



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD REPORT



SUBJECT: Contract Approval – OV-2 Fuel Reduction

EXHIBIT: F-5, 13 Pages

AUTHOR: Jessica Asher, Program Manager

MEETING DATE: Nov. 18, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the General Manager to execute contract documents with Cross Check Services for an amount not to exceed \$525,000, with an additional 10% contingency (\$52,500), to complete the OV-2 Forest Fuels Reduction Project.

DISCUSSION: The “OV-2” Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project is a priority initiative within the 2022 Olympic Valley Community Wildfire Protection (CWPP), aimed at mitigating hazardous fuel conditions on the northern slope of Olympic Valley. The project area encompasses approximately 84 acres of privately owned land generally located above the eastern portions of Sandy Way, Hidden Lake, and Painted Rock, with a portion extending toward Highway 89 (see attached vicinity map).

Treatment activities will include mechanical cutting, processing, and forwarding, followed by mastication of surface fuels. This project will operate under the jurisdiction of Forest Resilience Exemption 14 CCR 1038(i). The treatment prescription is similar to the OV-1 North Ridge Fuel Reduction Project, completed by Cross Check Services in 2024. Work is anticipated to begin in summer 2026 and will require approximately 45 working days to complete.

The objective of the Project is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire within the wildland urban interface by reducing both the horizontal and vertical fuel continuity. These actions will improve opportunities for safe and effective fire suppression and increase protection of life, property, and natural resources. Additional benefits include improved forest health through reduced inter-tree competition, increasing vigor and growth of remaining conifers and decreasing susceptibility to insects and disease.

This project was advertised on October 1, 2025 with bids due November 5th. Four contractors attended the mandatory site tour, and three submitted proposals. The results are listed below.

Contractor	Cost/Ac	Total Cost
Cross Check Services	\$6,250	\$525,000
Arbor Pros, LLC	\$7,350	\$617,400
Elevated Tree Experts	\$8,500	\$714,000

Cross Check Services submitted the lowest responsive bid at \$6,250 per acre, totaling \$525,000. All bids met the required experience and technical qualifications. Cross Check Services is recommended based on cost, experience, and ability to complete the work within the project timeline. Cross Check Services is well-qualified and has successfully completed similar work in the region and for the District, including the OV-1 North Ridge and OV-3 "S-Turns" hazardous fuel reduction projects.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: This project is funded by a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, with the District contributing a portion of the labor costs.

ATTACHMENTS: Cross Check Services Proposal, Vicinity Map, Slideshow Presentation

DATE PREPARED: November 10, 2025



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November 5, 2025

ATTN:
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Re: OV-2 Fuel Reduction Project

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal to complete the 84 acres of mechanical forest thinning and fuel reduction. I have made an effort to address each of the stated bid parameters below:

-This price is contingent on CCS retaining ownership of all timber removed from the project and will pay associated timber tax.

- 1) Price:** \$6250.00 per acre (84 acres=\$525,000) to cut trees by description, chip tops and treat slash, masticate material where necessary, remove all possible merchantable saw logs, fuel wood material, and limit residual chip and slash to 6".

This total price includes the cost of all aspects of your project description:

- Improving the access roads to the site
- Building additional temporary forwarder benches and removing them upon completion
- Falling trees using a CTL wheeled harvester or power saws as required.
- Forwarding and removal of marked and prescribed timber
- Chipping or masticating over 95% of material including slash and non-embedded ground fuels on the project area.
- Watering landings and bare soil roads if and where needed, getting water from the OVPSD.

- Chipping and broadcasting or mastication of material to less than 6”.
- Any necessary post harvest cleanup, ripping and sub-soiling landings and forwarder trails, BMP’s, and/or any follow-up hand treatment.

2) Start Date: Approximately summer 2026.

3) Projected Number of Work Days: 45 days.

4) Equipment List:

- Valmet 941 or 931XC wheeled timber harvester: This machine has over 30’ reach that allows us to maximize the distance between harvesting trails, it is equipped with GIS tracking that permits project boundary verification and any necessary post-harvest analysis.
- Valmet 890 or 895 wheeled timber forwarder: This machine is capable of carrying 18-22 tons of material per trip, lessening the number of trips and any associated ground impact consequent to extracting material.
- Valmet 890 wheeled forwarder with rear mounted chipper: This machine is used to pick up and chip all non-merchantable material in the woods up to a 26” diameter and broadcast that chip.
- Tether and cable yarding equipment to operate on the steep slopes of the project area
- 600-gallon water fire safety trailer with state required hand tools and backpack pumps.
- Water truck
- Cat Skidder or dozer used for fire protection
- Trimax 30 fire extinguishers
- Volvo EC220D excavator mulcher Fecon RTM-230 wheeled mulcher if needed
- Wheel Loader for loading chips if needed
- Service vehicles.

5) Description of Methodology: Cross Check Services (CCS) would plan to move our equipment to the job site as soon as possible and prepare to commence operations. CCS

personnel would post signs to warn the public of the forestry operations and caution them to stay out of the operating area. Our hours of operation would be from 5am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday, depending on fire danger restrictions operations may need to start earlier in the day and finish earlier, truck traffic will not start until 7am to lessen disturbance to adjacent home owners.

Following transport to the site; and equipment staging, safety actions, and any other necessary job readiness tasks, CCS would begin timber falling and Chipping and masticating material where necessary, at the site and continue this procedure five or six days a week until the project is complete. We would plan to start masticating directly behind the chipping operation in order to complete the whole project and reduce the ground fuel load as quickly as possible.

This project site will require us to extract at least 70% of the material up the hill back to the OV-1 landings and road system. This is due to the limited access and landing locations above Sandy Way, Hidden Lake, and Tiger Tail. Due to this operational consideration, we will be utilizing cable and winch assisted equipment to move the material up hill to where it can be removed, and use the same winch assisted equipment to masticate the area.

6) Contract Information:

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CCS has made every effort to solicitously address each aspect of this bid proposal, including all of the project specifications and parameters. I believe CCS is particularly well suited to complete this project based on our long history of close and successful cooperation with the OVPSD on multiple projects, our local connection to the community, our past work with all of the local fire districts, state and local agencies in the Truckee Tahoe area, local private and public land owners including the Truckee Airport District, the Truckee Donner Land Trust, California State Parks, and the US Forest Service. Additionally, our flexible and job-specific methodology ensures we would be able to efficiently complete the project while employing the sensitivity and

responsiveness required to work within your project area, and the needs to provide a finished project that has been done with utmost care and consideration of the community. If you have any questions, or need more information about our company or policies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
David Mercer

Accepted by: _____

Olympic Valley Public Service District
OV-2 "North Slope" Fuel Reduction Project

BID

Proposal of Cross Check Services LLC

(hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of California _____, doing business as (an individual), or (a partnership), or (a corporation), to the Olympic Valley Public Service District (hereinafter called "OWNER"):

BIDDER hereby proposes to perform all WORK required for the OWNER, in strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth therein, and at the prices stated below.

By submission of this BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID, each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to this BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence work under the AGREEMENT in accordance with the NOTICE OF AWARD, and to fully complete the WORK within the number of calendar days specified in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER further agrees to pay the amount specified in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS as liquidated damages, for each consecutive calendar day thereafter, as provided for in the AGREEMENT.

BIDDER acknowledges receipt of the following ADDENDA:

No. #1, dated 11/3, 2025

No. _____, dated _____, 20____

No. _____, dated _____, 20____

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INFORMATION REQUIRED OF BIDDER

List of Subcontractors

The BIDDER shall herein set forth the name, location of the place of business and the California Contractor license number of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render services to the CONTRACTOR in or about the construction of the WORK, or a subcontractor licensed by the State of California who, under subcontract to the CONTRACTOR, specially fabricates and installs a portion of the WORK according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications, in an amount in excess of one-half of one percent of the CONTRACTOR'S total BID, and the portion of the WORK which will be done by each subcontractor. The BIDDER shall list only one subcontractor for each portion of the WORK as may be defined by the. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

<u>Name of Subcontractor</u>	<u>California Contractor</u> <u>License Number</u>	<u>Portion of Work</u> <u>to be Done</u>	<u>Place of</u> <u>Business</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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List of References

The BIDDER shall list at least three references of previous clients, at least one of which is a public agency, for which the Contractor has performed work similar to that contemplated in the Project. Not more than one reference may be the Olympic Valley Public Service District. Listings shall include name of project, date of project, client name, contact person, and telephone number.

<u>Project Name and Date</u>	<u>Client Name</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
1. OV1	OVPSPD	Danelle Bradfield	530-927-7095
2. Sugar Pine SP	CA State Parks	Rich Adams	530-525-1222
3. Martis THP	Martis Camp	Scott Bower	530-386-2034
4. Webber Lake	Truckee Donner land Trust	Danele Johanus	414-731-4177
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

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BID PROVISIONS

The undersigned BIDDER agrees to enter into an Agreement within ten (10) days after receipt of notification of acceptance of this BID, and further agrees to complete all WORK in accordance with specified requirements by the date specified thereof.

BIDDERS ADDRESS

Business Address PO Box 3713 Olympic Valley CA 96146

Telephone (530) 412-0622

BIDDERS LICENSE

Contractors License No. LTO A10575

Class A

Expiration Date 12-31-2026

The representations made within this Bidders License section are made under penalty of perjury. Any BID not containing all information requested within this Bidders License section, or a BID containing information within this Bidders License section, which is subsequently proven false, shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by Olympic Valley Public Service District.

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SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

Dated in Olympic Valley, Ca this 31 day of October, 2025

If an Individual: David Mercer, doing business as
Cross Check Services LLC.

If a Partnership: _____

By _____, partner,

Naming the following persons as partners in the firm,

If a Corporation: _____

By _____

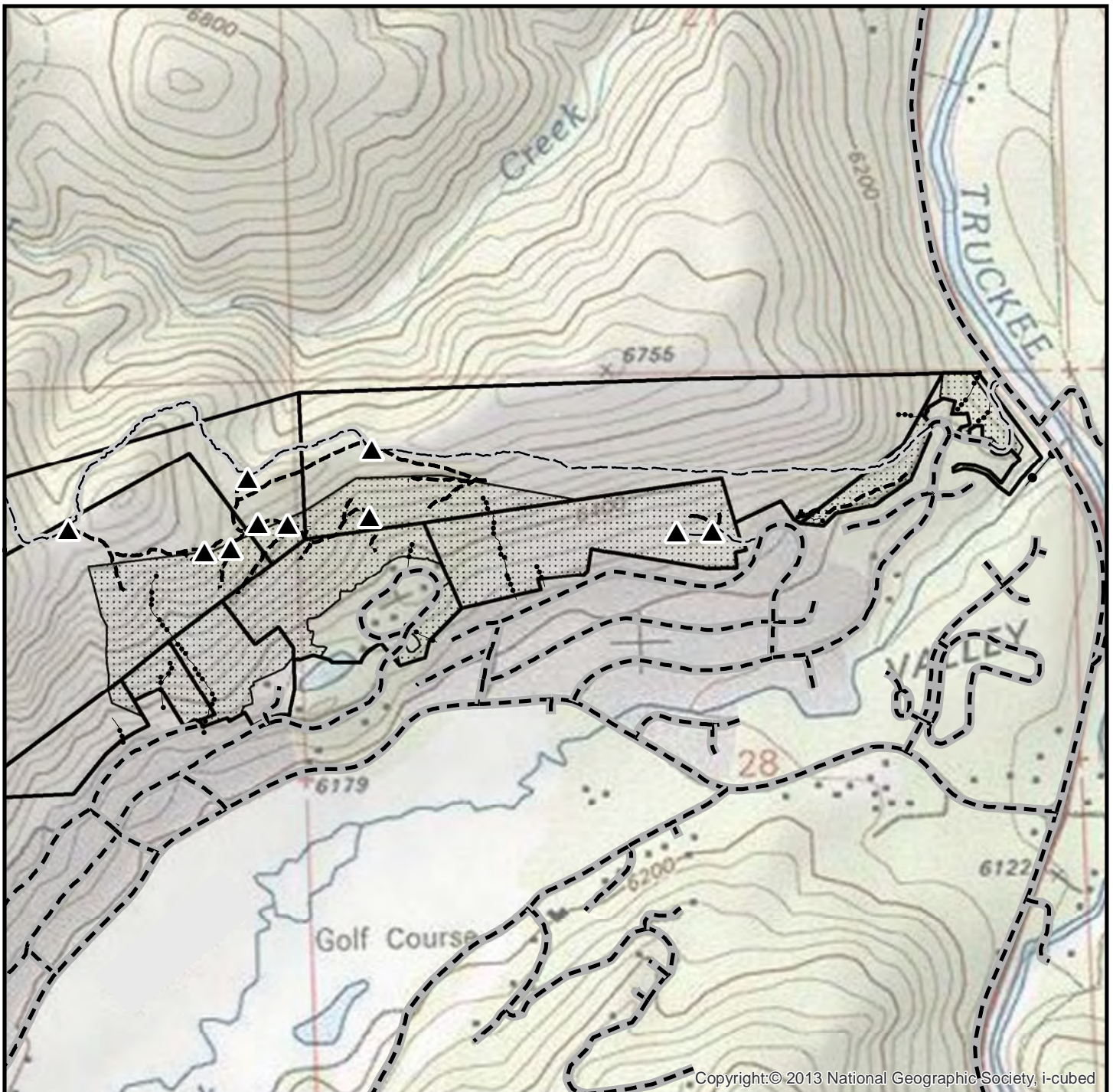
Title _____

Naming the following officers:

President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____



Olympic Valley PSD OV2 Forest Fire Prevention Exemption

Operator Bid Map

T16N, R16E, S28,29, MDBM

Tahoe City USGS 7.5' Quad Contour Interval = 40'

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|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ownership Boundary | Road, Public Permanent | Existing Tractor Road |
| Exemption Area | Road, Private Seasonal | Class 1 Watercourse |
| Existing Landing | | Class 3 Watercourse |

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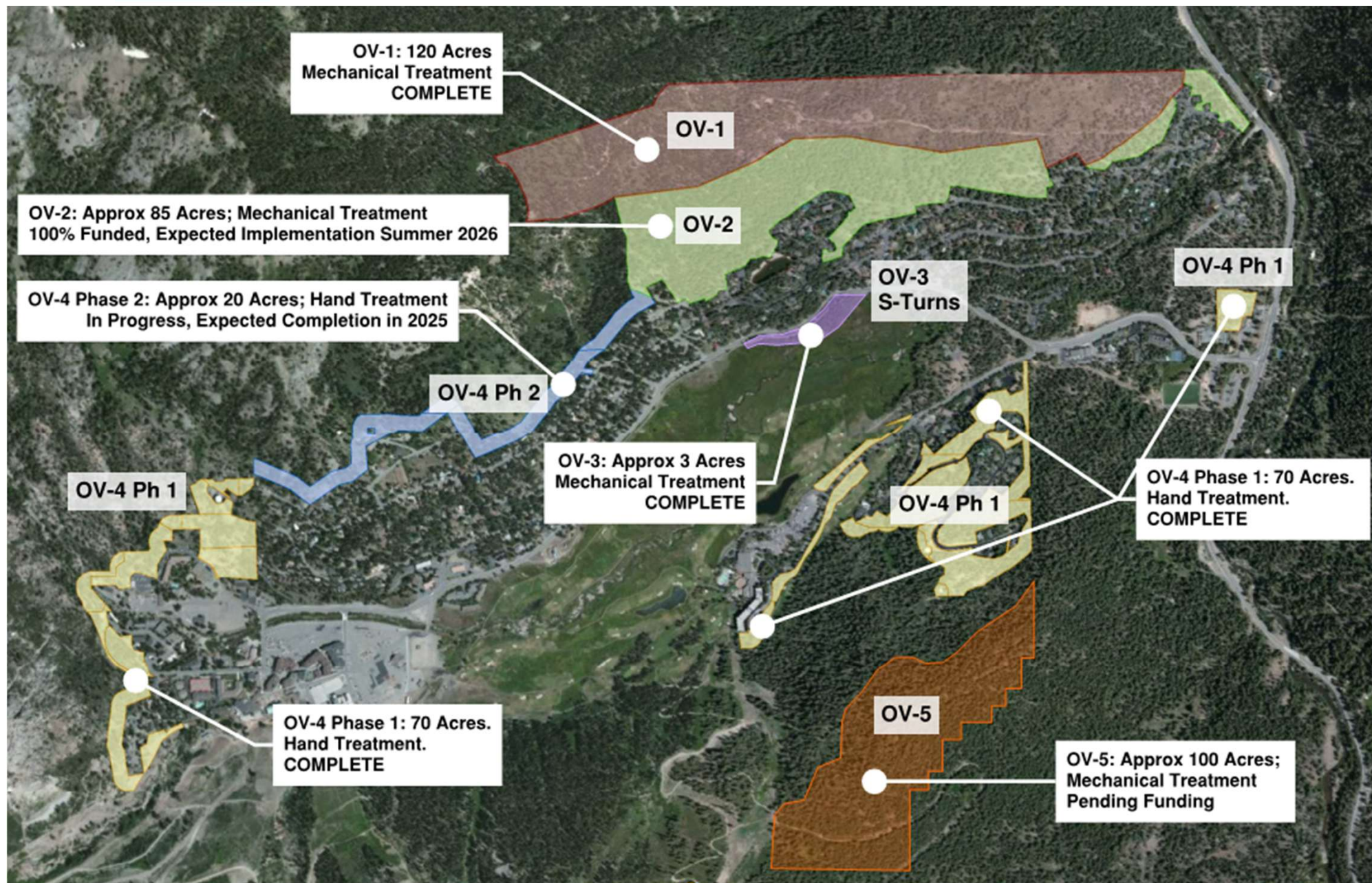
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OLYMPIC VALLEY FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT (OV-2)





OLYMPIC VALLEY FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT (OV-2)

Prescription similar to OV-1 (North Ridge, adjacent to OV-2). Imagery below from OV-1

- No tree >30" DBH may be cut.
- Preferred species: Sugar pine, Jeffrey pine, White fir.
- Tree spacing: 18–20' (<12" DBH); 25–35' (>12" DBH).
- Clearances: 8' vertical (or 3× post-harvest fuel height); 3–6× horizontal based on slope.
- Masticate ~75% of brush >12" tall.
- Stumps: <8" on uphill side.
- Chips/slash depth: ≤6".

** Prescription is generalized; specific requirements and exclusions are available in the construction documents*

BEFORE



AFTER

