

Butte Creek Canyon Conservation Overlay



Preservation and Protection of the History and Ecology of the Canyon...



Its unique, valuable qualities, which include the survival of endangered, wild Chinook salmon, steelhead . . .



Its sensitive plants and animals,
including the East Tehama Deer Herd ...



Its historical sites and ecological preserves ...



The optimum balance of recreation and residential use.



Strong history of concerned individuals & groups to promote & protect the Canyon:



Centerville Recreation & Historical Association



Honey Run Covered Bridge Association



Butte Creek Canyon Coalition



How the Overlay came to be:



- BCCC formed
- March 2010 – 2 petitions delivered to BC BOD – Maintain Ag Zoning
- April 2010 – Petitions granted & marker placed in GP2030 for Overlay



Butte Creek Canyon Overlay addresses:

Urban and Rural Zoning Districts

- Preserving and enhancing the rural character of Butte County is an important goal in GP 2030.



GP 2030 Policies Relating to Agriculture

- The County shall protect and preserve agricultural land, including cropland and grazing land.
- The draft General Plan establishes a new minimum parcel size of 20 acres in agricultural areas, consistent with direction from the Board of Supervisors.



Butte Creek Canyon Overlay addresses:

GP 2030 Policies Relating to Pertinent Environmental Constraints & Concerns

- Facilitate the survival of deer herds in winter and critical winter migratory deer herd ranges.
- The county shall limit development in foothill and mountain areas that are constrained by fire hazards, water supply, migratory habitat....



Butte Creek Canyon Overlay addresses:

GP 2030 Policies Relating to Riparian Buffers

- The county shall preserve important habitat and watershed areas
- No new development shall occur in wetlands or within significant riparian habitats
- New development shall include setbacks and buffers along riparian corridors and adjacent to sensitive habitat

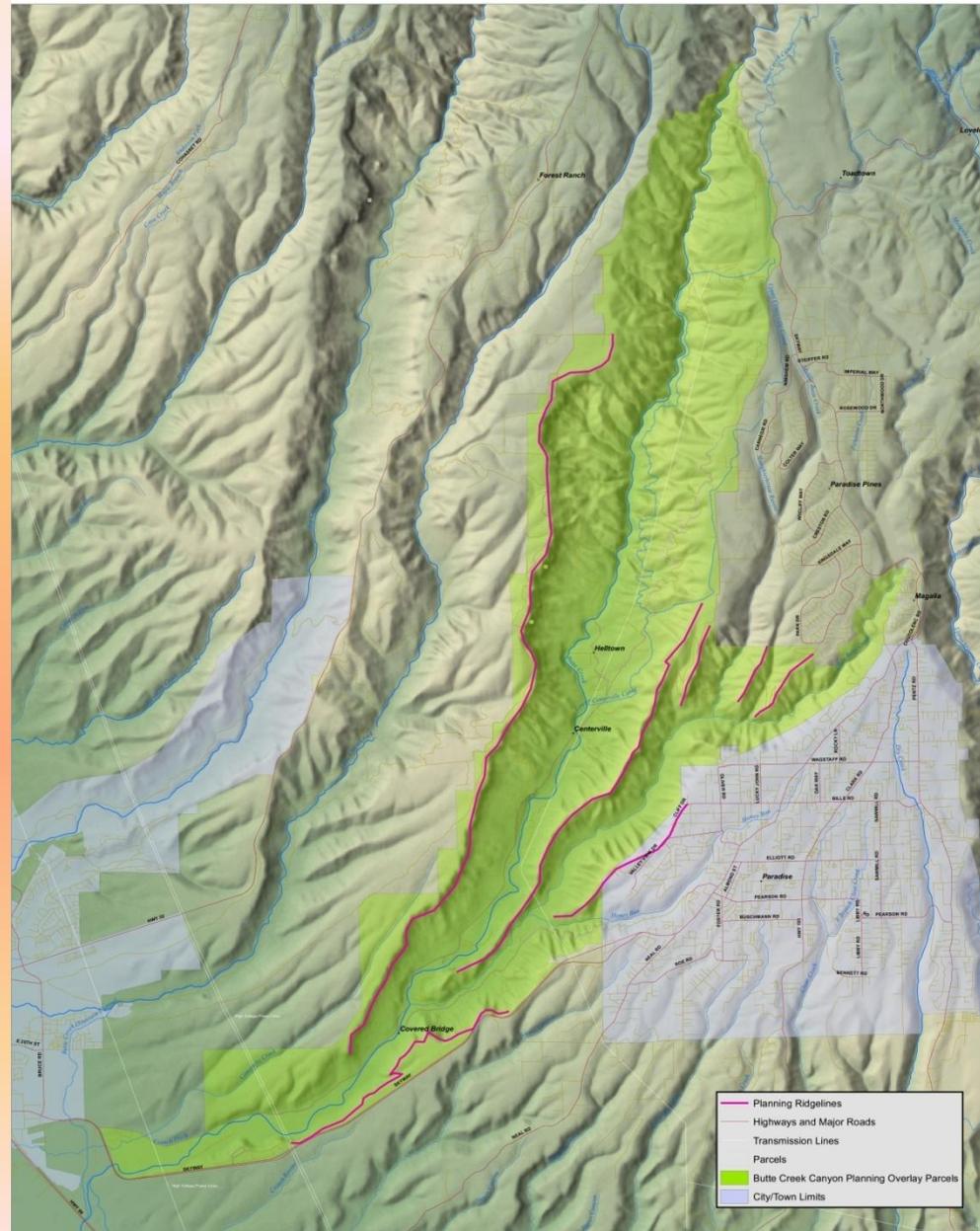


Because of these stated goals and policies in the Zoning Ordinance for the Butte County General Plan 2030, County Board of Supervisors was requested to support these objectives:

- Prevent islands of unsuitable zoning
- Preserve existing agricultural and grazing land zoning
- Protect the critical winter range of the migratory Tehama Deer Herd
- Protect the rural and unique characteristics of Butte Creek Canyon



Map of Butte Creek Canyon Planning Overlay



Highlights of the Butte Creek Canyon Overlay

Land Use and Development Standards

- **Public Hearings & Noticing**

Notification to owners within 300' of parcel that is subject of the hearing

- **Hillside Development Standards**

Slope – 15% or less for development

Vegetation Removal – defensible space

- **Clustered Development – prohibited**

- **Canyon Ridgeline Development**

View preservation

100' or 150' setback



Highlights continued:

■ Historic, Cultural, Archeological Sites

Preservation of recognized sites,
Consultation with Northeast
Information Center



■ Heavy Equipment & Construction Yards

Two pieces per parcel limit (vehicles having an un-laden weight
of 10,000 lbs. +)

Construction yards – 100' setback & walled/fenced off

Highlights continued:

■ Watershed Protection

Land Use Regulations – zoning amendments not allowed (BOD retains police powers to amend)

Maximum Impervious Surface – Parcels one-acre in size or greater, limited to 15% of parcels total size up to 1.5 acres

Vegetative Buffers – shall be maintained on all sides of water bodies



Septic System Regulations – setback 100' in addition to above

Highlights continued:

Erosion Control

- Interim & final erosion and sediment control plan shall be approved by the County, and developed by a professional civil engineer (State of CA)
- Driveways (new home sites) surfaced with min. 2” of Class 2 aggregate base
- No soil disturbance during rainy season
- Land cleared areas must be stabilized no later than Dec. 1
- Preservation of natural topography at site to greatest possible extent



Coordination with Other Regulatory Agencies

Permits from these agencies as required, for approval of permit by County

A group of steelhead trout swimming in clear, shallow water over rocks. The water is bright green and yellow, and the rocks are dark and wet. The fish are in various positions, some swimming towards the camera and others away from it.

THE BUTTE CREEK CANYON CONSERVATION OVERLAY provides :

- A strong planning tool
- Protection for this unique place in all of Butte County – *“The Little Grand Canyon”*
- Protection for rare, threatened, and endangered species
- Agrarian and rural areas of Butte County
- Protection of Butte Creek
- Good stewardship of this natural treasure