
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER SB12006GN,
AMENDED ORDER FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER
QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS,
SALLIE KEYES MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT (WDID# 5B10CR00143),
FRESNO COUNTY**

On 10 April 2026, the JMT Wilderness Conservancy submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. SB12006GN, Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Sallie Keyes Meadow Restoration Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. SB12006GN. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order SB12006GN](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/shr_pcert032713.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/shr_pcert032713.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. SB12006GN. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. SB12006GN constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project consists of restoring wet meadow habitat within Sallie Keyes Meadow in the Sierra National Forest by improving hydrologic function, increasing groundwater retention, restoring floodplain connectivity, revitalizing native vegetation, and reducing channel incision to support habitat growth and function.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include returning a decommissioned trail segment to grade, addressing meadow desiccation, reducing sediment export, and restoring natural hydrologic flow. Low-Tech Process-Based Restoration (LTPBR) techniques consisting of up to 120 Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) will be installed to

increase channel roughness, elevate the stream bed, spread surface water, reactivate historic side channels, and improve meadow hydrology.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.02 acre/480 linear feet of stream channel. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition. Although temporary during installation, structures are intended to remain in place for several years to assist long-term hydrologic and habitat restoration. The Project will result in re-establishing approximately four acres of degraded meadow (wetland) habitat and 1,300 linear feet of stream channel.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at the Sallie Keyes Meadow within the Sierra National Forest in Fresno County. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 37.25947° North and longitude 118.87023° West.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Project activities are scheduled to occur annually within the work window of July 1 through September 30, beginning in July 2026 and continuing through September 2031. Construction activities will take place over approximately 10 workdays in Year 1 and five workdays in Year 2, followed by adaptive management activities as needed for up to five years.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

\$1,123.00 was received on 10 April 2026.

The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(4), and was calculated as category D - Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) no later than 30 days after Project completion. The NOC shall demonstrate the Project was carried out in accordance with the Project description, include a map of the Project location with final boundaries of the restoration area, and include post-project photographs. More information on the NOC is listed in section B.6 of the Order.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Brandon Salazar by phone at (559) 445-6278 or by email at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: Amended Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects File # SB12006GN

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Appendix A – Project Map

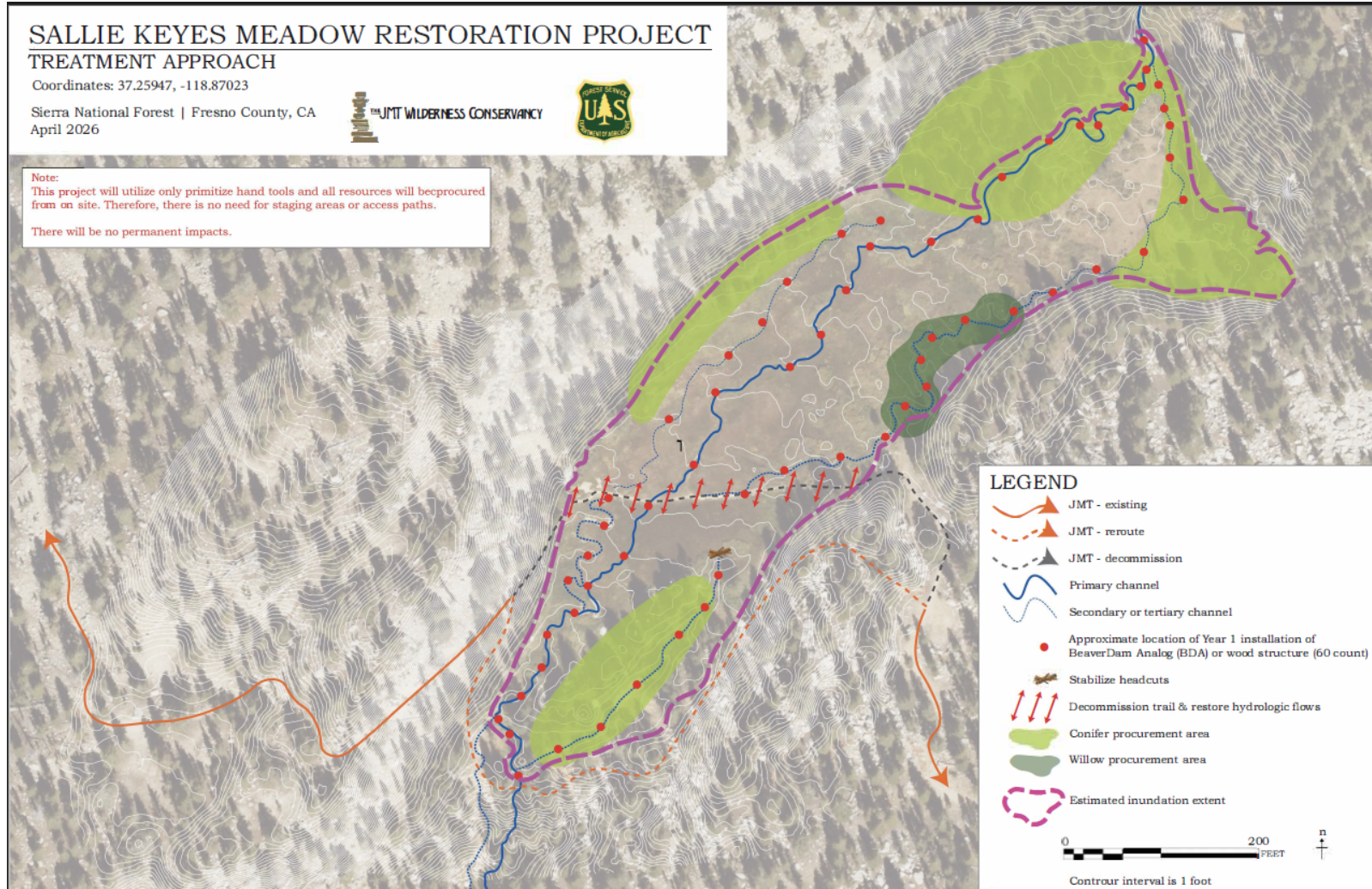


Figure 1: Project Impact and Activity Map