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CAL FIRE CZU Collaborates with SFPUC on Black Mountain Road Fuel Reduction Project in San Mateo County

CAL FIRE, San Mateo County Fire personnel are working to reduce fuels that could contribute to catastrophic wildfire in the wildland-urban interface (WUI). The Black Mountain Road Fuel Reduction Project is taking place on San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) property near the Town of Hillsborough. (See map of the project on Page 2.)

Firefighters are creating a fuel break between the northbound I-280 access road and a nearby neighborhood. In Phase 1 of this project, crews are removing ladder fuels that could help carry fire into trees by cutting smaller tree branches. They are also removing invasive eucalyptus and acacia trees, any leaning trees, and dead vegetation on the ground.

In Phase 2 of this project, SFPUC crews will continue to remove large hazardous and invasive trees. The area has been surveyed by biologists from SFPUC to avoid nesting birds and sensitive species. There are two chippers on site, one provided by CAL FIRE CZU and the other by SFPUC. Phase 1 of the project is expected to be finished by the end of April.

Watch a video on this project by visiting this link: Black Mtn Rd Fuel Reduction Project

Fuel reduction projects are proactive efforts to reduce wildfire risk by managing and modifying vegetation to lessen the amount of flammable material. CAL FIRE collaborates with SFPUC to identify fuel reduction projects on SFPUC owned or managed land.

This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer to 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 in your community and throughout California, please visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/prescribed-fire help share important prevention and preparedness information with your neighbors at readyforwildfire.org.



Hillsborough project

Treatment number 25CACZUT170151

Expected treatment area 5.7 acres

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