

“What defines the Sierra Nevada, more than any fact or figure, is the dramatic beauty and ecological uniqueness of our landscape...These natural wonders are our treasures; they are to California what the Pyramids are to Egypt, the Louvre to Paris, and the Golden Temple to Kyoto.”

(Sierra Business Council. *Sierra Nevada Wealth Index: Understanding and Tracking our Region's Wealth; 1999-2000 Edition.* 1999.7)



“Deteriorating natural assets, such as polluted streams or marred scenery, reduce property values, drive away new businesses, and undermine the quality of life for current residents....our region’s prosperity depends directly on our willingness to make wise use of our assets and to act swiftly to prevent their diminishment.” (Sierra Business Council. *Sierra Nevada Wealth Index: Understanding and Tracking our Region’s Wealth; 1999-2000 Edition.* 1999.6)



Aerial view of Calaveras County looking over multiple watersheds, 2005

Courtesy Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch

**Clearcut unit, Tuolumne County
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