



Rural Forestry Initiative

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RFI Overview

- The **Forest Advisory Board (FAB)** asked the County to implement RFI
- **Board of County Commissioners** placed RFI on the Department's work program
- **Department** planning to move RFI forward with state-required code amendments for forest land conversions and land clearing

RFI Overview

- Environmental review for **development**:
 - County reviews under critical areas ordinance (CAO)
- Environmental review for **forest practices**:
 - Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) reviews under forest practice rules.

RFI Overview

- What happens when development and forest practices are proposed on same parcel?
- That's what the **Rural Forestry Initiative** seeks to address

Current options on existing parcels:

- **Option 1:** County reviews entire parcel under CAO
 - Gives property owner maximum flexibility for development
- **Option 2:** County reviews portion of parcel under CAO
 - Forest practices on remainder reviewed by DNR
 - No minimum parcel size

Existing Parcel

Option 1

- County reviews entire parcel under CAO
- Forest practices may proceed under DNR review, after critical areas protected by County

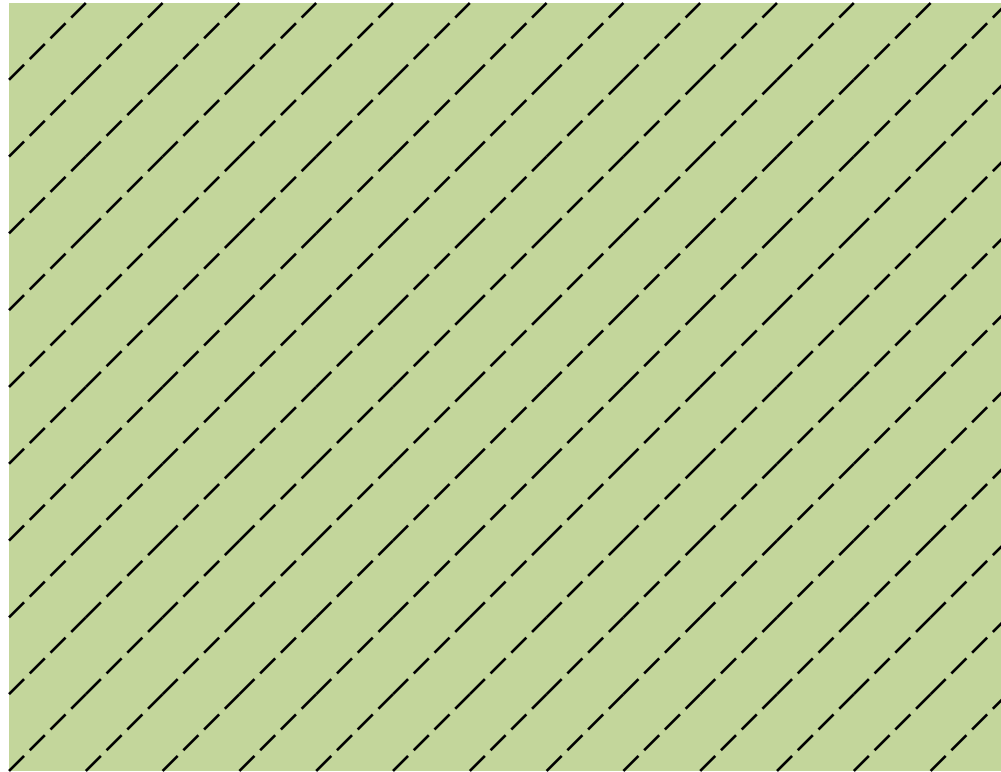
Existing Parcel – Option 1

Entire parcel reviewed under CAO



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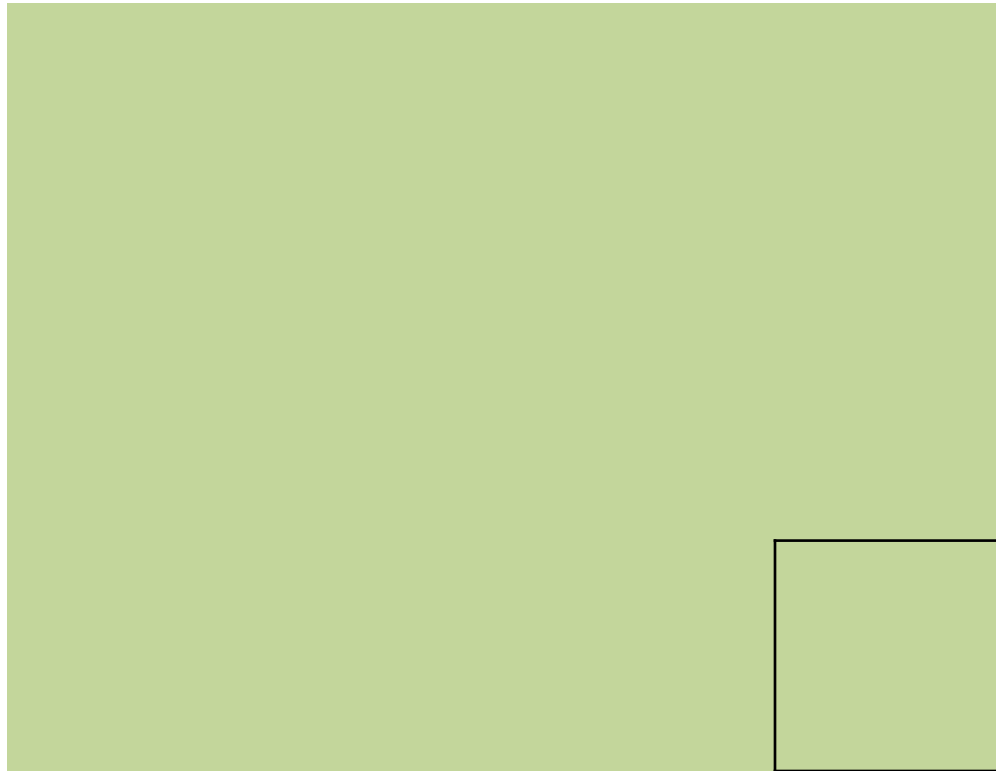
Option 2

- County only reviews developed portion – plus 200'–250' buffer – under CAO
 - Under certain site conditions, review for landslide hazards may extend beyond developed area.
- Forest practices may proceed on remainder of parcel under DNR review

Existing Parcel – Option 2
Only Developed Portion Reviewed
Under CAO

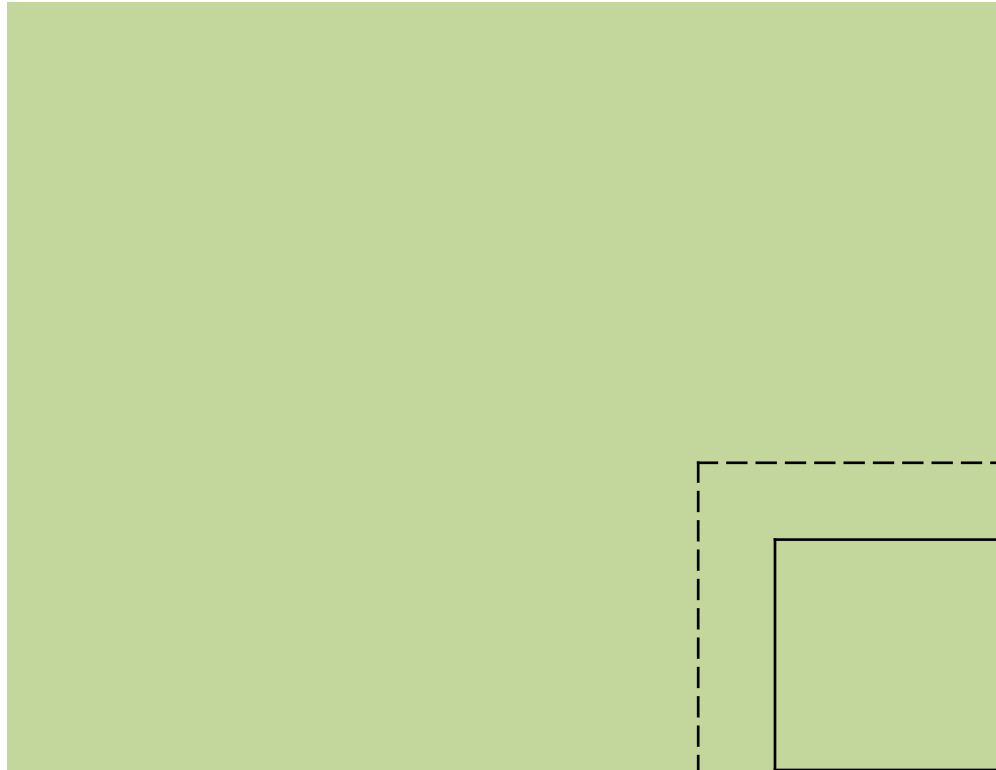


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Under CAO



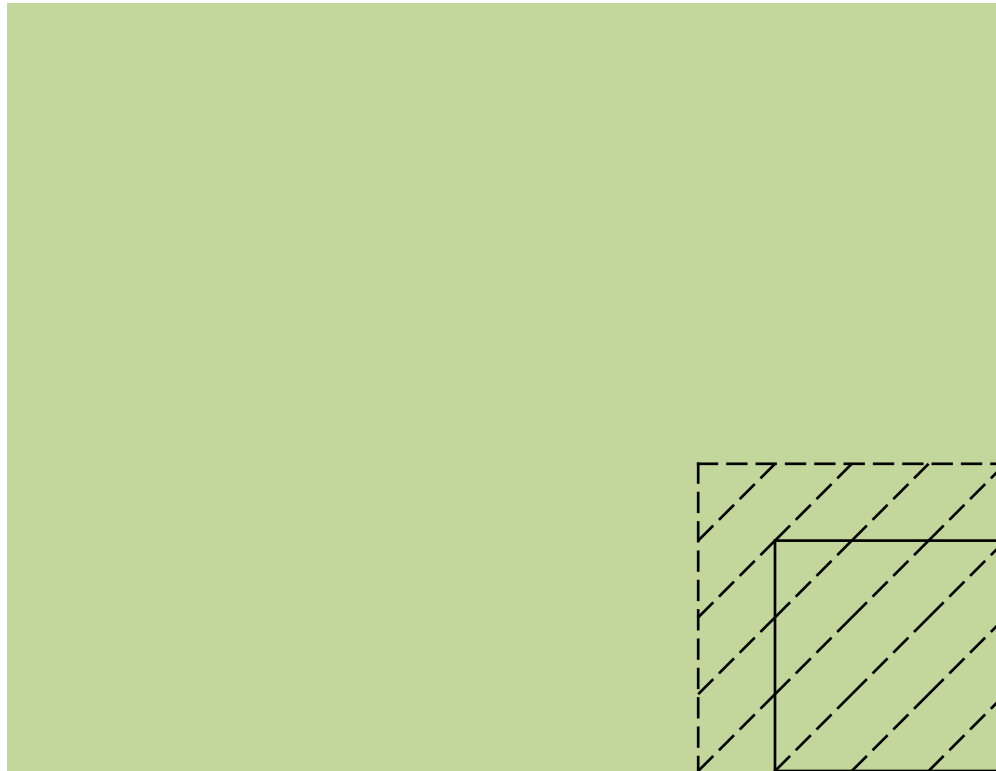
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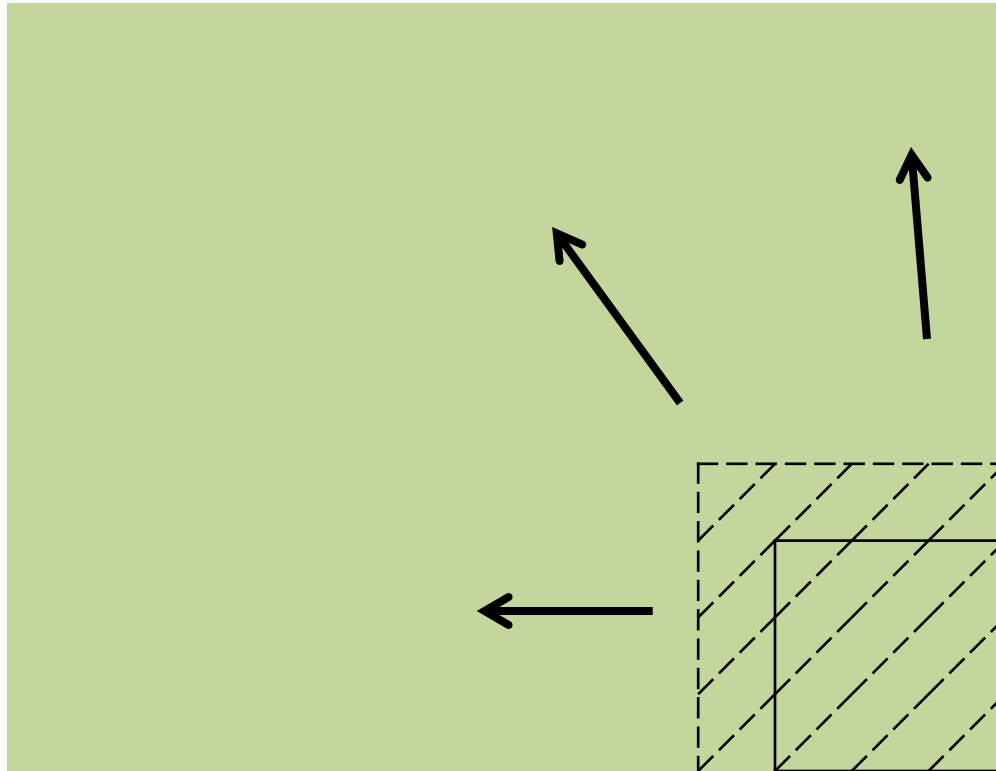
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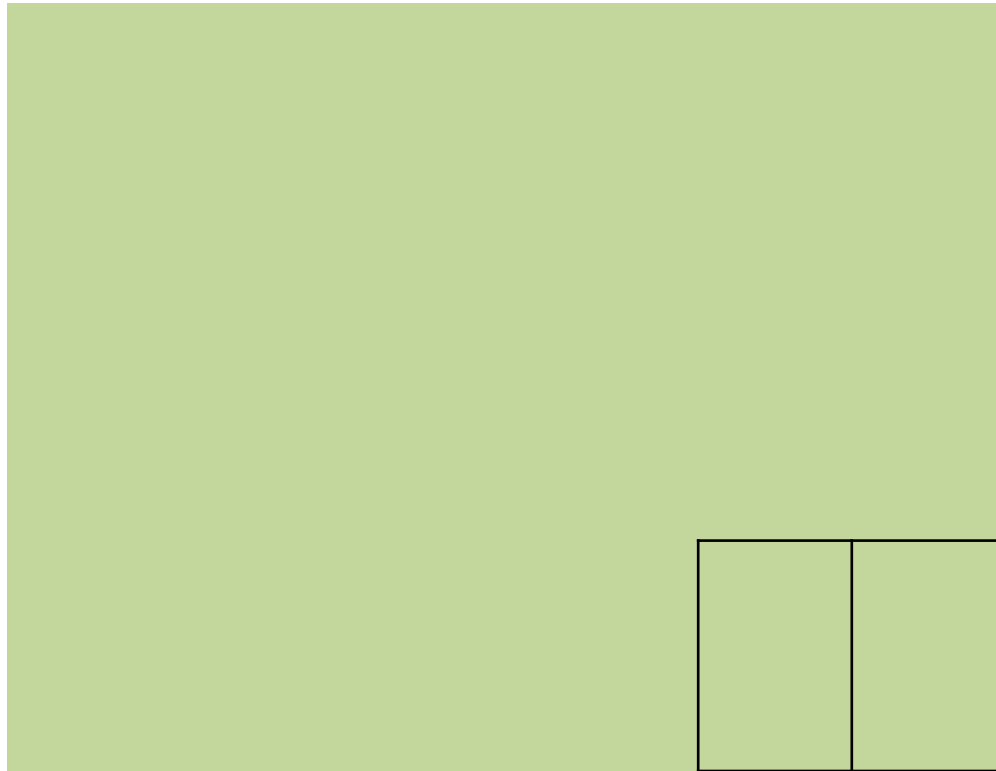
Current practice

- County reviews entire tract under CAO

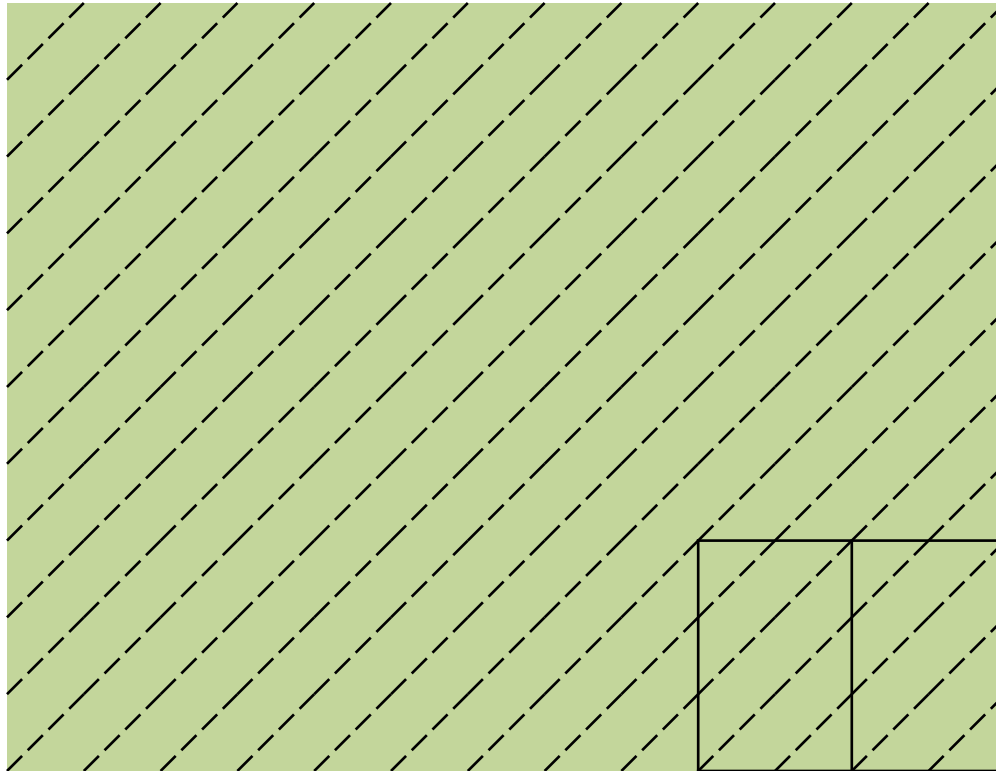
CaRD Land Division Current Practice



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CaRD Land Division – Proposed RFI Option

County reviews developed area under CAO

- Review *may* extend into OS-F in certain conditions

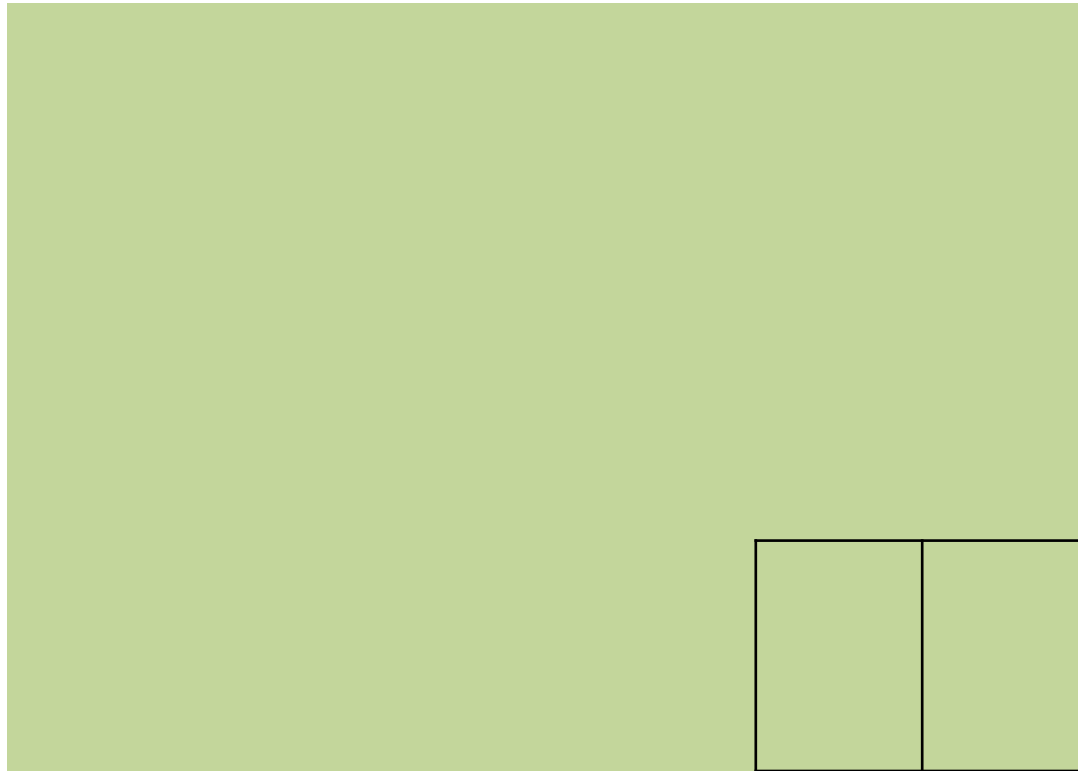
Remainder placed in Open Space-Forestry

- Landowner submits Forest Management Plan
- Forest practices in OS-F reviewed by DNR under forestry rules

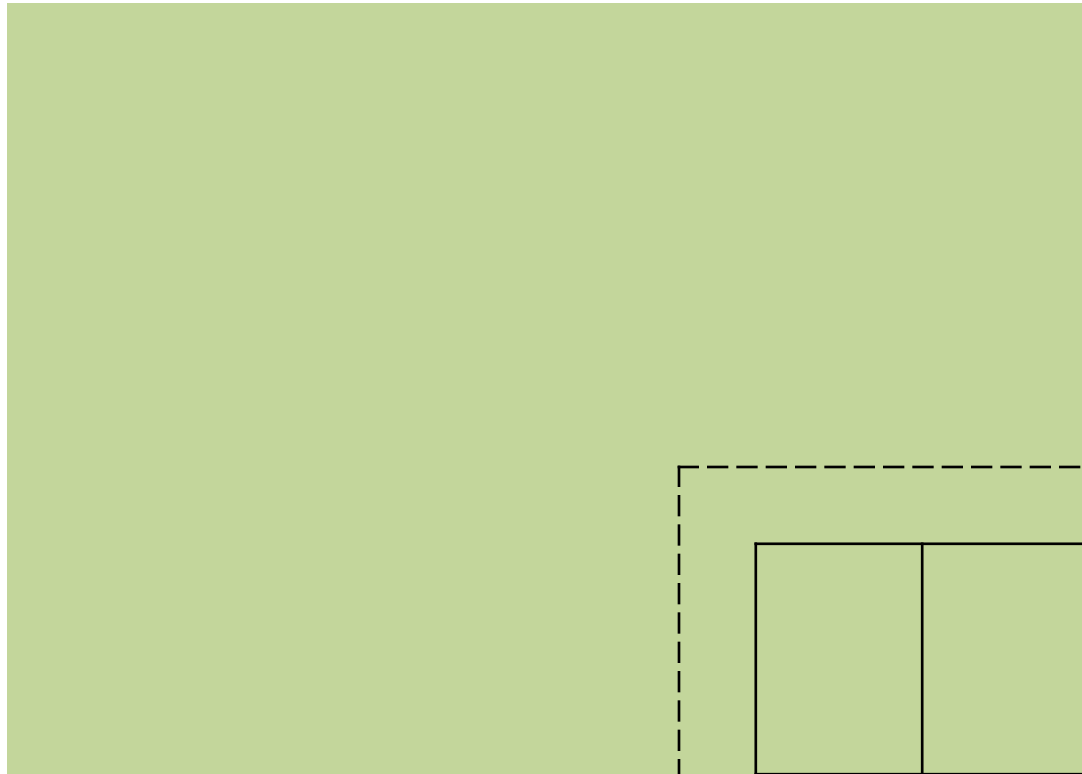
CaRD Land Division – RFI Option



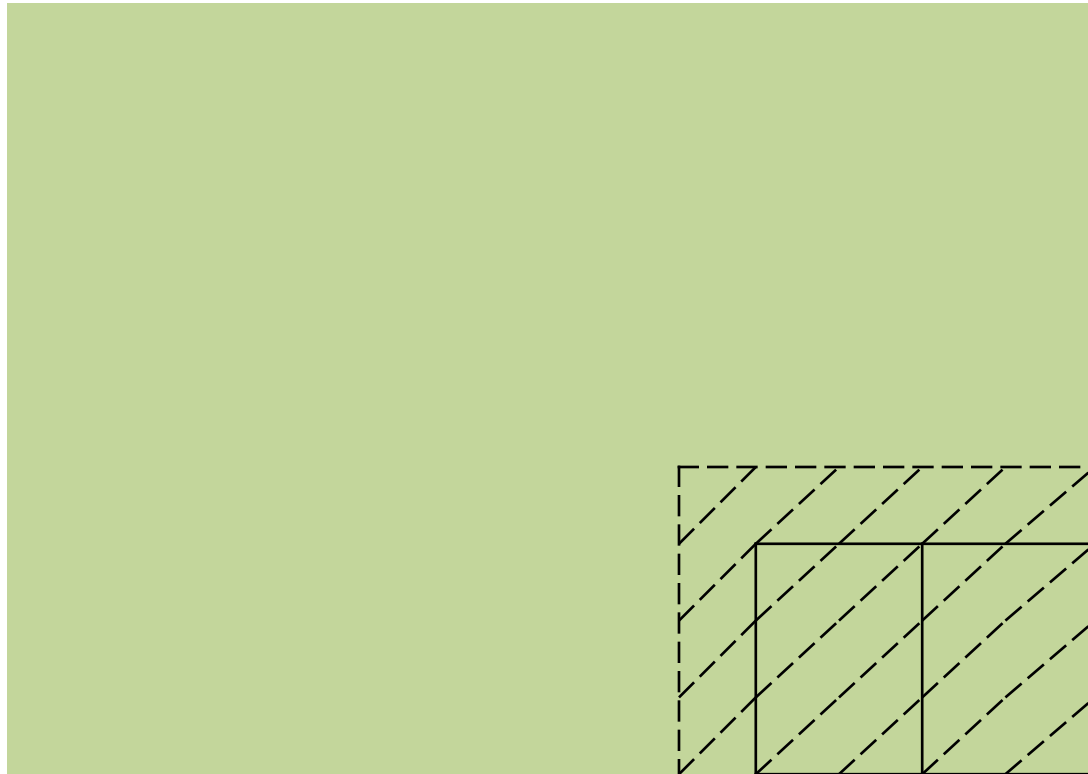
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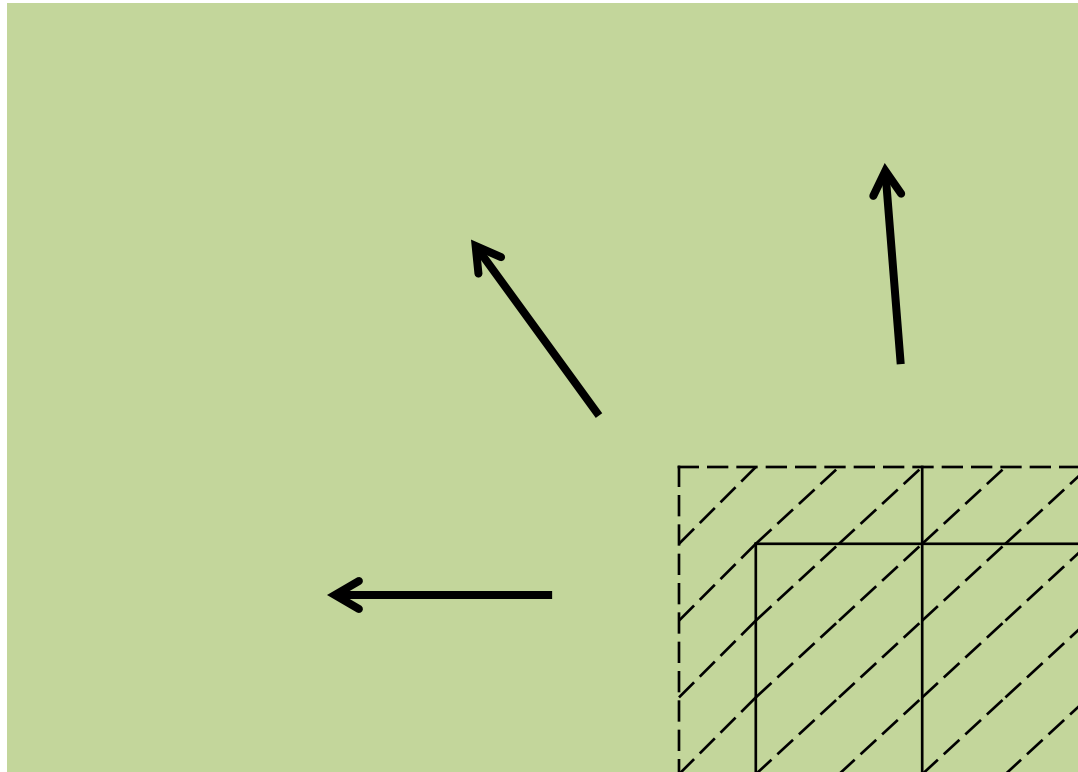
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- County environmental review may extend outside developed area for landslide hazards and stormwater runoff, under certain conditions
- Considering 200 foot residential setback from OS-F land to protect from windthrow (blown down trees)
- CaRD lots may be allowed larger than 1 acre to accommodate setback

RFI and Standard Land Divisions

- Department continuing to explore this issue with Forest Advisory Board