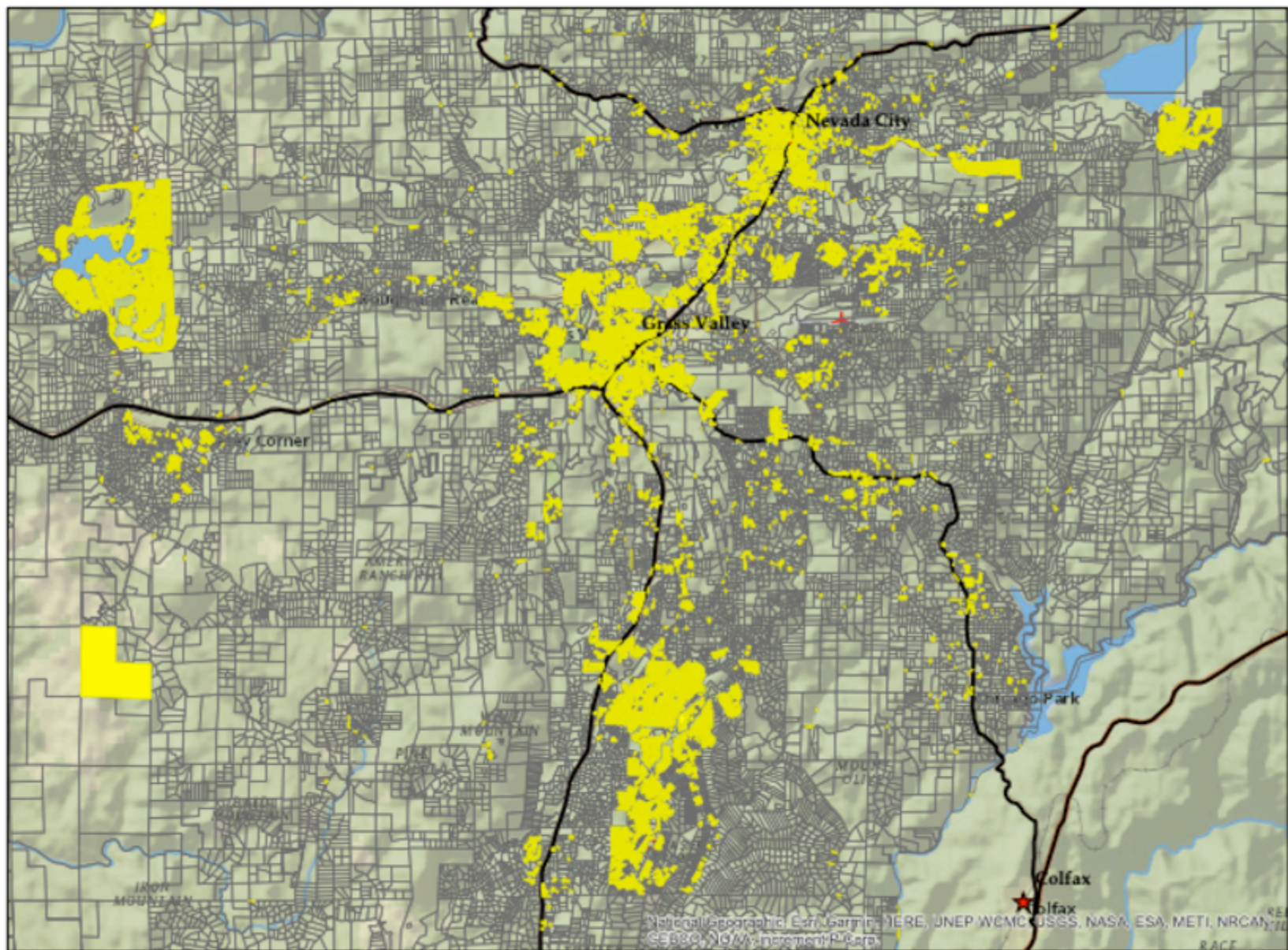




STRIKING A BALANCE  
BETWEEN BEAUTY,  
HABITAT, AND  
SAFETY

# RESTORING THE GARDEN

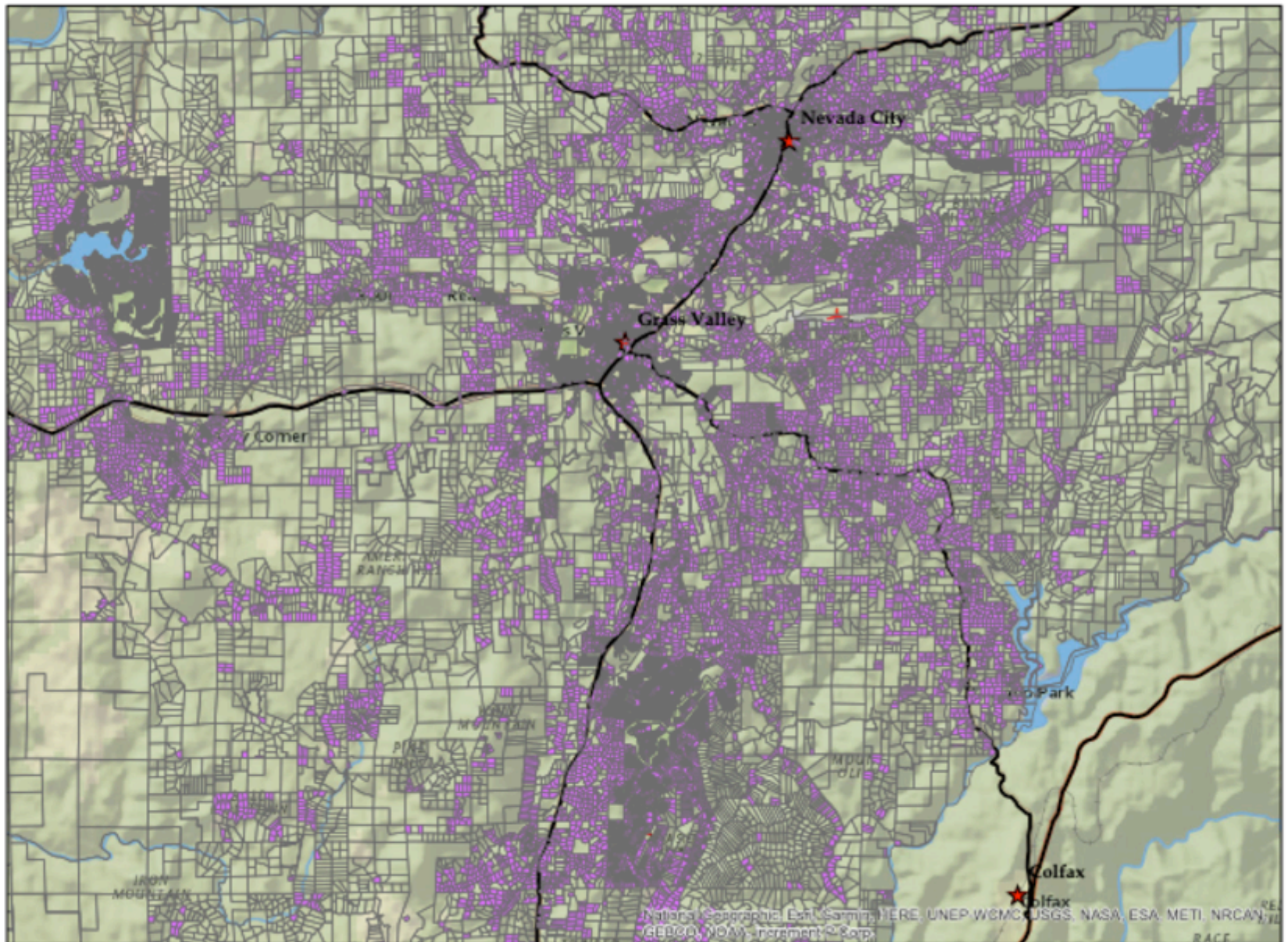




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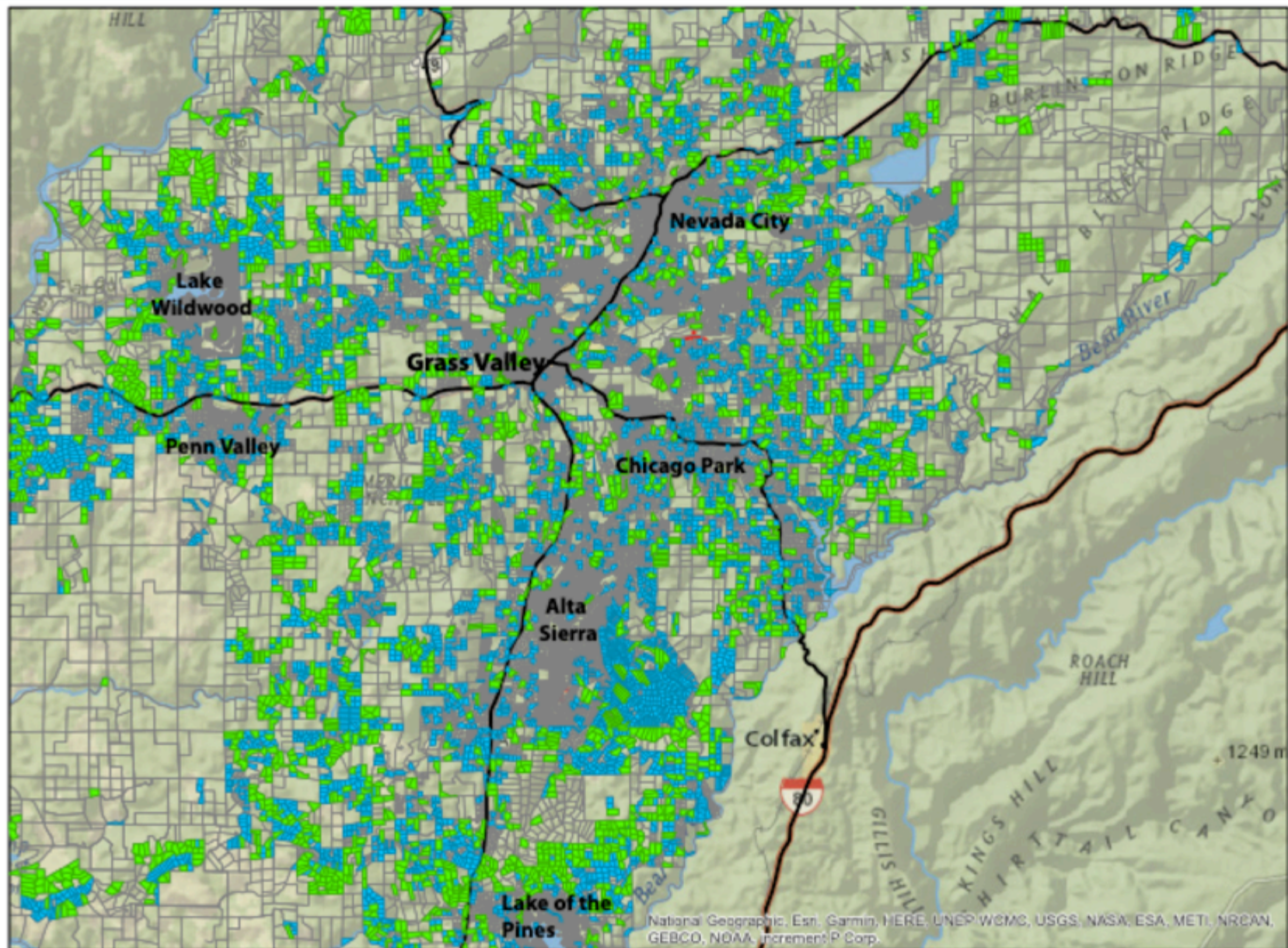




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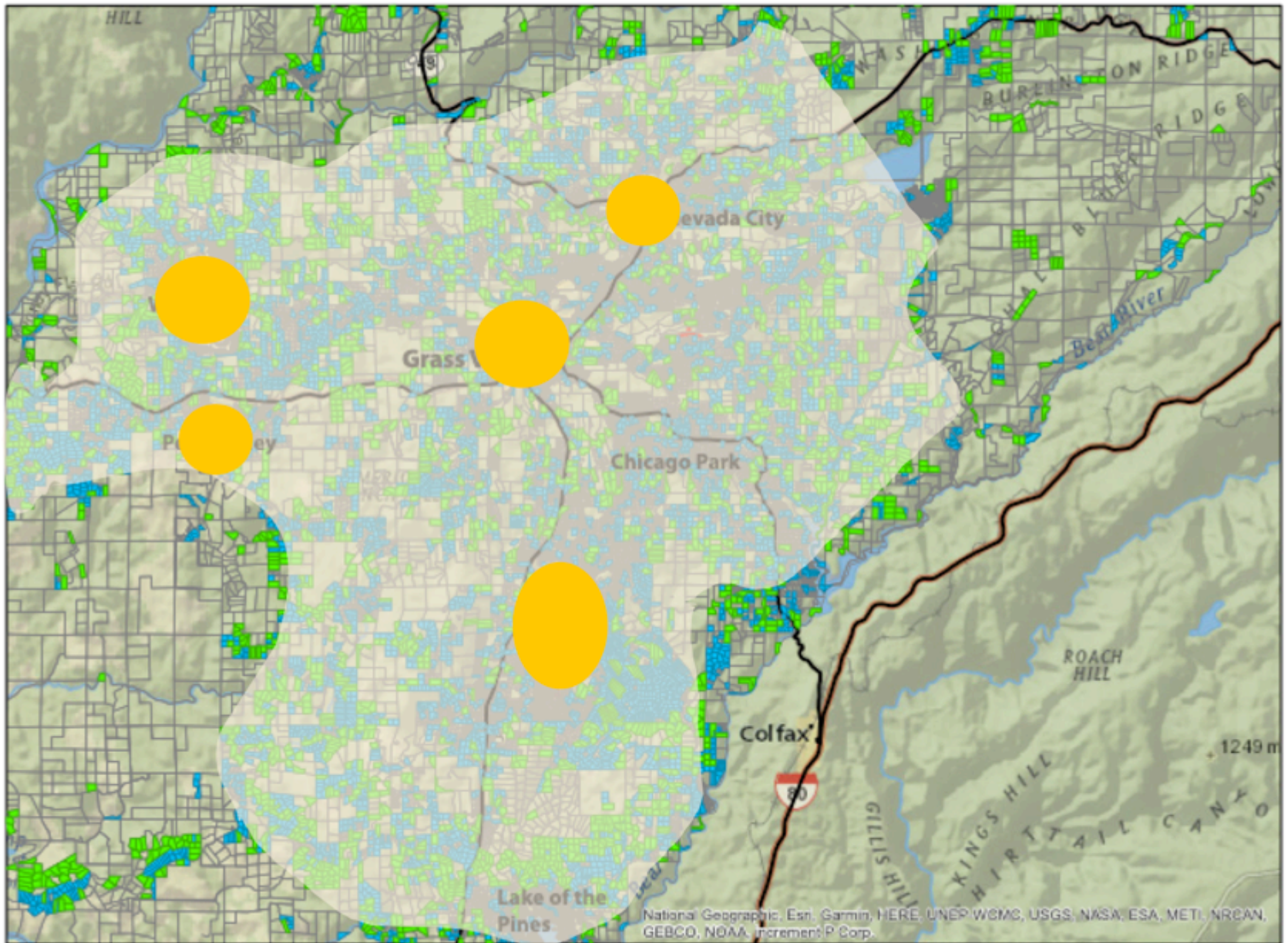
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Parcels 5-20 Acres





Wildland Urban Interface





Sample Large Lot Neighborhood

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# LOOK BACKWARD TO MOVE FORWARD

- To create a plan and identify a goal we need to determine the “Desired State” for the landscape.
- We need Cultural and Historical context.





# CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

- Highly diverse flora and fauna
- Highly productive
- Resilient
- Fire adaptive
- Tended for 10,000+ years
- A very big “garden”



# SO WHAT DO WE DO?

- Home Hardening
- Defensible Space
- Walk your landscape and see what is there. Looks for what's unique.
- Remove the non-native species.
- Clear most of the brush.
- Grow big healthy trees.
- Bring in some experts (botanist, wildlife biologist, fire scientist, Nisenan tribe member, landscape architect).
- Make a plan with your neighbors. We can all help our community be resilient.



# BIG GOALS

- Create a Park-like landscape
- Generate biodiversity
- Save and nurture the big trees
- Create an open, patchy, complex mosaic
- Chip in summer
- Burn in winter
- Do nothing in spring



Photo - Chris Paulus



# CITATIONS & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

California Native Plant Society – Redbud Chapter website

CalFire website

Ecological Forestry, Fuels Modifications, Fires Safety, and Conservation. Lecture by Chris Paulus, July 28, 2020 for CNPS Placer and Redbud Chapters (very informative! You can find this presentation on CNPS Redbud website)

Restoring Fire by Emily Underwood, Flora Magazine, CNPS, July 29, 2020

Tending the Wild: Native American Knowledge and the Management of California's Natural Resources by M. Kat Anderson, 2005

Forgotten Fires: Native Americans and the Transient Wilderness by Omer C. Stewart, Henry T. Lewis and M. Kat Anderson, 2002

The Use of Fire as a Tool for Controlling Non-native Plants, J.M. DiTomaso and D. W. Johnson, Cal-Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) (on NCRCD site – information on control burn for blackberry and broom)

Nevada County Resource Conservation District – many documents available here.

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