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**IMPACT ANALYSIS (EIR)**

The EIR addressed existing conditions of biological resources through a description of major habitat types based upon summaries of detailed accounts presented in *A Guide to Wildlife Habitats in California* (Mayer and Laudenslayer 1988). Exhibit 5.12-1 depicts major habitat types in El Dorado County

The distribution of habitats in El Dorado County was defined using land-cover data developed as part of a cooperative effort between the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) Fire Resources Assessment program (FRAP) and USFS (CDF-FRAP 2002). FRAP is mandated to assess the amount, extent, and condition of California's forestlands and rangelands. In response to this mandate, FRAP combined habitat distribution data from numerous sources, including remotely sensed satellite imagery, into a format compatible for use within a geographic information system (GIS). These data were then used to produce a single multi-source vegetation cover. Using the dominant vegetation/land-cover data, FRAP converted each data source into the California Wildlife Habitat Relationship System (CWHR) to create a statewide habitat layer. The resulting single GIS data layer provides the most accurate and comprehensive source of habitat information currently (2002) available for El Dorado County (Saving, pers.comm., 2002; Motroni, pers.comm., 2002).

Habitat types were quantified using the GIS land-cover data developed by FRAP. All habitats that exceeded a total of 500 acres and all sensitive habitats were quantified by acreage (See Table 5.12-1). The major habitats in El Dorado County were grouped into five categories: coniferous forest habitats, woodland habitats, shrub-dominated habitats, herbaceous-dominated habitats, and other habitats. The focus of Implementation Measure CO-P (Oak Resources Management Plan aka Oak Woodland Management Plan) is the habitat types listed under Woodland Habitats depicted on Table 5.12-1, with the exceptions of aspen and montane riparian. The EIR defined each of the Woodland Habitats and references to those definitions are provided after this summary.

The effects of projected development and the mitigating effects of General Plan policy were addressed in the EIR. References to the most relevant excerpts of that discussion frequently referred to as the Savings and Greenwood, and Harris and Kocher studies, are provided.

The impacts of development on Woodland Habitats were further addressed as Impact 5.12.-1, Loss and Fragmentation of Wildlife Habitat, Impact 5.12.-3, Impacts on Wildlife Movement, and Impact 5.12-4, Removal, Degradation, and Fragmentation of Sensitive Habitats. Under each of these impact assessment headings the effects of development on woodland habitats was assessed and significant unavoidable impact conclusions were made. To reduce the effect of significant unavoidable impacts, but not to a level of less

than significant, the EIR included Mitigation Measures 5.12-1 (d): Develop and Implement an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (Policy 7.4.2.8, Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan), Mitigation Measure 5.12.-1 (e): Adopt a No Net Loss Policy and Mitigation Program for Important Habitat (Policy 7.4.1.6 and Implementation Measure CO-U), Mitigation Measure 5.12.-1(f): Require Mitigation for Loss of Woodland Habitat (Policy 7.4.4.4 Option A and Option B), and Mitigation Measure 5.12-1(g): Develop and Implement an Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance (Policy 7.4.5.2). Excerpts from the Draft EIR state the intended purpose/application of each of the mitigation measures and associated policies. References to these excerpts are provided after this summary.

Final decisions made by the County, including modification to mitigation measures, new policies, additional CEQA analysis and findings of fact are documented in Staff Report Number 4 (July 2004), Final EIR, Volume 4A, Master Response # 18, Master Response # 5 and Section 2.0.

Notes: General Plan Draft EIR References

General Plan Draft EIR Exhibit 5.12-1, Page 5.12-3.

General Plan Draft EIR Woodland Habitat Definitions, Pages 5.12-5 to 5.12-6, and Pages 5.12-24 to 5.12-25.

General Plan Draft EIR Excerpts – Savings and Greenwood, Harris & Kocher, Pages 5.12-39 to 5.12.-41.

General Plan Draft EIR – Applicable Mitigation Measures, Pages 5.12-56 to 5.12.-63:

- Mitigation Measure 5.12-1(d): Develop and Implement an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan
- Mitigation Measure 5.12-1(e): Adopt a No-Net-Loss Policy and Mitigation Program for Important Habitat
- Mitigation Measure 5.12.-1(f): Require Mitigation for Loss of Woodland Habitat
- Mitigation Measure 5.12.-1(g): Develop and Implement an Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance