

MUSTANG MESA

Community Background

Community Name: Mustang Mesa **Total Score:** 75 (High) **Land Area (acres):** 1862
Fire Protection District Status: Within the SOI of Bishop Fire Department

1144 Survey Summary Highlights

Positive Attributes (Low Scores)

- Wide roads
- Community is ready and willing to engage and make the community fire resilient
- Reflective street signs
- Low angle slopes around structures
- Some fences and roofs are hardened
- Good distance of deck and fencing from slope
- Good separation of adjacent structures
- New construction with water tanks (not always full; fences limit accessibility)
- Maintained yards

Negative Attributes (High Scores)

- 1 road in and out; road crosses heavy riparian vegetation (Mill Creek Rd)
- Limited defensible space for most structures
- Combustible roof, deck, and siding materials
- Gas and electric utilities are aboveground
- Fire station far from most of community
- Dispersed camping in area
- Many unmarked dead ends within the community
- Confusing layout for fire responders not familiar with the community

Suggested Recommendations

- Install directional signage; mark dead ends
- Engage community to explore options for water resource development
- Conduct outreach to inform residents about evacuation, home hardening, and defensible space
- Facilitate connections between residents and available funding streams and programs to support home hardening projects
- Develop a community evacuation plan
- Conduct evacuation drills
- Identify alternative evacuation routes and/or temporary refuge areas
- Maintain roadside clearance along Mill Creek Rd
 - Assess feasibility of the reducing the riparian fuels at the intersection of Mill Creek Rd and U.S. 395
 - Riparian vegetation is on LADWP property; CDFW has jurisdiction in riparian areas
- Thin and reduce fuels on slopes immediately adjacent to properties
- Maintain water tanks full and ensure that fittings are accessible
- Assess community capacity for defensible space implementation to determine needs
- Encourage homeowner implementation of defensible space standards (see Appendix J)

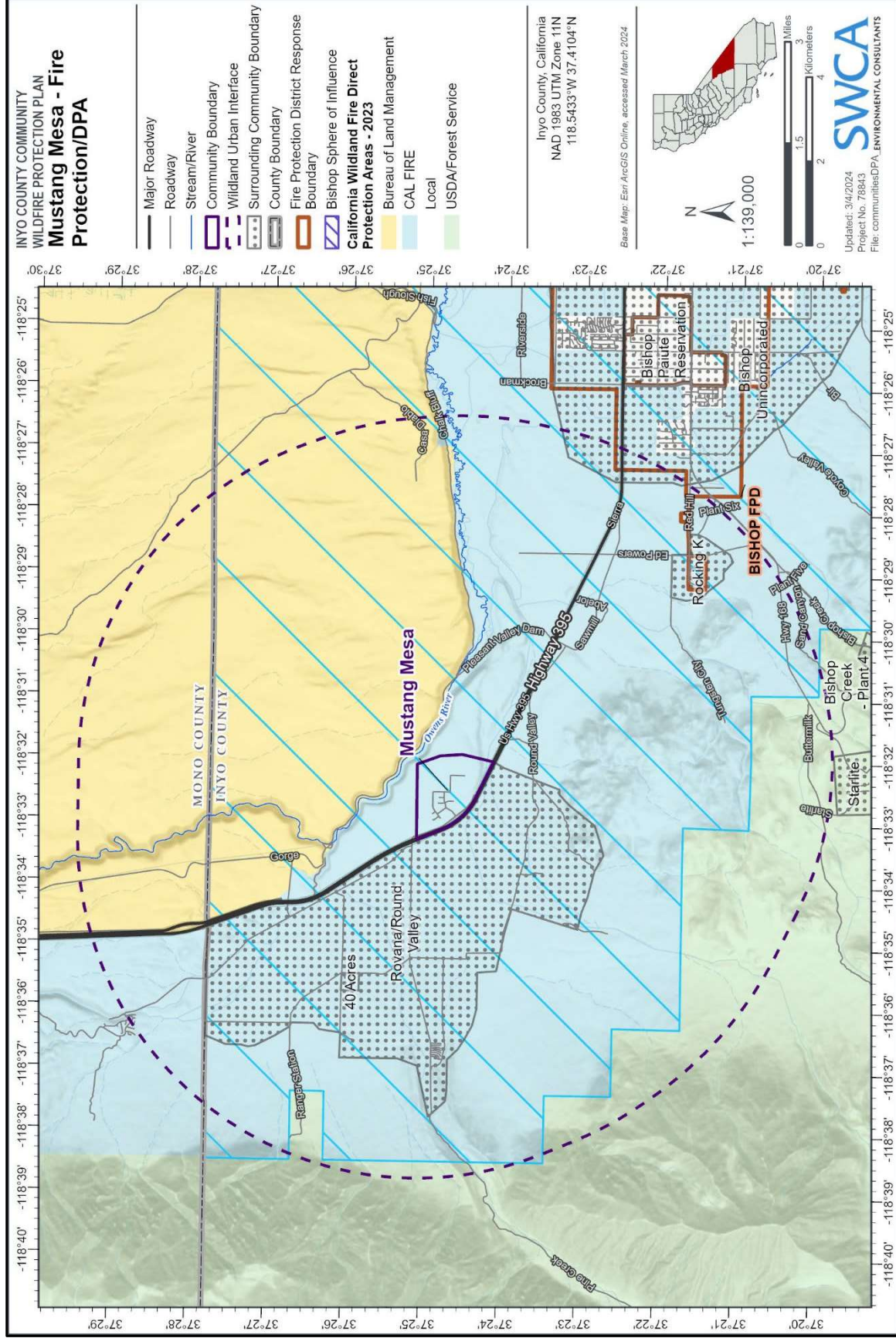


Figure D.6. Direct protection area and fire protection district boundary around Mustang Mesa.

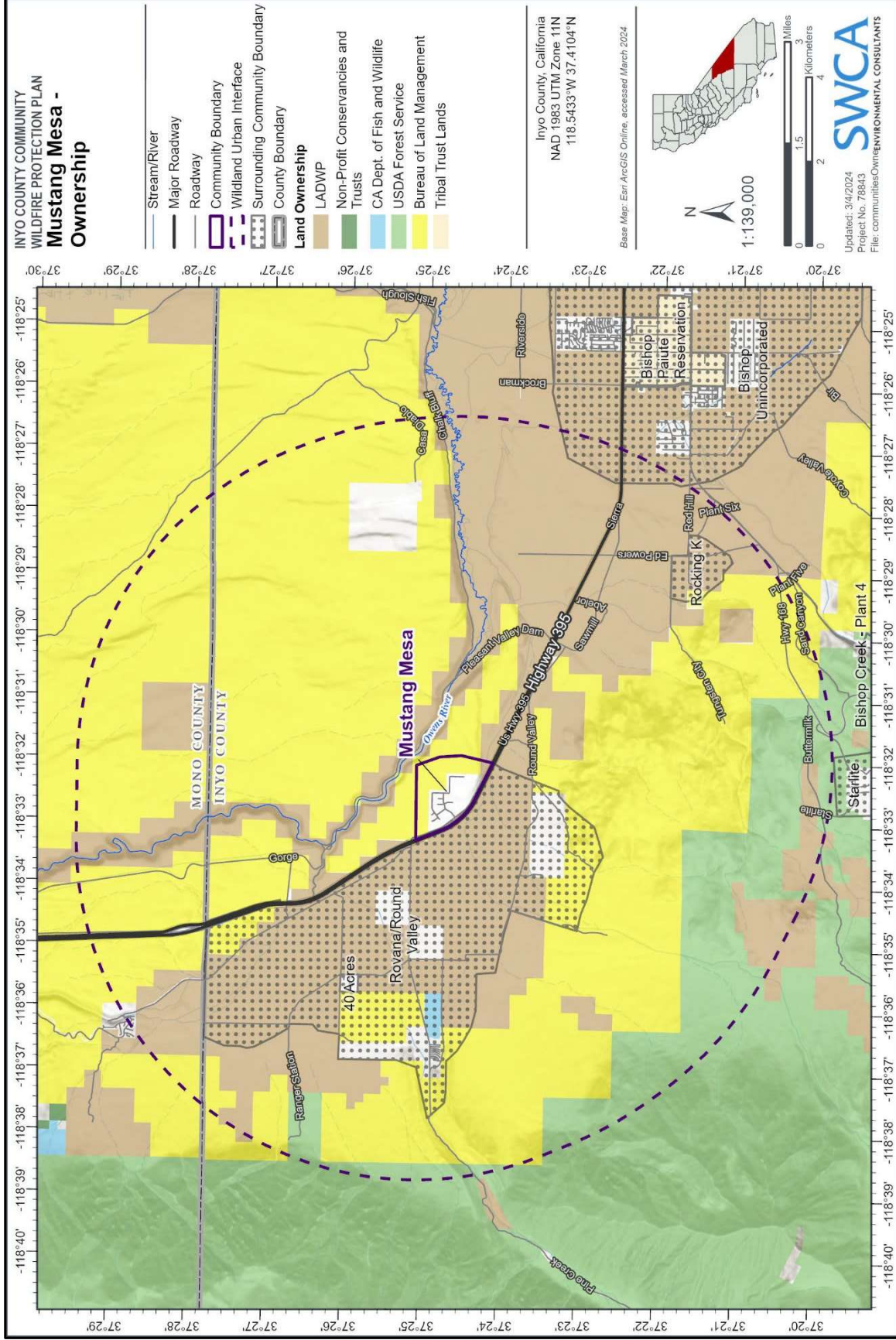


Figure D.7. Land ownership around Mustang Mesa.