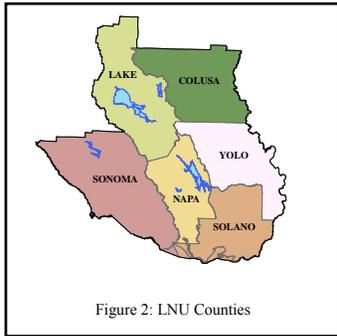
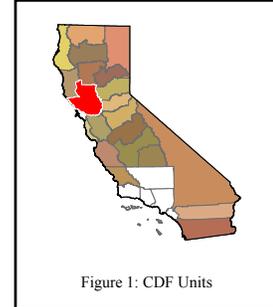


III. UNIT OVERVIEW

The Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit (LNU) is one of twenty-one (21) California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) administrative units (Figure 1). The Unit was created in 1996 with the merger of the then Sonoma Ranger Unit, and the Lake-Napa Ranger Unit. It is comprised of the six counties of Sonoma, Lake, Napa, Yolo, Colusa, and Solano (Figure 2). LNU has primary responsibility for more than 2.1 million acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA²), and 2.3 million acres of CDF Direct Protection Area (DPA³) lands, more than any other unit (Table 1). It has the third largest population living within CDF DPA, and ranks third in the average number of annual fires.



The Unit is divided into three divisions, and ten field battalions. The boundaries of Sonoma County define the West Division with four battalions. The South Division is composed of Napa and Solano Counties, divided into three battalions. And the North Division, with three battalions consists of the counties of Lake, Colusa, and Yolo. Headquarters, including the Unit's Emergency Command Center (ECC) are located just north of St. Helena in Napa County. Division specific offices are located at two smaller facilities in Santa Rosa in Sonoma County and Middletown in Lake County.

County	SRA Acres	SRA Persons	SRA Houses	DPA Acres	DPA Persons	DPA Houses
Colusa	270,899	708	392	297,360	610	356
Lake	390,084	20,409	11,276	481,598	20,286	11,205
Napa	370,084	17,498	6,741	433,510	17,500	6,742
Solano	93,820	10,751	3,884	96,643	10,751	3,884
Sonoma	793,793	59,030	28,162	817,929	59,041	28,165
Yolo	183,127	1,564	661	209,406	1,564	661
TOTAL:	2,101,807	109,960	51,116	2,336,446	109,752	51,013

Table 1⁴: SRA and DPA Figures per LNU County

² The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection classify areas in which the primary financial responsibility for preventing and suppressing fires is that of the state. These include: lands covered wholly or in part by timber, brush, undergrowth or grass, whether of commercial value or not; lands which protect the soil from erosion, retard run-off of water or accelerated percolation; lands used principally for range or forage purposes; lands not owned by the Federal government; and lands not incorporated. SRA encompasses approximately 31 million acres.

³ SRA and intermingled federal lands protected by the CDF. Most federal land in state DPA is protected by the CDF under contracts with federal land management agencies.

⁴ Data generated by CDF's Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) using 1999 CDF SRA data, DPA lands, and 2000 Census Block Data.

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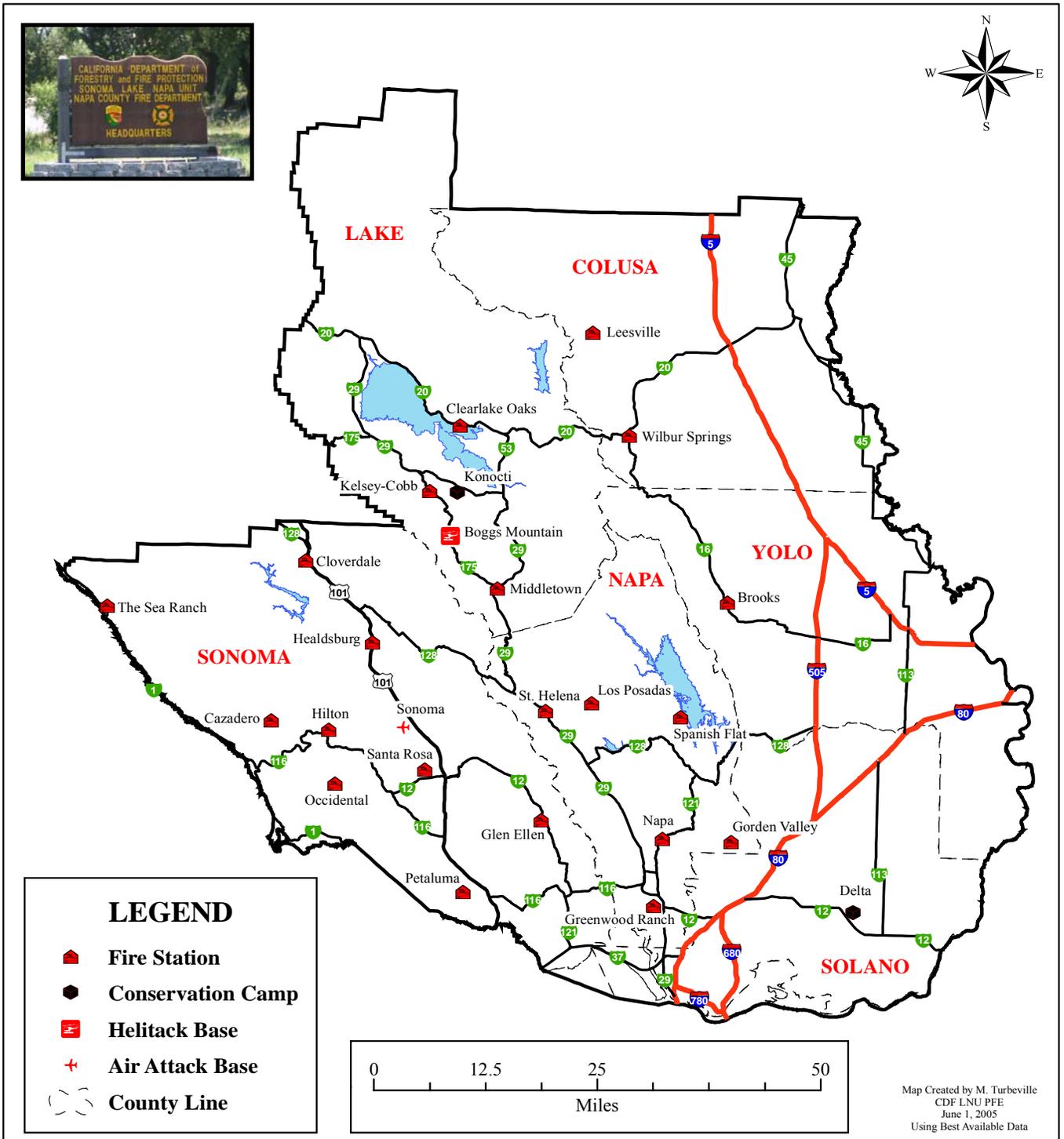


Figure 3: LNU Facility Map