

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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### **Prescribed Fire Planned for Eagle Rock Area off Empire Grade in Santa Cruz County**

**Felton, CA** – The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) San Mateo – Santa Cruz Unit will conduct an approximately 26-acre prescribed burn on private land near the intersection of Jamison Creek Road and Empire Grade on October 15th, 2024. Weather-permitting, the prescribed burn will be conducted between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm, but smoke may be noticed in the area one to two days following the burn. The project is being conducted in accordance with a Smoke Management Permit issued by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities.

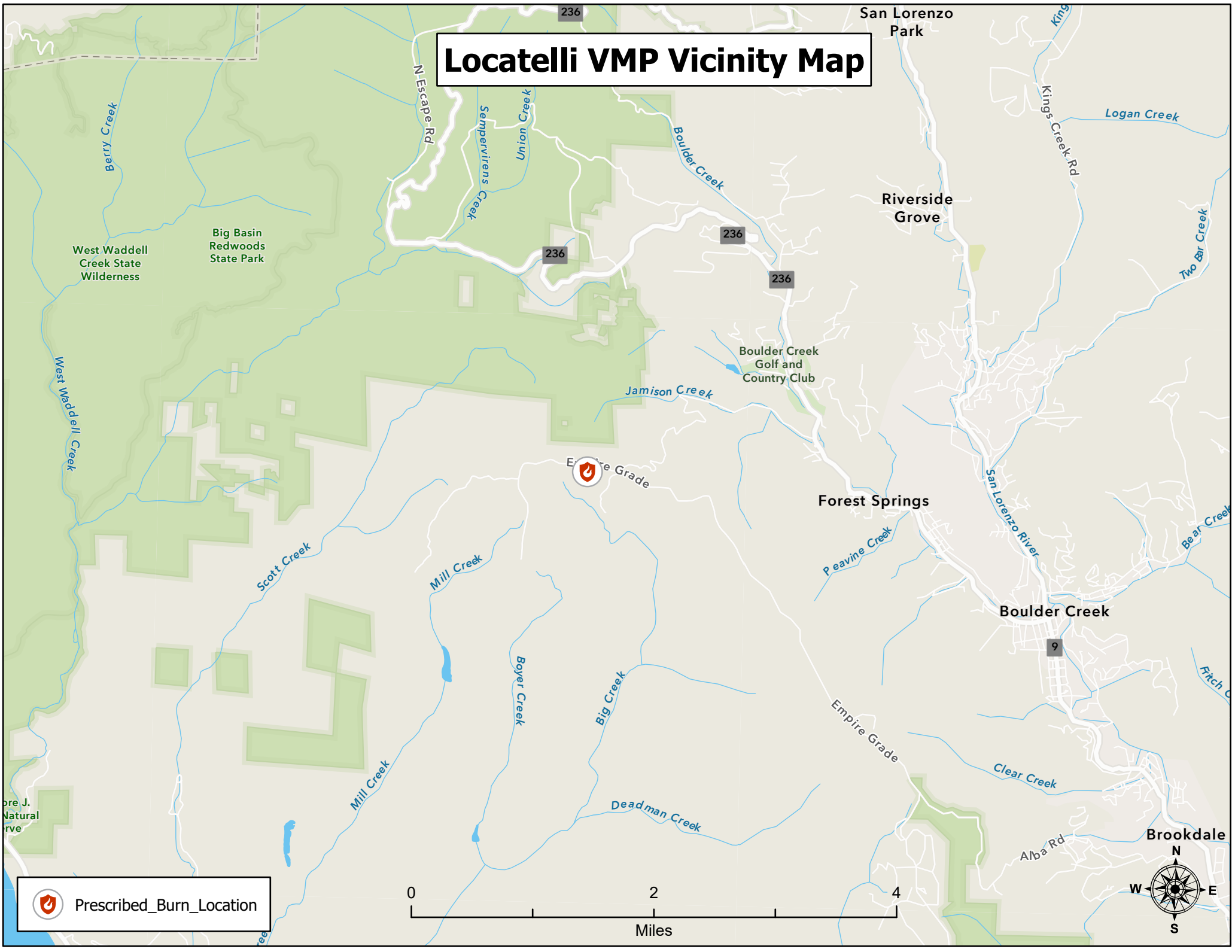
This burn is being conducted as part of CAL FIRE’s Vegetation Management Program and aims to benefit the local grassland ecosystem by reducing hazardous fuel loads, preventing the encroachment of non-native plant species and promoting the regeneration of native species. Additionally, this project will enhance wildlife habitat, improve public safety by lowering wildfire risk, and foster relationships with landowners and the local community. It also serves to raise awareness about the importance of prescribed fire in maintaining healthy ecosystems.


Prescribed burns are carefully planned controlled burns that must meet a predefined set of conditions (prescription) to achieve ideal fire behavior. No burning takes place if weather and fuel conditions are not within prescription. When optimal conditions are met, trained wildland firefighters manage the burn while monitoring the weather, smoke dispersal, and fire behavior.

Please see a map of the prescribed burn area on Page 2.



# Locatelli VMP Vicinity Map



 Prescribed\_Burn\_Location