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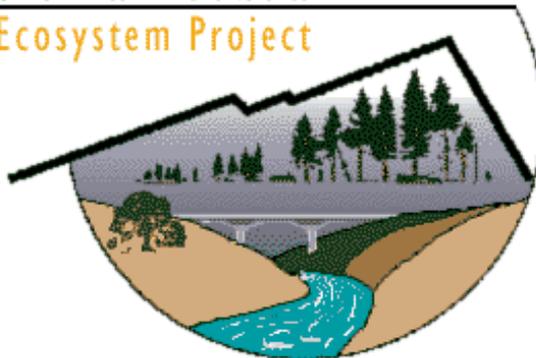
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Included on this disc are the complete reports of the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project—the executive Summary, Volumes 1, 2, 3, and the Addendum. In total, the volumes contain nearly 3,000 pages of text, figures, and tables. Rather than reproduce the report exactly as originally printed, we have taken this opportunity to make modest improvements. We have corrected errata, added color to some graphics, placed illustrations, especially color plates, in their appropriate chapters, and corrected some typographical errors. We also included an extensive bibliography to the Lake Tahoe Case Study and to the Mediated Settlement Agreement for Sequoia National Forest Giant Sequoia Groves omitted in the printed version because of space limitations. No chapters were revised from the original except as noted above. Most, but not all, of the chapters were imported as digital files; a few (Vol. III, Ch. 16, 19, 20, and 21) were only scanned in from the printed versions. This feature allows readers to search all parts of the report by key words except for those scanned chapters. Readers interested in the original data used in the geographic information system analysis for the project can access much of it at <http://alexandria.sdc.ucsb.edu/> on the World Wide Web. Production of this version was made possible through the efforts of the U.S. Geological Survey and especially Michael Diggles of the SNEP team and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Don C. Erman
Team Leader

INTRODUCTION

The Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project (SNEP) was requested by Congress in the Conference Report for Interior and Related Agencies 1993 Appropriation Act (H.R. 5503), which authorized funds for a “scientific review of the remaining old growth in the national forests of the Sierra Nevada in California, and for a study of the entire Sierra Nevada ecosystem by an independent panel of scientists, with expertise in diverse areas related to this issue.”

This CD-ROM is a digital version of the set of reports titled *Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project, Final Report to Congress* published in paper form by the Centers for Water and Wildland Resources of the University of California, Davis. The reports consist of Wildland Resources Center Report No. 39 (Summary), No. 36 (Vol. I - Assessment summaries and management strategies), No. 37 (Vol. II - Assessments and scientific basis for management options), No. 38 (Vol. III - Assessments, commissioned reports, and background information), and No. 40 (Addendum). Vol. IV is a computer-based catalogue of all public databases, maps, and other digitally stored information used in the project. Vol. IV materials are listed under the SNEP name and available on the Internet from the Alexandria Project at the University of California at Santa Barbara (<http://alexandria.sdc.ucsb.edu/>) and the California Environmental Resource Evaluation System (CERES) project of the Resources Agency of the state of California (<http://ceres.ca.gov/snep>).

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