RCRC Reports U.S. Forest Service Issues 2015 Secure Rural Schools Payments to Madera County and Mariposa County

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Madera county and Mariposa County final payment details for FY 2015
Madera County total: $471,969.65
Mariposa County total: $290,111.29

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