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UPDATE: CAL FIRE CZU Plans to Burn 15 Piles at Huddart Park

In early January 2026, we attempted to burn prearranged and dried piles of vegetation along Kings Mountain Road. However, due to December rain, the piles would not ignite. The piles have had time to cure and we plan to burn 15 of those piles this week. Smoke impacts to the area are expected to be minimal.

CAL FIRE CZU to Conduct Prescribed Pile Burning at Huddart Park

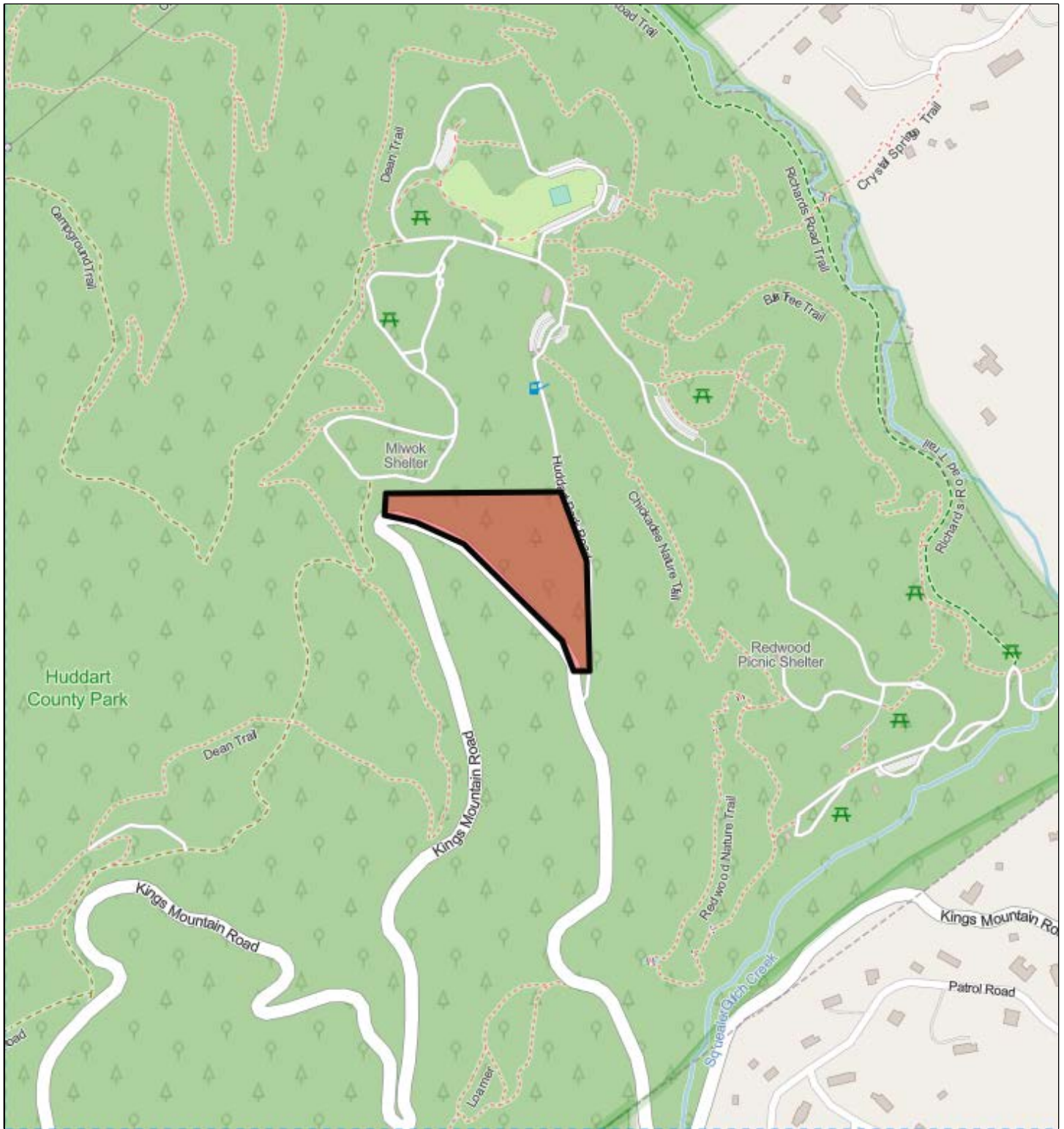
This week, weather permitting, CAL FIRE CZU will continue vital fuels management along the Kings Mountain Road Shaded Fuel Break within Huddart Park. Working on San Mateo County Parks property, firefighters are scheduled to ignite 14 piles of woody debris in a single day operation. This will target the significant accumulation of "ladder fuels" and dead material on the forest floor, much of which has been exacerbated by the impacts of Sudden Oak Death. By removing these fuels, CAL FIRE CZU aims to preserve the long-term effectiveness of this large-scale shaded fuel break and reduce the overall intensity of a potential wildfire. **Please see a map of the project on Page 2 and photos on Page 3.**

The primary objective of this project is to safeguard the community by maintaining clear ingress and egress along Kings Mountain Road. Keeping this corridor functional is essential for the safety of residents during an evacuation and for the access of first responders during an emergency. This effort builds on a successful 2025 season, during which crews burned more than 70 piles in the area. Once these remaining 14 piles are consumed, CAL FIRE CZU will continue to work in close partnership with San Mateo County Parks to maintain the fuel break and ensure the landscape remains resilient.

Smoke may be visible from Woodside and the Skyline area, but the burn will only proceed if weather and air quality conditions remain favorable. Ongoing fuels management and regular forest maintenance are essential to building a healthy ecosystem.

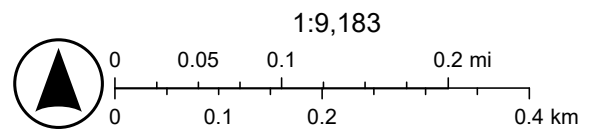


Kings Mountain Road Pile Burning 2026



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 Burn Pile Area



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Piles Prepped for Burning

