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13 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
14 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
15 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

16 SIERRA NEVADA FOREST PROTECTION)
17 CAMPAIGN, PLUMAS FOREST PROJECT)
18 EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE; and CENTER)
FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, non-profit)
organizations,)

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE;)
22 JACK BLACKWELL, in his official capacity)
as Regional Forester, Region 5, United States)
23 Forest Service; and JAMES M. PENA,)

24 Federal Defendants,

25 and

26 QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP, an)
unincorporated citizens group; and)
27 PLUMAS COUNTY,)

28 Defendant-Intervenors.

Case No. S-04-CV-2023 LKK/PAN

**DECLARATION OF
RICHARD BEDNARSKI**

1 I, RICHARD BEDNARSKI, in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. section 1746
2 declare:

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4 1. I am the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planner for the Mt. Hough
5 Ranger District, Plumas National Forest. I have been in my present position for 10 years. One of
6 my responsibilities is to utilize geographic information system (GIS) data and create maps to
7 display analysis information. I also served as the Interdisciplinary Team Leader for the Meadow
8 Valley Defensible Fuel Profile Zone and Group Selection Project. I am writing this declaration to
9 explain the basis for the attached map, which is labeled "Meadow Valley Project and Adjacent
10 Projects."

11 2. The attached map depicts the spatial relationship between the Meadow Valley
12 Wildlife Analysis Area (MVWA), which is the basis for analyzing the cumulative effects to
13 wildlife, and other projects that implement the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest
14 Recovery Act. The Meadow Valley and Empire projects are located on the Mt. Hough Ranger
15 District. Basin, Bald Mountain, Sugar, Watdog, and Slapjack are located on the Feather River
16 Ranger District. Both Ranger Districts are located on the Plumas National Forest. The
17 information shown on the map is from the Mt. Hough and Feather River Ranger Districts'
18 corporate GIS database, taking into account the changes made to the Basin project decision by the
19 Plumas National Forest Supervisor on January 24, 2005. I am familiar with the corporate GIS
20 database and use it regularly in the course of my employment.

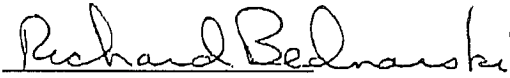
21 3. As displayed on the map, the Empire project is located adjacent to the MVWA to
22 the northeast. The Basin project is located adjacent to the MVWA to the southwest. Using the
23 section lines as a reference (each section is one square mile), the Watdog project is located
24 approximately three miles south of the MVWA. The Bald Mountain project is located
25 approximately five miles southeast of the MVWA. The Sugar project is located approximately 7
26 miles southeast of the MVWA. The Slapjack project is located approximately 19 miles south of
27 the MVWA.

28 4. The project area boundaries shown on the map are not meant to indicate the exact
locations where timber harvest or other management activities would occur for the identified

1 projects. Rather, the outlines are merely rough boundaries designating the general areas in which
 2 treatments would occur. The exact treatment locations for the identified projects would actually
 3 be a much smaller area located within the boundaries located on the map (for example, see the
 4 black areas on the map designating the Meadow Valley treatment areas as circumscribed by the
 5 larger MVWA). Ultimately, field layout of the project identifies the exact location "on the
 6 ground" of each treatment.

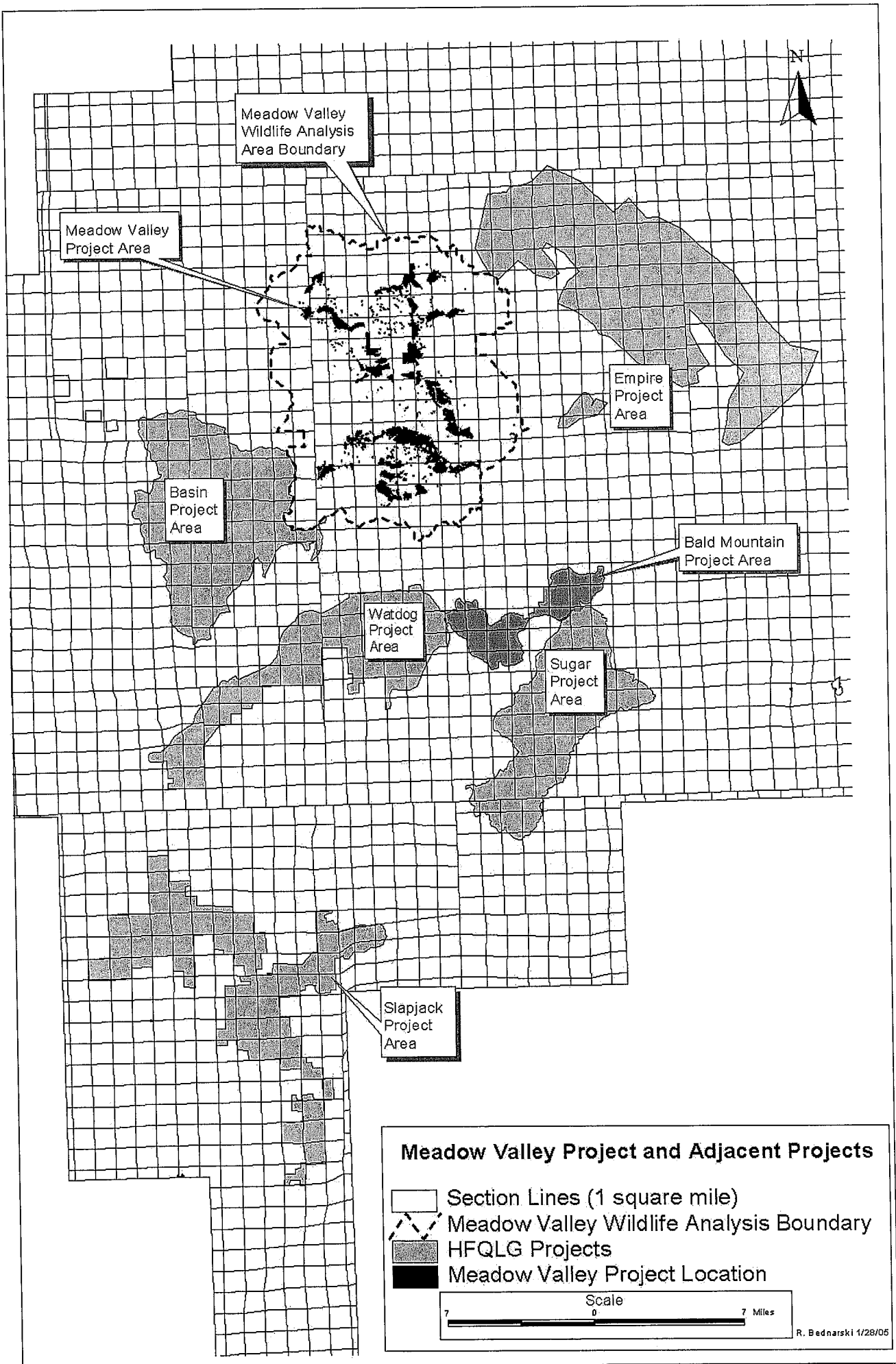
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true
 and correct. Executed this 28th day of January 2005.



RICHARD BEDNARSKI

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Meadow Valley
Wildlife Analysis
Area Boundary

Meadow Valley
Project Area

Empire
Project
Area

Basin
Project
Area

Bald Mountain
Project Area

Watdog
Project
Area

Sugar
Project
Area

Slapjack
Project
Area

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on January 28, 2005, I electronically filed the foregoing Federal
3 Defendants' DECLARATION OF RICHARD BEDNARSKI, with the Clerk of the Court using the
4 CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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9 I further certify that I caused to be served a copy of Federal Defendants' DECLARATION OF
10 RICHARD BEDNARSKI, by Federal Express overnight delivery, upon the following individual:

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15 /s/ Brian C. Toth
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