

The CAL FIRE Mission

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection protects the people of California from fires, responds to emergencies, and protects and enhances forest, range, and watershed values providing social, economic, and environmental benefits to rural and urban citizens.

Statement of Purpose

The goal of the Madera, Mariposa Merced Unit of Cal Fire is to reduce the loss of life, property, watershed values, and other assets at risk from wildfire through a focused pre-fire management program and increased initial attack success.

These goals are accomplished by the implementation of the following objectives.

1. Continue to provide operational training to field personnel that will support safe and successful suppression operations keeping fires less than 10 acres in size.
2. Continue to educate and enforce the Public Resource Code (PRC) 4291, 100 foot clearance around structures.
3. Support project work and planning efforts that encourage fuel reduction projects in and around communities located in high fire severity zones.
4. The development of safe ingress and egress routes for emergency incidents.
5. Support the implementation and enforcement of the new 2008 Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Building Standards through the cooperation with local government planning departments.
6. Utilize prevention operations to reduce ignitions within the unit.
7. Educate the community on their role in the prevention of wildfire and support local Fire Safe Organizations.

Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

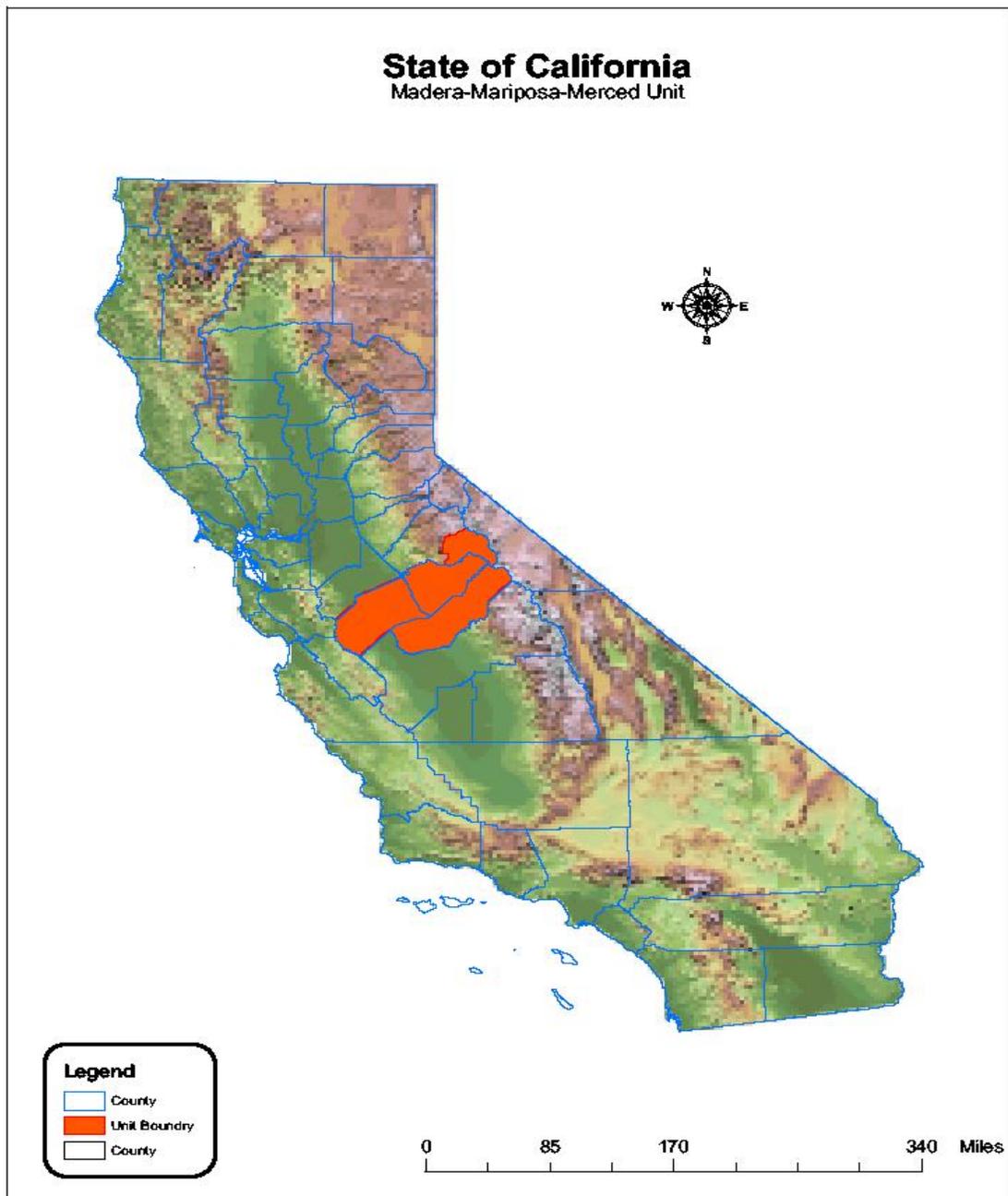


Figure 1 –Cal Fire Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

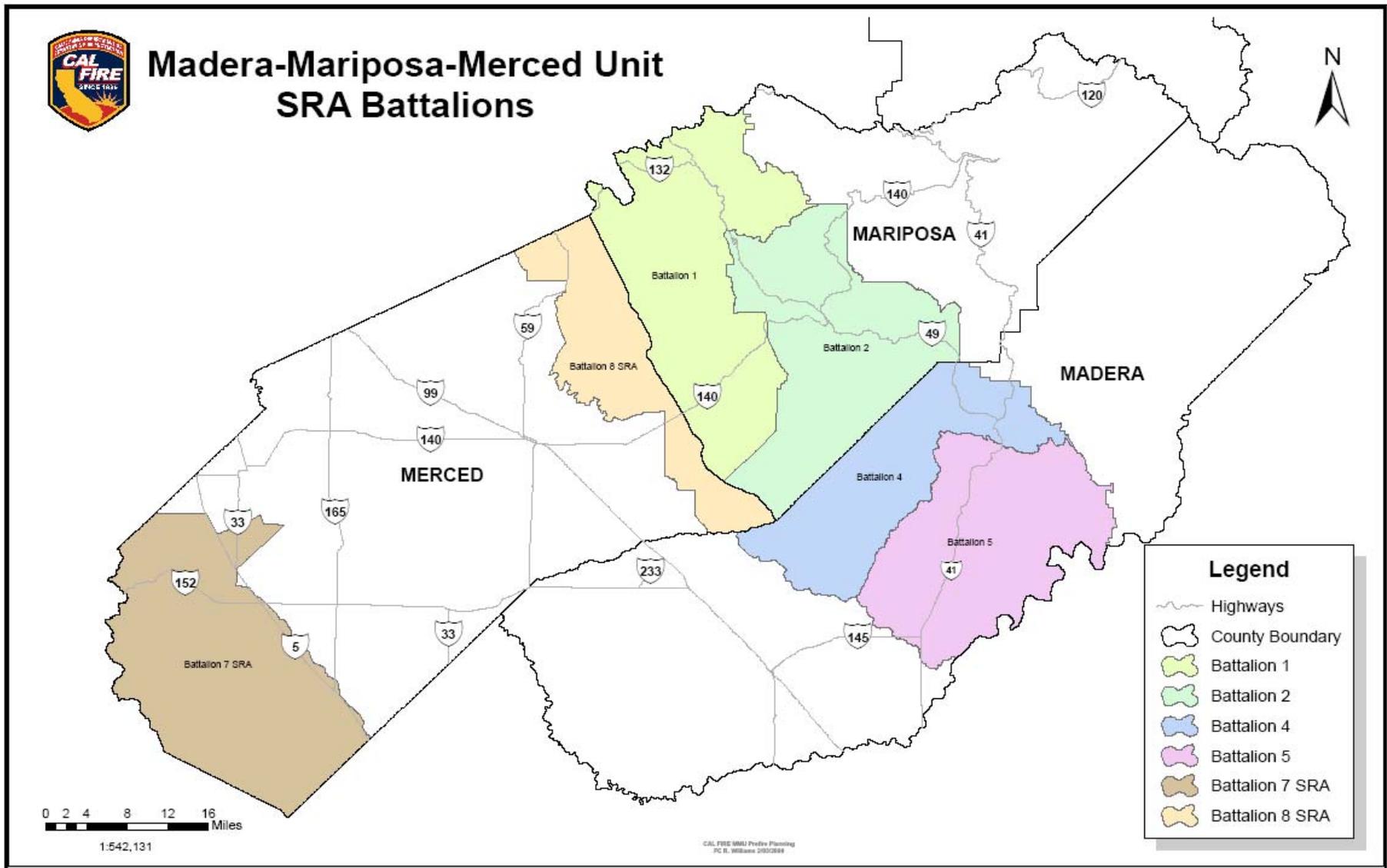
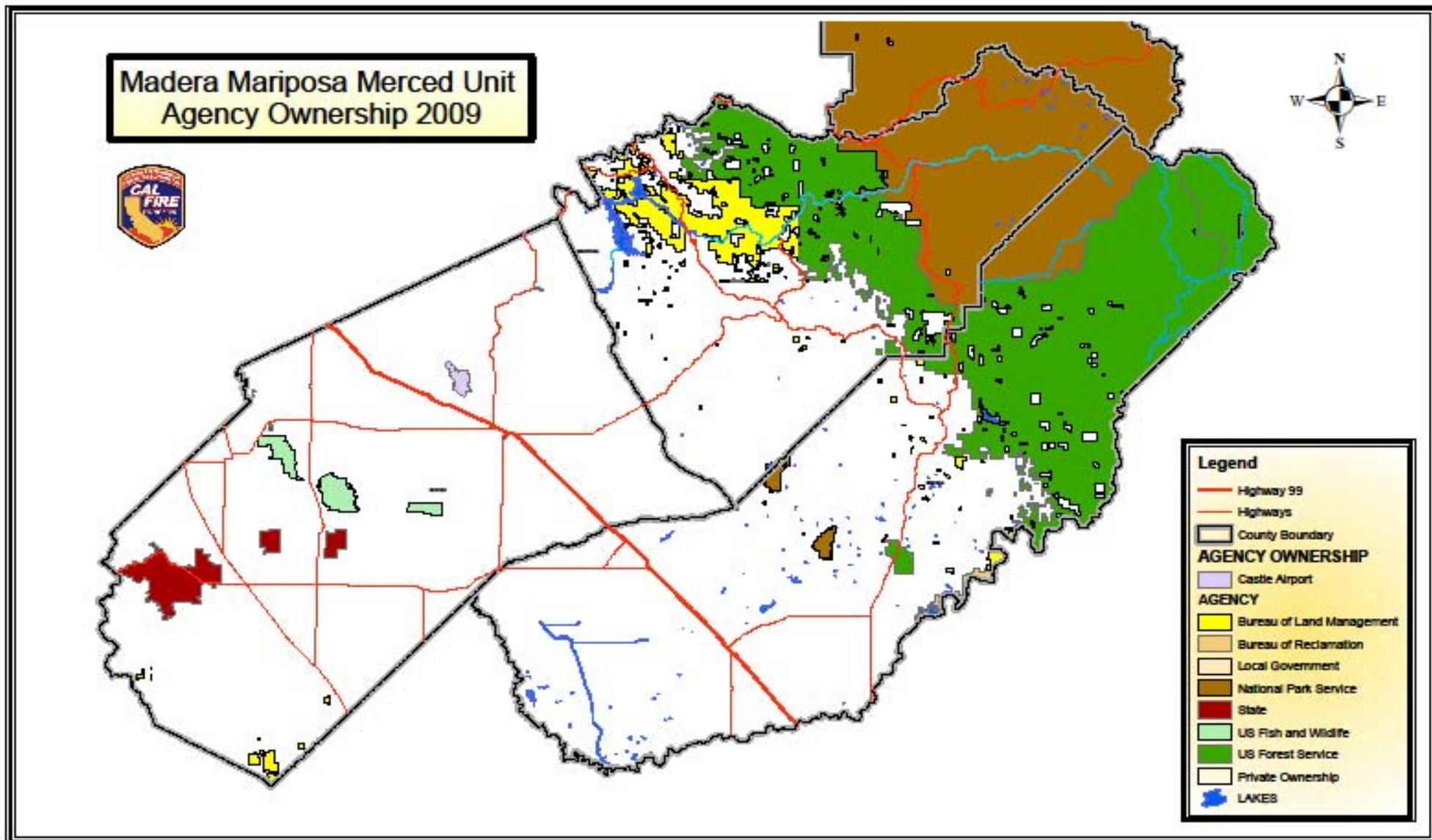


Figure 2 - Madera- Mariposa-Merced State Responsibility Area (SRA) Battalions



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Figure 3 - Madera-Mariposa-Merced Agency Ownership

Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Vital Statistics					
	Madera County	Madera City	Mariposa County	Merced County	Atwater City
Population (July 2008)	148,333	56,710	17,976	246,117	26,000
Fire Districts	None	None	Mariposa Public Utility District	Atwater Fire Protection District	Atwater Fire Protection District
California State Parks					None
USDA Forest Service	Sierra National Forest	None	Sierra and Stanislaus National Forest		None
National Parks	Yosemite National Park	None	Yosemite National Park	None	None
Bureau Of Land Management	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	None
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	Yes	None	Yes	None	None
US Fish & Wildlife Service	None	None	None	Yes	None
US Army Corp. Engineers	Yes	None	Yes	None	None

Table 1 - Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Vital Statistics

Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Local Government Fire Agencies		
<u>Madera County</u>	<u>Mariposa County</u>	<u>Merced County</u>
Madera City Fire*	Mariposa County Fire	Merced County Fire*
Chowchilla City Fire	Mariposa Public Utility Dist.	Merced City Fire
Chowchilla Correctional Women Facility Fire		Atwater City Fire*
Station 8 Chuchansi Casino*		Los Banos City Fire
Madera County Fire*		Livingston City*
Firebaugh City Fire		Gustine City*
		Dos Palos City*
* CAL FIRE schedule A agreement for fire protection in effect.		

Table 2 - Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Local Government Fire Agencies

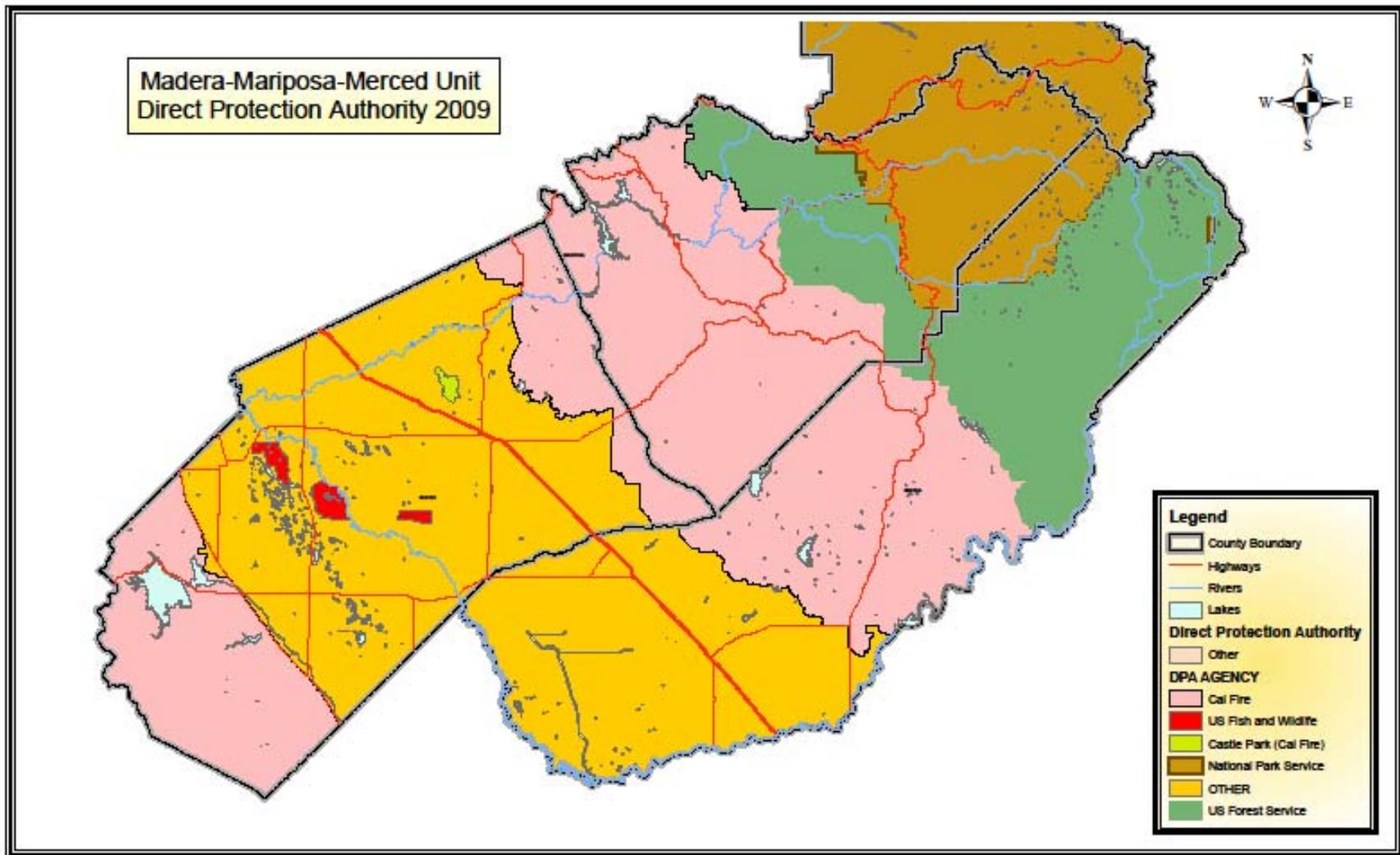


Figure 4 - Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Direct Protection Authority 2009