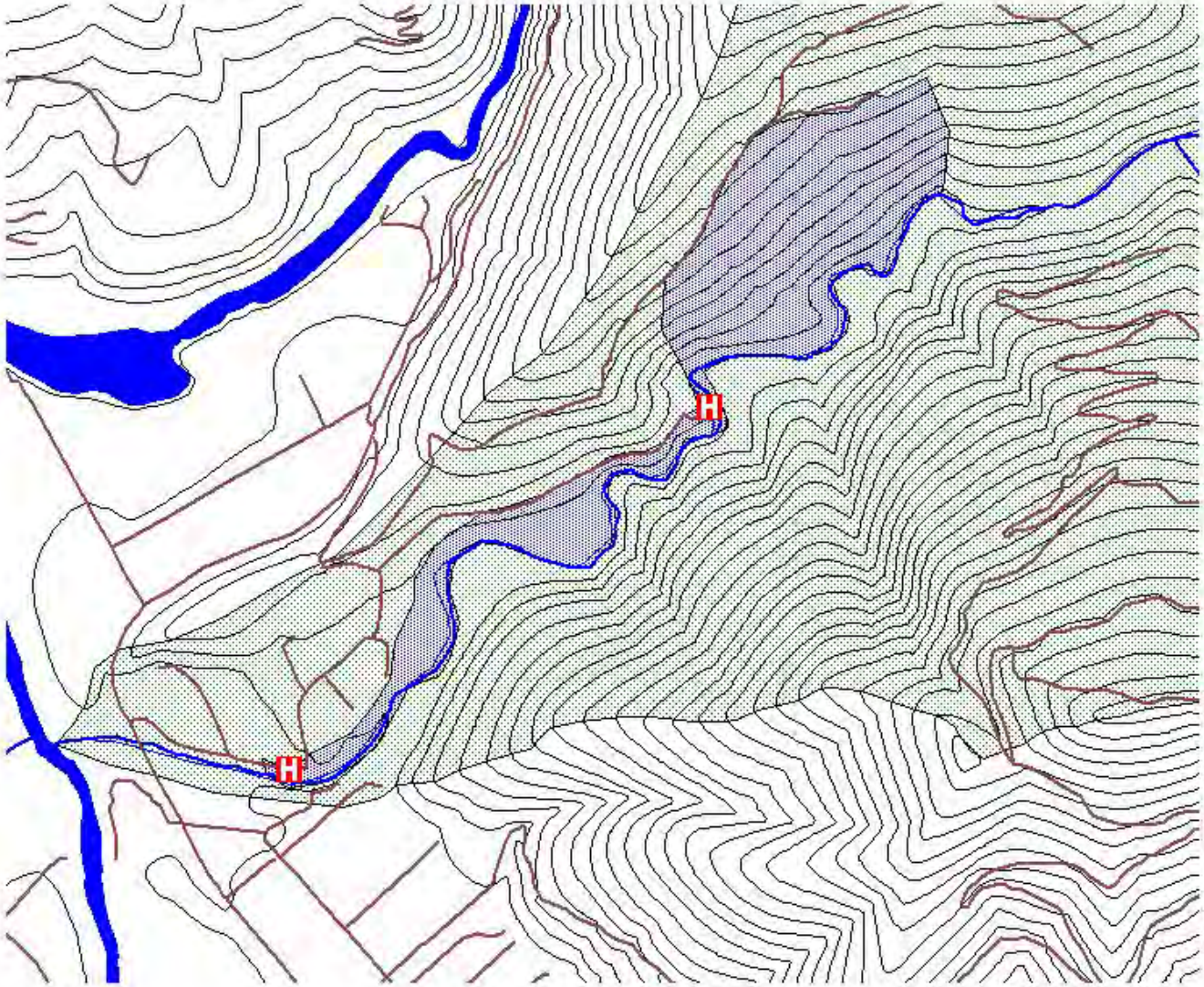

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Mill Creek Hydro Area
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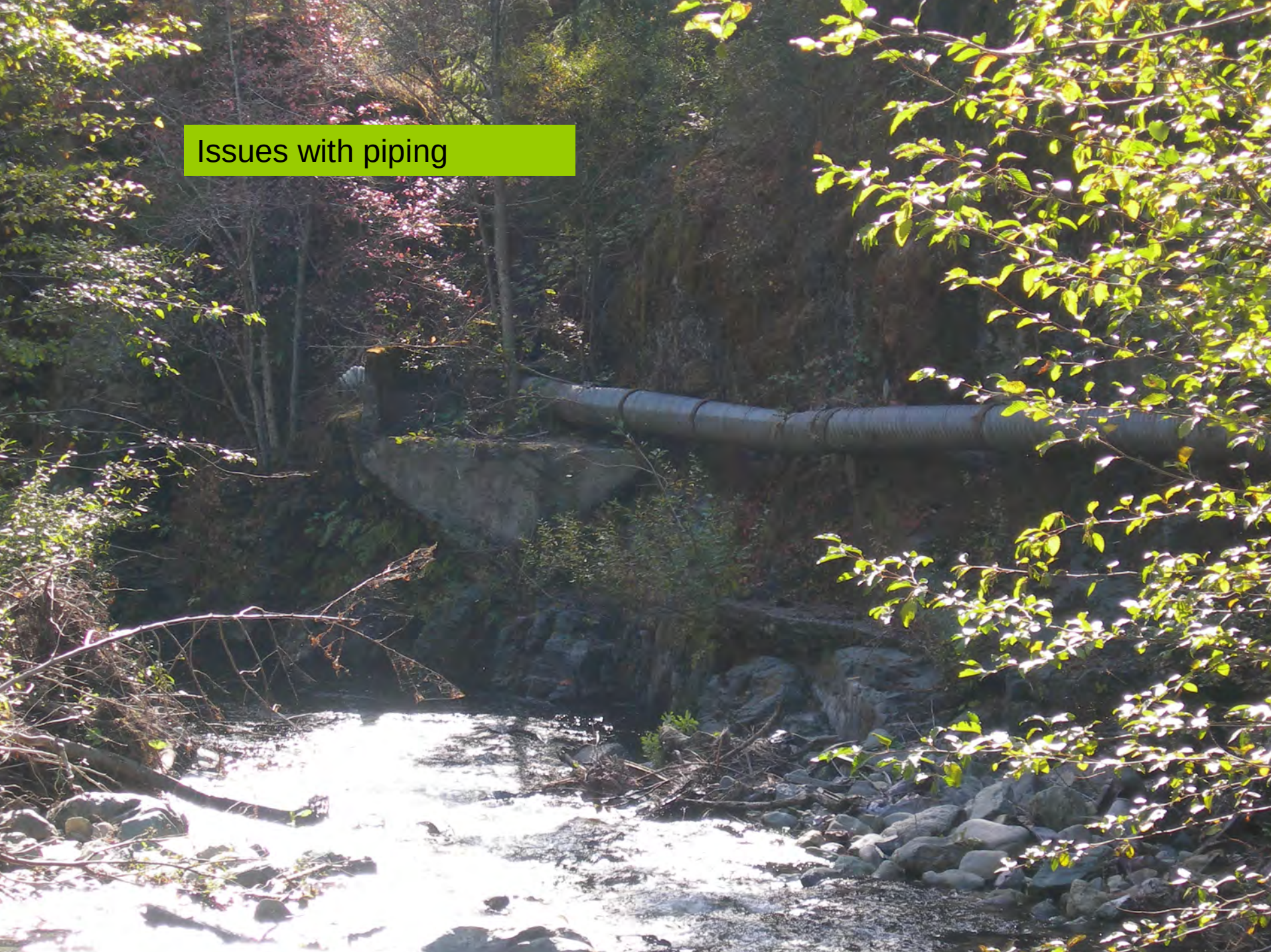
Lower Mill Creek Site


Est. Gradient 60 feet head
per 1000 foot of stream

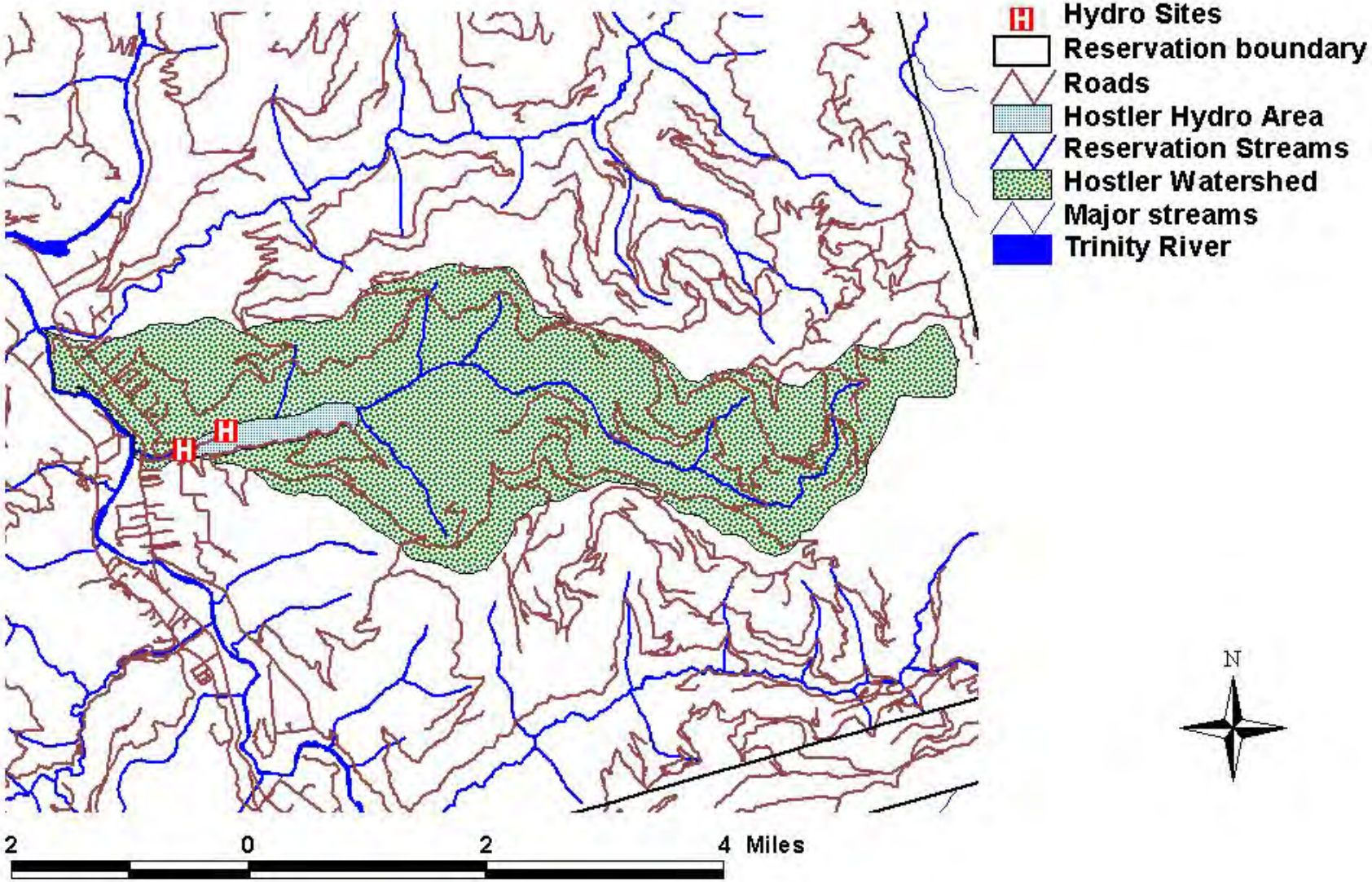

Drinking Water Intake






Issues with piping

Hostler Creek Watershed



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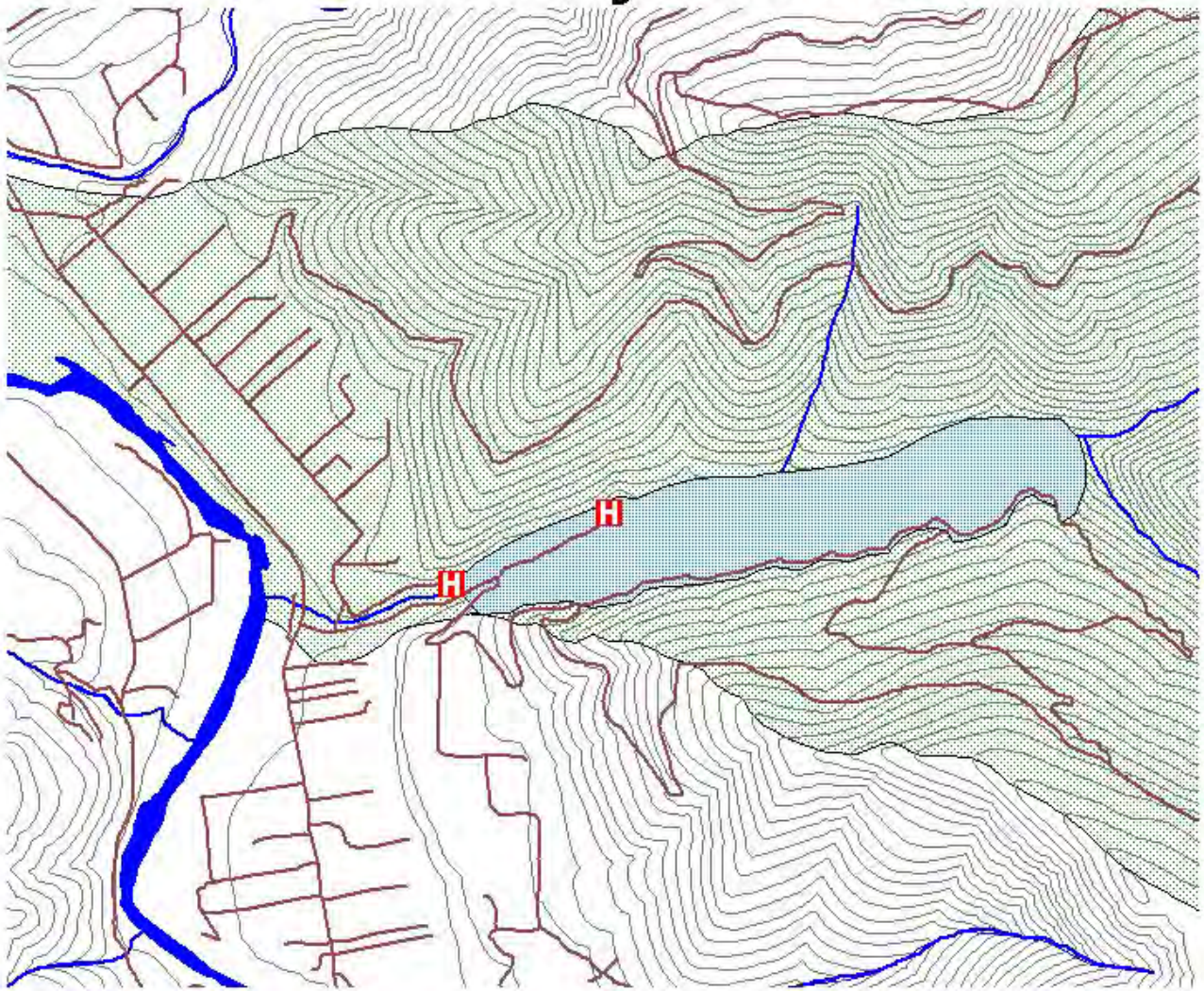

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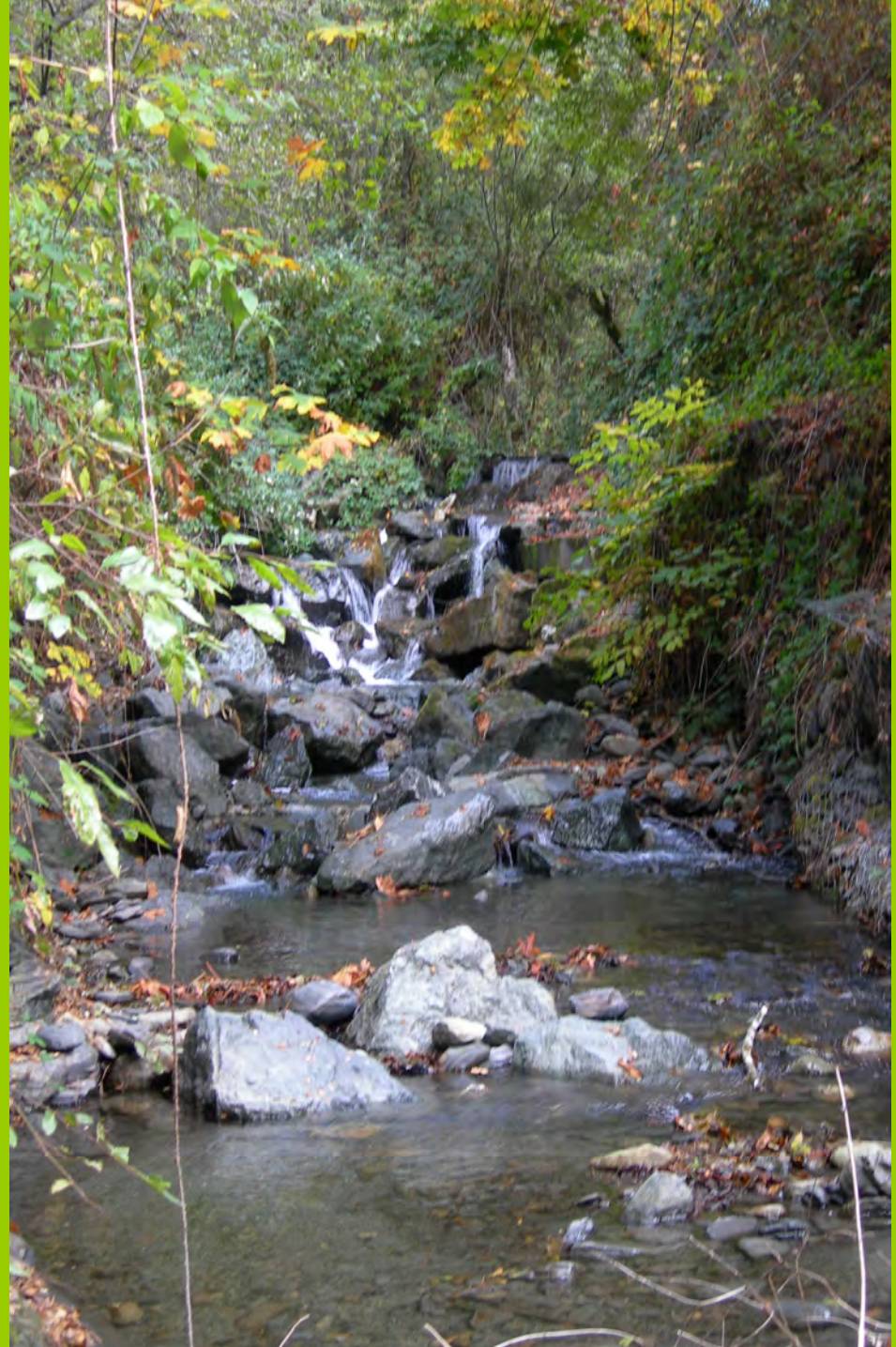
Entrenched
Barrier



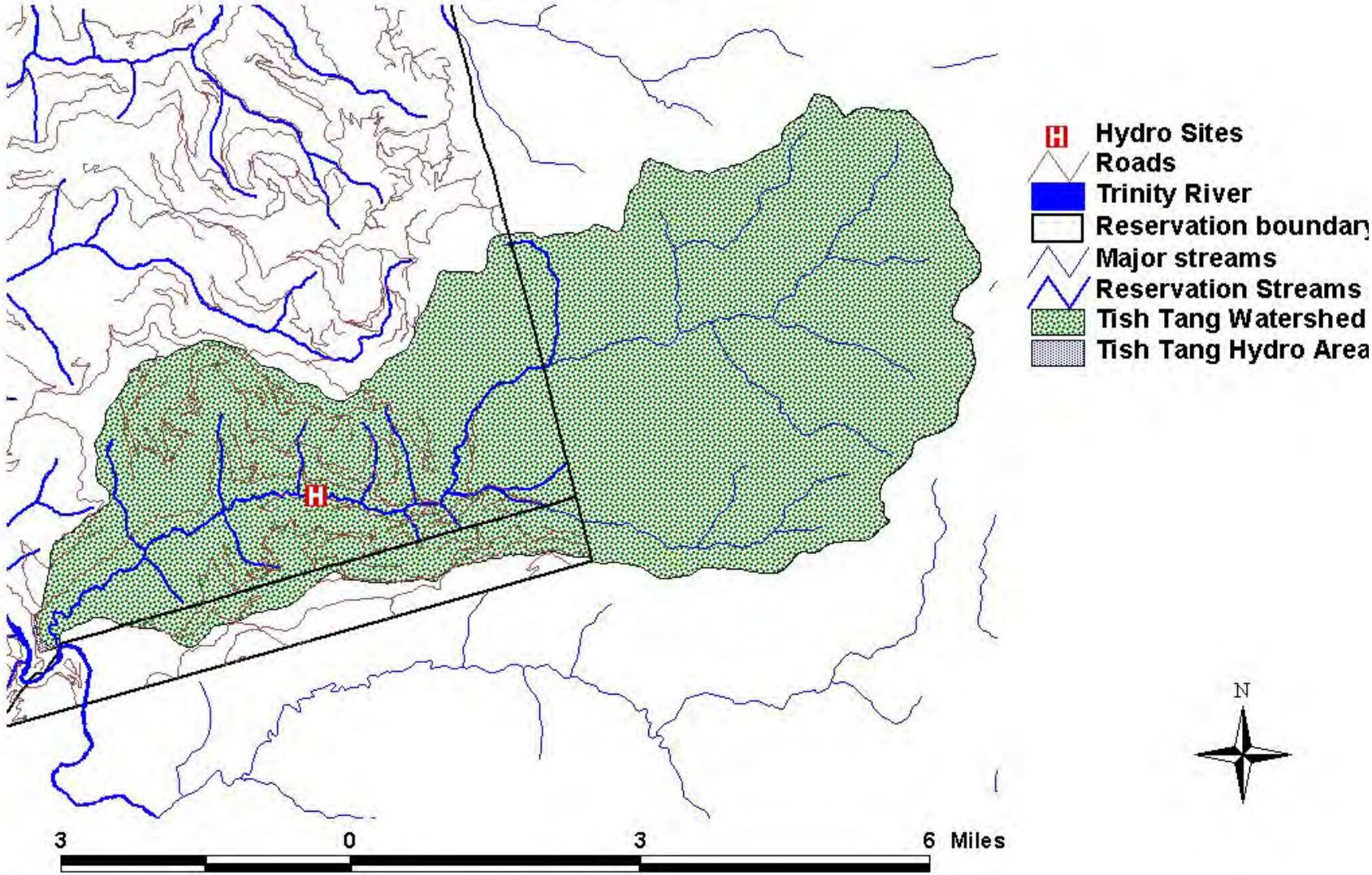
Steep Gradient

Est.160 feet head
per 1000 feet stream





Tish Tang Watershed



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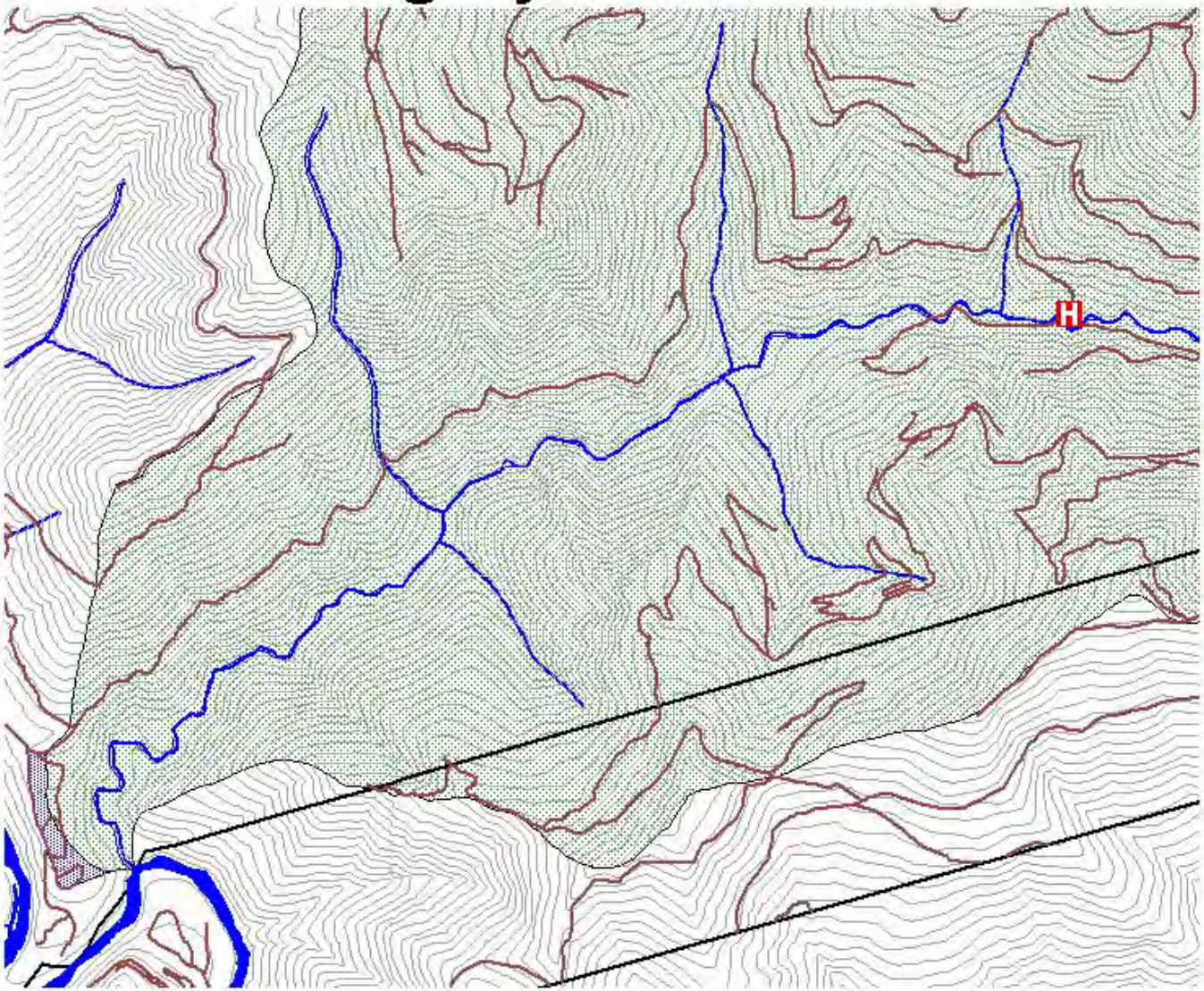
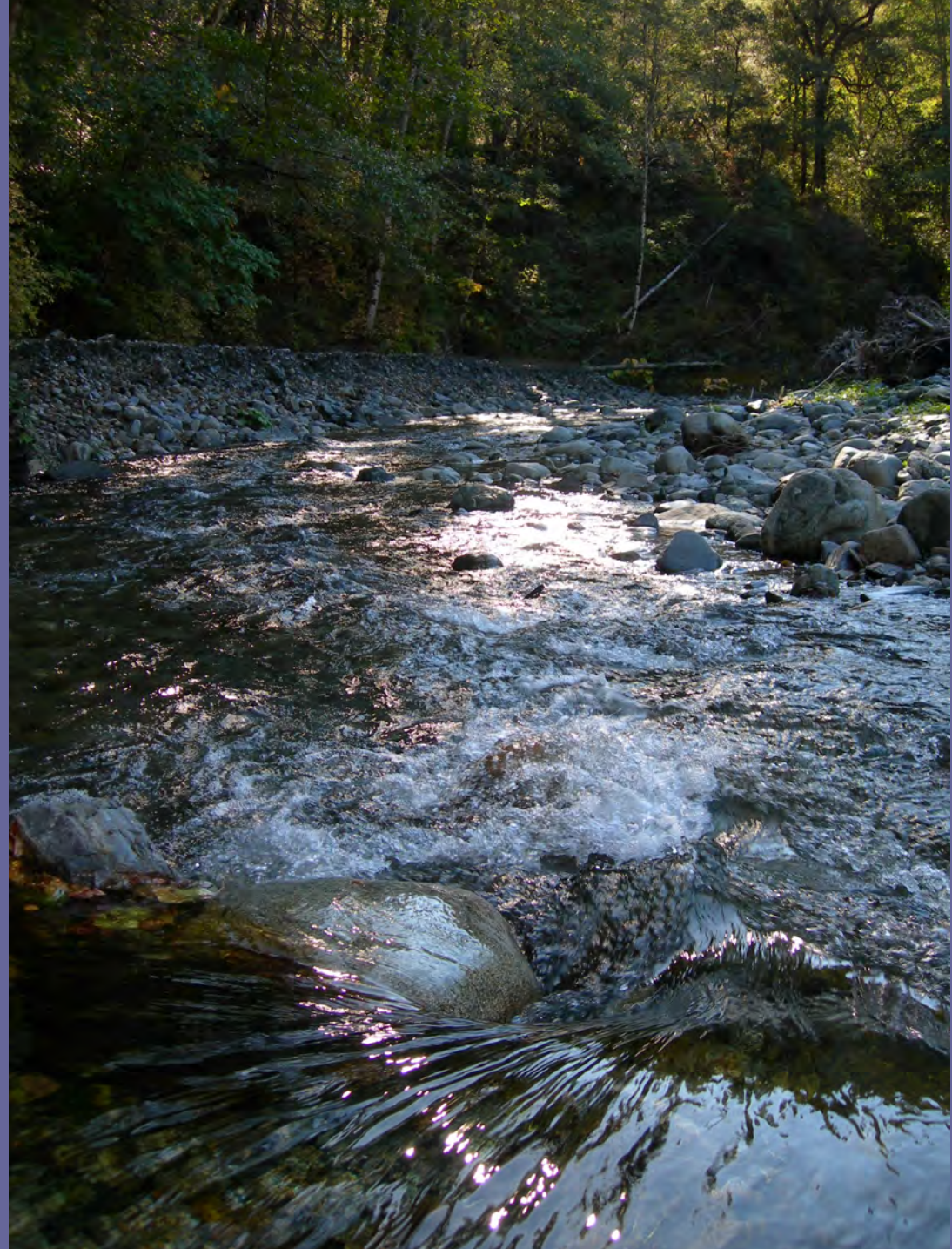






Gradient

80 feet head per 1000 foot of stream



Upper Site




Steep gradient
200 feet head per
1000 foot of stream




Cultural Sites

Wrap up

- Do we have potential – YES
- Substantial investment – YES
- Cost benefit – potentially high benefit