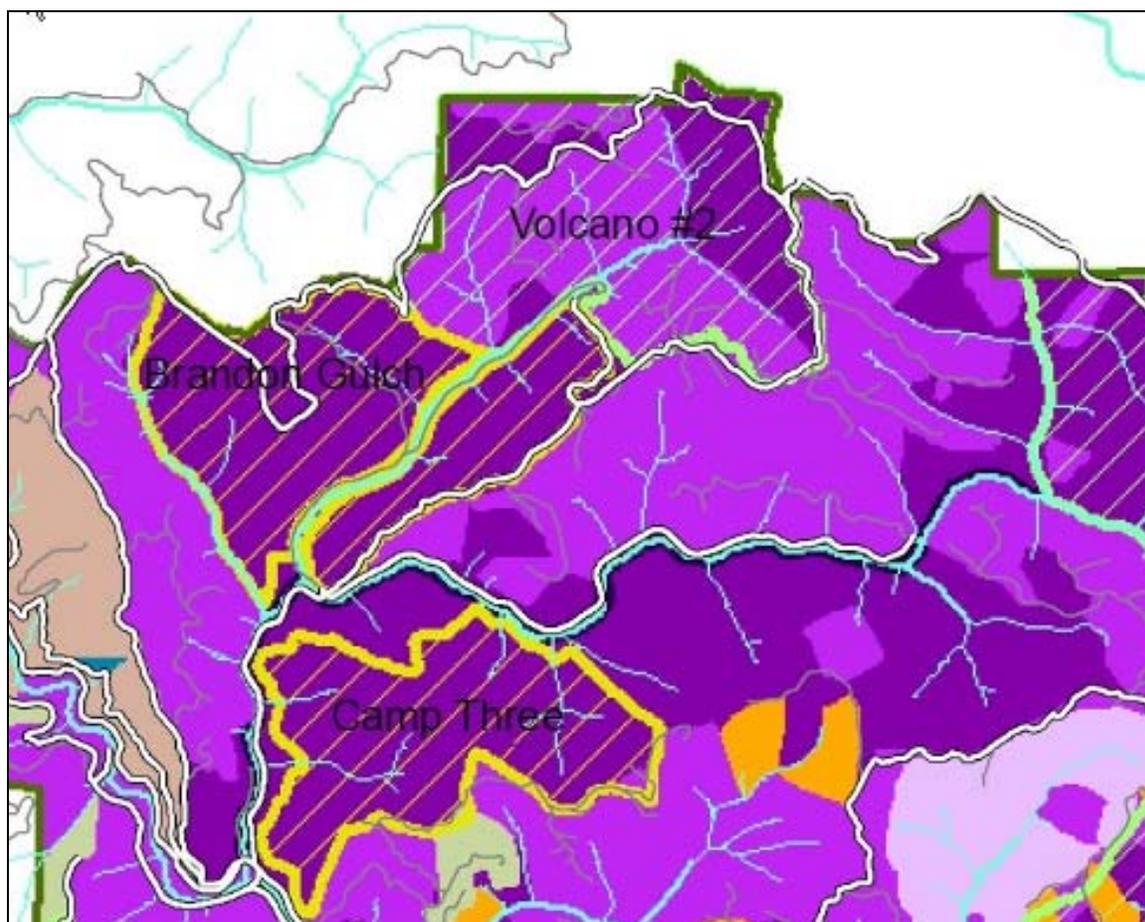


Evidently, the primary criterion for selecting the areas to be included was a high density of large trees (and a corresponding high proportion of redwoods). The THP has 3 non-contiguous areas of harvest. These areas are in the highest-density-category of large trees (>30" DBH) shown on Figure 8 Map in the JDSF Management plan. Below is the section of this map that covers the north central area of Jackson. (The stripes indicate areas where substantial THP preparation has been done.) The large-tree densities in the areas covered by the THPs are in the same category (15-20 trees >30" DBH per acre) as Brandon Gulch and Camp 3, both unentered 90-year old stands, as well as the area to the east of Camp 3 designated in the management plan for late seral.

Figure 2



Our tour of the THP area found that even in the areas of the THP that had been previously entered, the entries were very light; so that the character associated with unentered older second-growth stands of large trees was found throughout the THP. The one exception was in small groups (up to ½ acre) implemented in section D. The group openings were dense thickets of young trees, with interspersed stump sprouts. A traverse through several acres of this area found only two such groups. The remainder appeared untouched.