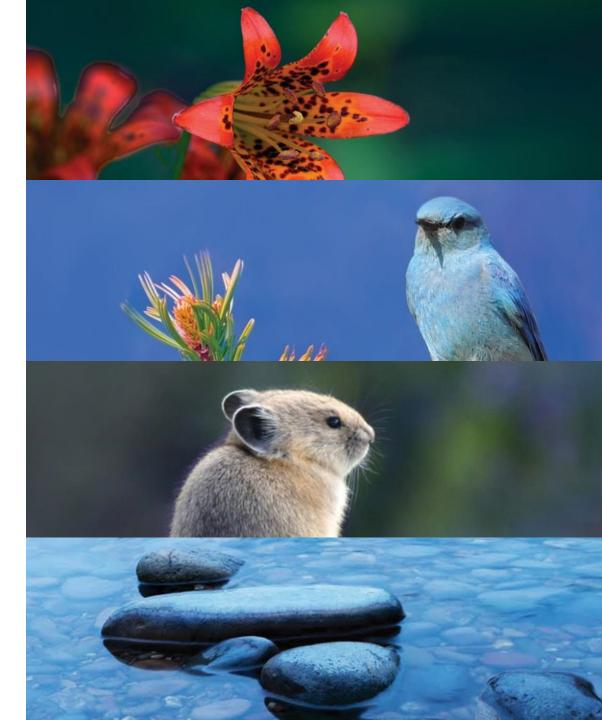


# Sardine Meadow Restoration

Pre-Bid Meeting May 6, 2020 Edited to post on website Beth Christman, TRWC Director of Restoration





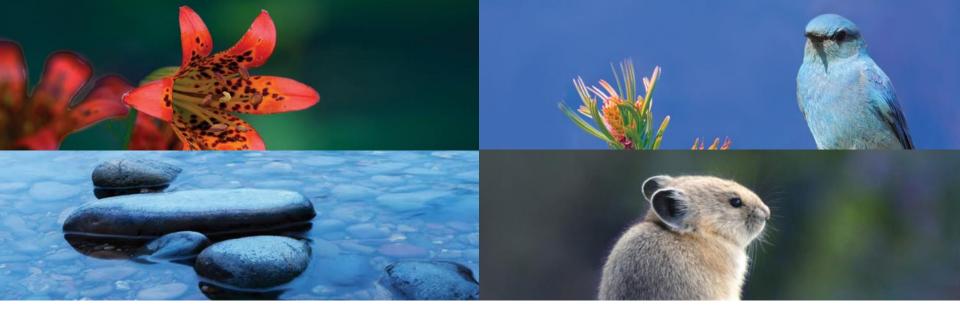
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#### Sardine Meadow Restoration





### Thank You to Our Partners

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• U.S. Forest Service





# **Project Implementation Team**

#### • TRWC

- Beth Christman
- Engineer = Balance Hydrologics
  - Dave Shaw
  - Peter Kulchawik
- Revegetation specialist = CS Ecological Surveys and Assessments
  - Catherine Schnurrenberger



## Project Goals

- 1. Restore meadow hydrologic function
- 2. Restore natural stream channels
- 3. Reduce sources of instream sediment
- 4. Improve habitat for native species and forage for livestock



## Expected benefits

- Restore 350 acres of montane meadow
- Reduce erosion from 2 miles of incised channel
- Restore flow to 5 miles of historic channel
- Elevate water table and reverse conversion to upland habitat
- Create/restore habitat for willow flycatcher and other native species

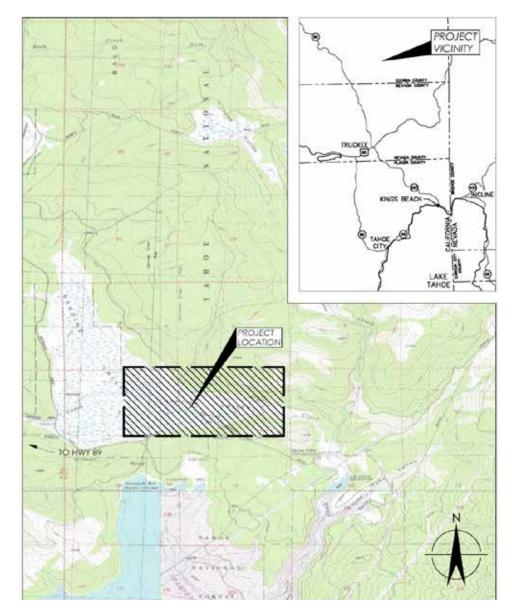


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Project Location





Site Overview

## Refer to Sheet 3.0 of 100% Design Plans



#### Site Overview

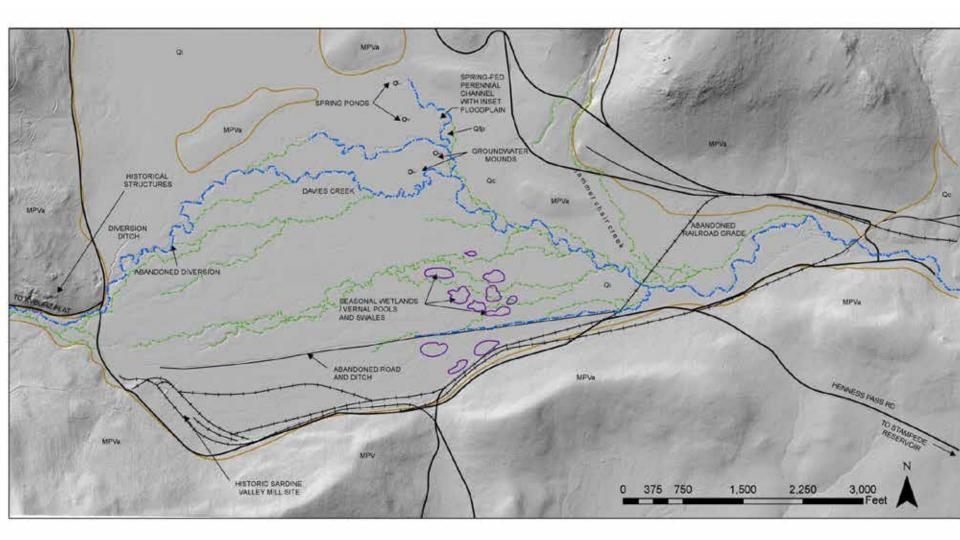
- Sardine Meadow is an extension of the Davies-Merrill watershed restoration project (TRWC & USFS – 2005 – 2013)
- Two branches of Davies Creek flow through Sardine Meadow
- Most of Davies Creek is highly incised
  - Some areas have developed inset floodplain
  - Others very degraded
- Entirely on private land

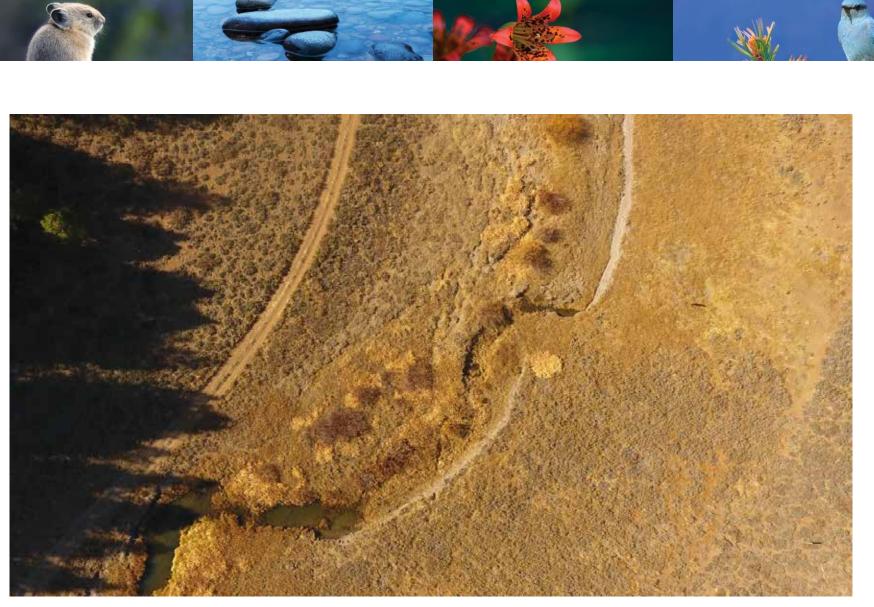


### Site Overview, continued

- Past and current land uses caused degradation
  - Road and railroad grade construction
  - Logging
  - Ranching
- Significant risk of reed canary grass infestation
  - Revegetation plan designed to reduce risk

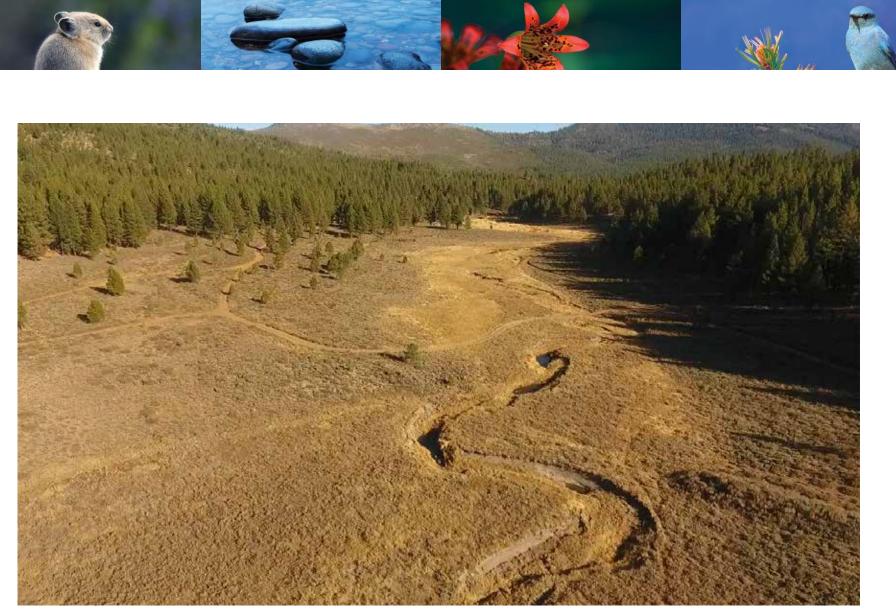






Lower Grade Control – bottom end of project site





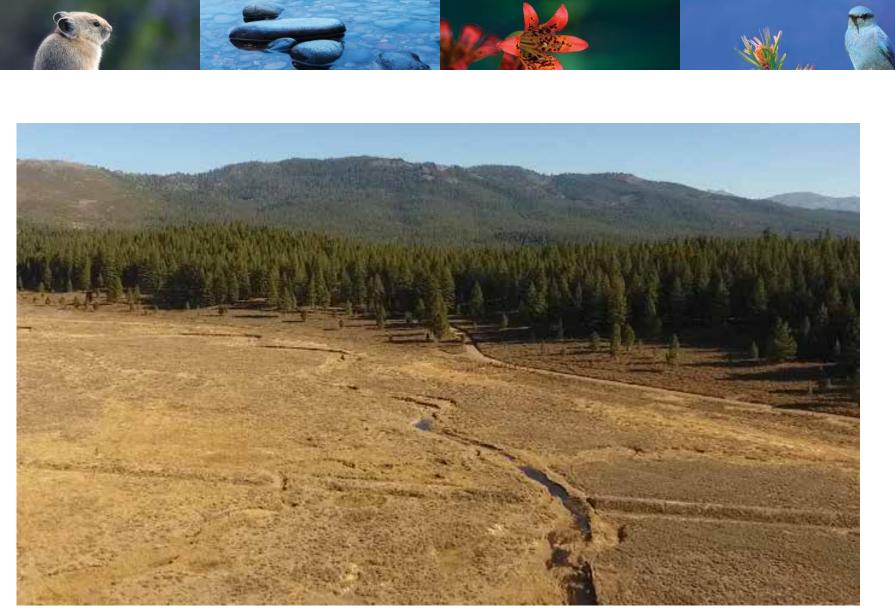
Upper Grade Control at historic RR crossing





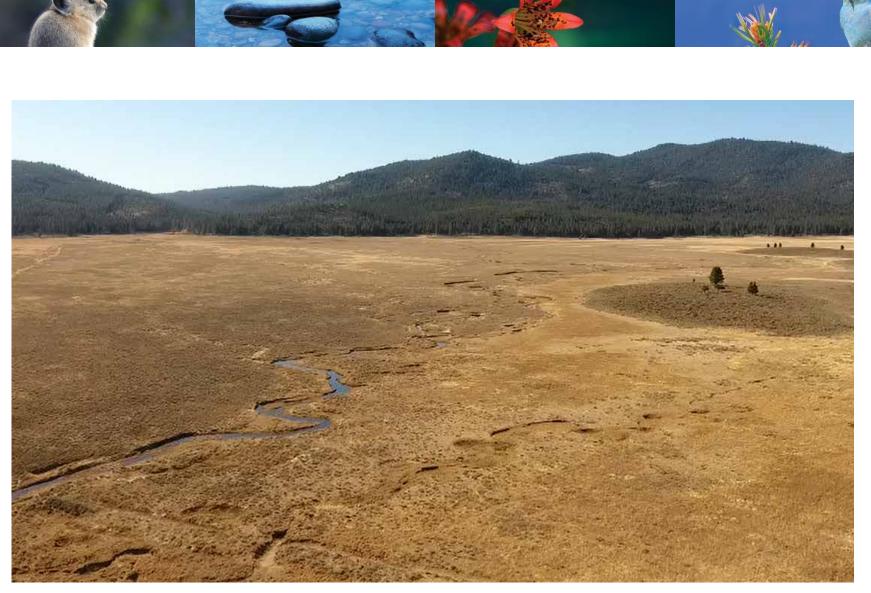
Below railroad grade, looking west





Railroad grade and downstream





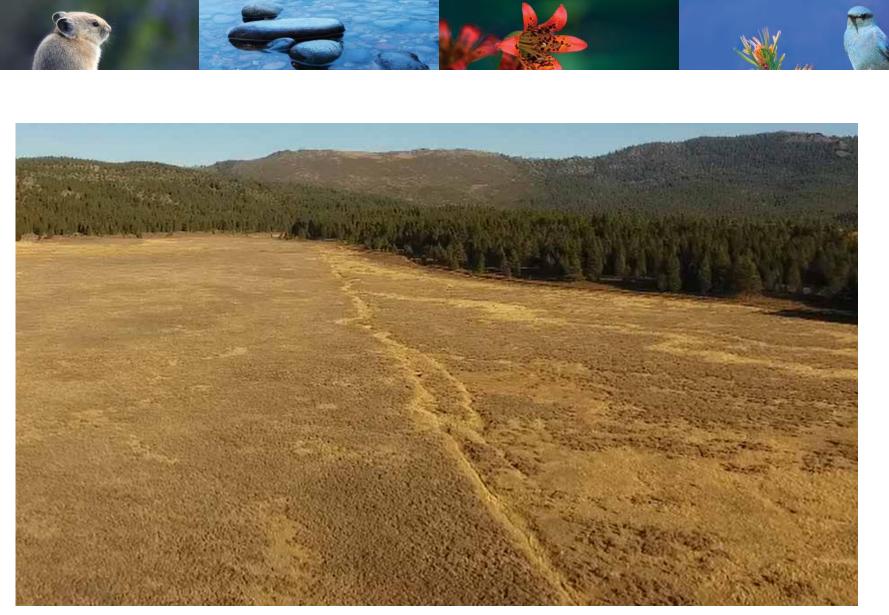
North end of project area, view looking upstream





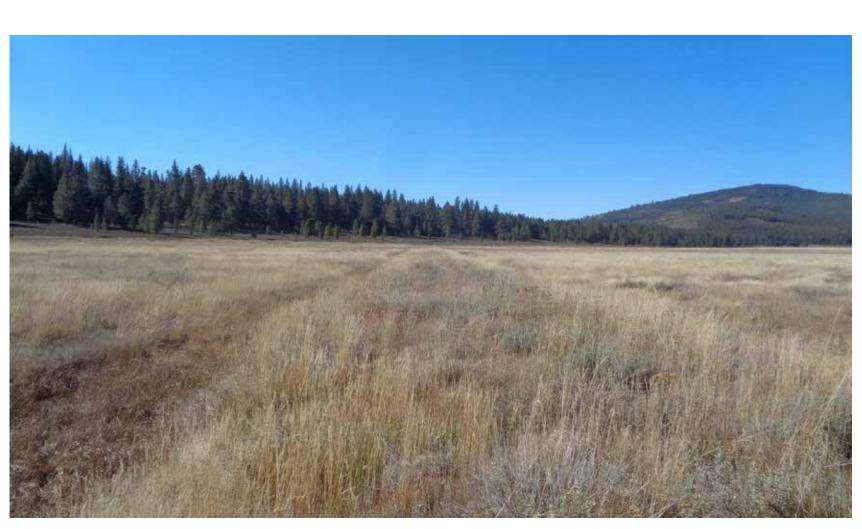
Middle of road fill treatment area





Upper end of road fill treatment





Railroad grade across channel





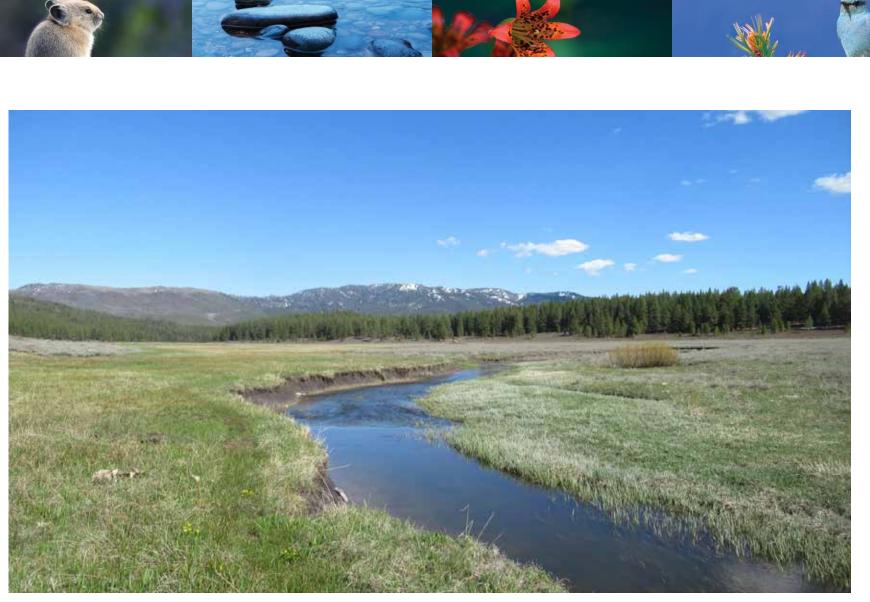
Sagebrush conversion





Stream channel incision





Some functional habitat remains



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# Design overview – Option B

100% Design will not be substantially different from 65% 100% available next week

- Return flow to historic channels with floodplain connectivity
- Selectively fill sections of existing channel
  - Two types of channel fill
- Preserve existing vegetation
- Salvage high quality vegetation
- Construct riffle grade controls
- Debris jams in side channels
- Revegetation/weed treatment



# Work – BMPs and mobilization

- Mobilize equipment to site
- Establish staging and stockpile areas
- Establish access routes
  - Meadow haul routes will require meadow mats
  - Temporary stream crossings may be required to access northern portion of site
  - Use filled channel as much as possible for access
- Install BMPs as described in SWPPP
  - SWPPP will be available next week



#### Staging and access

• Refer to Sheet 3.0 of 100% design plans

# Work - dewatering

- Localized groundwater will be encountered
- Upper Meadow Channels and Upper Davies Creek are spring-fed, anticipated to have flow rates of 2 cfs or less, diminishing during the construction period.
- Relict Channel is anticipated to be dry during construction, pools up to 2 feet deep
- Historical Ditch anticipated to be dry
- Lower Davies Creek anticipated to have very low flow during the construction period, but water is likely to be ponded in intermittent pools at depths up to 5 feet.

### Dewatering

• Refer to sheet 2.1 of 100% Design plan

# Work - dewatering

- Dewatering plan required
  - Submitted 30 days prior to construction
  - Approved by Engineer
  - Must not cause downstream water quality impacts
  - Pump and discharge to stable area
  - Pump and use for compaction/dust control
- Localized fish relocation, screen intakes





# Work – Fill quantities

- Estimated total placed fill: 35,000 40,000 cy
- Approximately 10,000 cy available on site
  - Railroad grade removal
  - Road bed removal
  - Floodplain creation (sheets 3.05B, 3.13B, 3.14B)
- Contractor responsible for remainder
  - Must meet specifications
- The Boca stockpile identified in 65% plans is not available





#### Work - earthwork

- Salvage existing vegetation
- Stockpile and water existing/salvaged vegetation
- Excavation and transport material to fill areas
- Complete rough grading and fine grading
- Achieve proper compaction and moisture conditioning





### Work – channel fill types

- Treatment Type A preserve functional habitat
- Treatment Type B place fill 0.5 1 foot above meadow surface
- Treatment Type C at swale/channel crossings, place fill to match grade of swale/channel

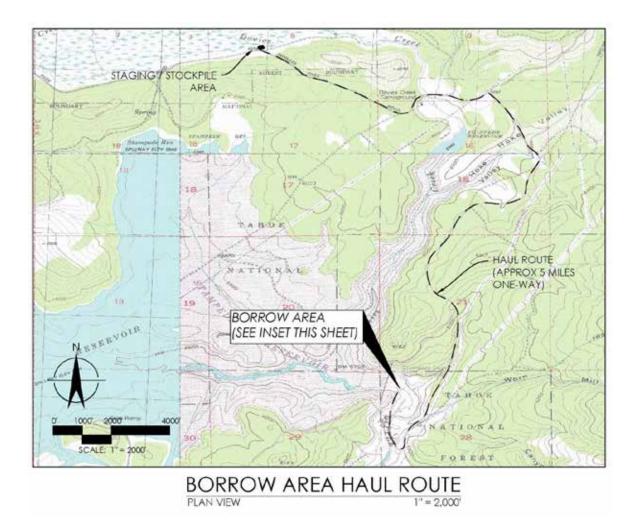


# Work – grade control riffles

- Two specified locations
- Material mix as specified in plan set
- Estimated 750 cy total
- Some large material may be available from Stampede – approximately 50% of total volume
- Smaller material (cobble/gravel) will need to be imported



#### **Potential Boulder Source**

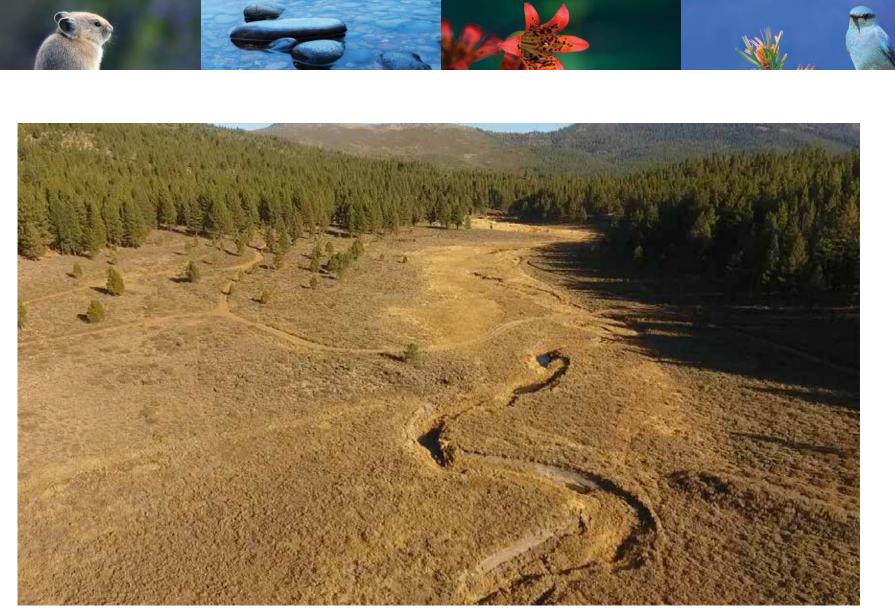




#### **Upstream Grade Control**

#### • Refer to sheets 3.14 and 4.2 of 100% design plans





Upper Grade Control at historic RR crossing





Upper Grade control, left bank





Upper grade control, right bank

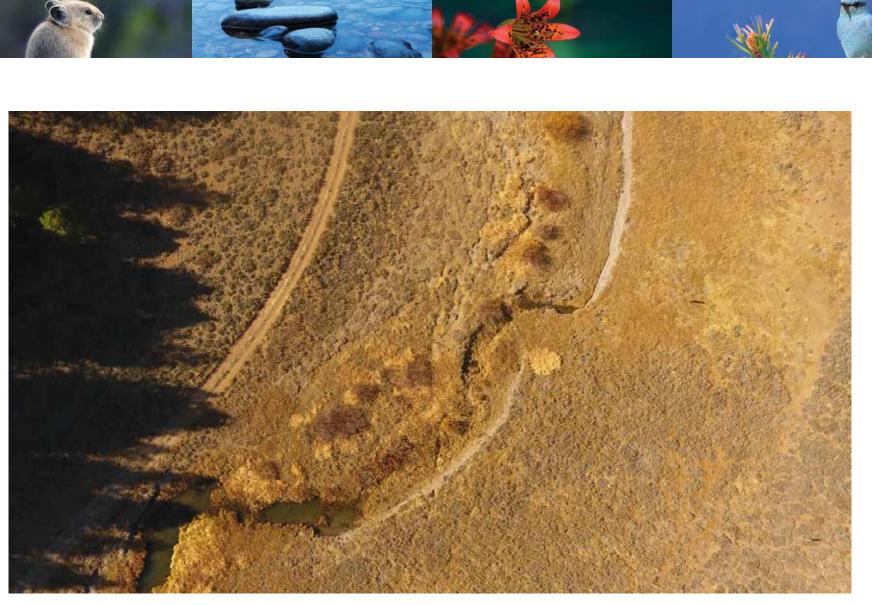




#### Downstream Grade Control

#### • Refer to sheets 3.15 and 4.3 of 100% design plan





Lower Grade Control, aerial view





Lower grade control





#### Work - Debris jams

#### • Refer to sheet 4.1 of 100% design plan



## Work – Reed Canary Grass Control

- Physical pre-treatment
  - Mowing before going to seed (June)
  - Covering small patches with plastic within construction area (est. ~1/4 acre)
- Chemical pre-treatment
  - Treatment plan prepared by licensed Pest Control Advisor
  - Contractor identifies PCA



## Work - Revegetation and Erosion Control

- Additional details available next week
- Preserve existing vegetation as much as possible
- Willow salvage and replant at downstream grade control
- Re-plant salvaged sod on fill material as directed by Engineer's representative
- Harvest additional sod strips from identified areas
- Install erosion control fabric
  - Approximately 50% of Fill Type C
- Native seed mixes TRWC to provide and deliver
  - Areas not revegetated with sod, access routes
- Warranty erosion
  - 2 years
  - Warranty against rilling, gullying, headcutting



### Additional requirements to note

- Permits, CEQA
  - Resource Protection Measures
- Ivesia protection
- Engineering, archeological, and biological oversight
- Staging
- Materials



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# **Bid Package and Evaluation**

- Demonstrate qualifying experience
  - Meadow and stream restoration
  - Large amounts of fill placement
  - Supervisor/foreman has at least 3 yrs experience supervising wetland and stream restoration with significant earthwork, site stabilization, and stream dewatering
  - Class A and C-27 Contractor's licenses
  - CDPR Qualified applicator and pest control licenses, Sierra County registered pest control business license
  - 3 examples of montane meadow, floodplain or riparian restoration in past 10 years with 5 photos each
- Evaluated on cost, project experience, past performance, qualifications of operators, integrity and capability, and probable level of service and convenience to TRWC



# Bid format – 40 pages max

- Scope of work and *approach*
- Cost estimate using attached Bid Sheet
- Rate sheet
- Proposed project schedule
- Relevant experience with photos and references
- List of staff certifications/licenses
- Staff experience
- Specification of equipment





### **Payment Terms**

- Quarterly invoicing
- Expected payment within 120 days
- Pay when paid
- No interest
- RFB and Bid Sheet prevail over any discrepancies in project plans



# Timeline

Task	Date
Pre-bid meeting (mandatory)	May 6, 2020
Deadline to request additional information	May 15 – changed from May 13
Bids due	May 27
Interviews	Week of June 1
Contract award (expected)	June 5
Pre-Construction Meeting	Week of June 15
Construction start*	July 1
Construction completion – instream work	October 1
Construction completion – site closure	October 15
Post-construction erosion warranty	2021-2022

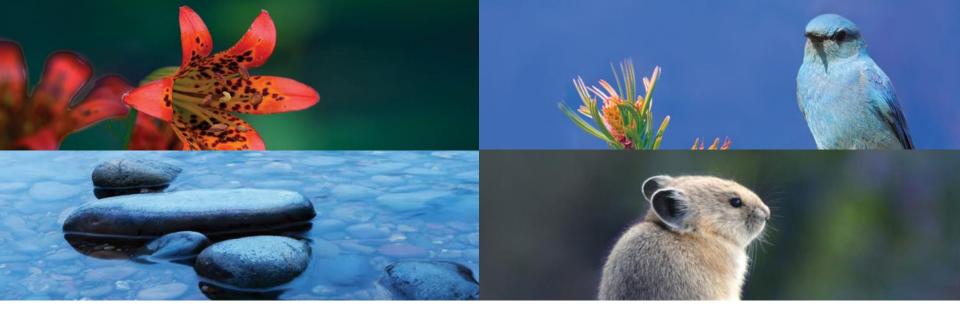
\*Dependent on site conditions





## Questions?





## Thank you!

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