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CAL FIRE CZU to Conduct Prescribed Fire in San Vicente Redwoods

FELTON – On Sunday, November 12, 2023, weather-permitting, CAL FIRE CZU, in cooperation with Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), Sempervirens Fund, and Save the Redwoods League, plans to conduct a 60-acre prescribed burn on the San Vicente Redwoods property in the upper Bonny Doon area of Santa Cruz County. The prescribed burn will be conducted between the hours of 9:00A.M. and 4:00P.M., but smoke may be noticed in the area for one to two days following the burn. The project is being conducted in accordance with a Smoke Management Permit issued by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District in order to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities.

This burn is being conducted as part of the CAL FIRE Vegetation Management Program and is intended to reduce fuel accumulations in a portion of the shaded fuel break completed by the Bonny Doon Fire Safe Council eight years ago, and to provide ecological benefits such as nutrient cycling and recruitment of fire-dependent plant species. A similar burn was successfully completed in the spring of 2020 in the same general location. Please see the map on page 2.

This prescribed fire was planned as part of broader strategic efforts to protect the local community and nearby natural resources. These plans are informed by community and local stakeholder input and serve as a collaborative effort with a range of cooperators throughout the course of the project. This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting or exceeding state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, please visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at Prescribed Fire | CAL FIRE and help share important preventing and preparedness information with your neighbors at Home - Ready for Wildfire.

San Vicente VMP Vicinity Map

