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Forest Health in Action: A $15M Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration featuring Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and BurnBot Demonstration

Exclusively for registered attendees of the Red Sky Summit, the tour will highlight the project goals, treatment prescriptions, multi-stakeholder collaboration, with Q&A, and a live demonstration of BurnBot's technology.

September 4, 2025, Saratoga, CA: Join us on a visit to see a 2,000-acre CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant project led by Santa Clara County FireSafe Council. With two grants totaling $15,000,000 from CAL FIRE, known as the Los Gatos Creek Watershed Collaborative (LGCWSC), Santa Clara County FireSafe Council leads this multi-stakeholder collaboration with San Jose Water, Midpeninsula Open Space District and Santa Clara County Parks that steward the land where the fuels treatments take place along with project partners Ascent Environmental and Auten Resources Consulting.

The FireSafe Council has awarded two separate projects totaling just over 500 acres to BurnBot, utilizing their autonomous mastication technology to efficiently support our landscape level treatments. The FireSafe Council/BurnBot partnership has proven highly effective, and our event will highlight the project goals, treatment prescriptions, multi-stakeholder collaboration, with Q&A, and a live demonstration of BurnBot's technology.

The tour will focus on our new South Branch phase, totaling 389 acres, consisting of 306 acres on San Jose Water managed land and 83 acres on Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District managed land, utilizing BurnBot's remote-controlled mastication units for precise vegetation management. This landscape-scale forest health project focuses on creating ecosystem resilience, mitigating the risk and severity of potential wildfire, while enhancing the safety of the surrounding communities. **See brief drone footage here of Phase 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZXC3m4NFFI**

According to Seth Schalet, CEO of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, “Over the last several years, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council has established statewide leadership in the utilization, sale and promotion of technology to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire. As we begin work on our second CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant, our partnership with BurnBot further extends our capabilities, enabling our partners and communities in the Los Gatos Creek Watershed Collaborative to benefit from BurnBot’s low-impact equipment and precision controls protecting soil health, preserving desired vegetation while effectively reducing hazardous fuels. We are grateful to the Red Sky Summit team for offering this as a site visit for registered Red Sky Summit attendees.”

“BurnBot exists to amplify and scale precision fuels treatments that are gentle on the ground and efficiently reduce wildfire risk where it matters most,” said Anukool Lakhina, CEO and co-founder of BurnBot. “We’re delighted to partner with the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council to bring innovation and efficiency to this critical work, protecting people, ecosystems, and infrastructure across the Los Gatos Creek Watershed.”

"It is inspiring to see the intersection of community driven programs like the Santa Clara FireSafe Council and cutting edge technology like Burnbot having an immediate impact protecting real communities and ecosystems”, stated Bill Clerico, Founder, Red Sky Summit. “We're thrilled to highlight their work to Red Sky Summit attendees as an example to the industry of what innovation and collaboration can do for society."

About Santa Clara County FireSafe Council:
As a 501 (c)3 nonprofit with a 20-year history, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council’s core mission is to mobilize the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities, and environment from wildfires. As a trusted partner across the government, fire service, corporate and WUI residential communities, SCCFSC has led some of the most complex hazardous fuel reduction projects in the region. With a board and advisory council that has deep expertise across the wildfire ecosystem including wildfire and environmental research, academia, emergency management, regional planning, technology products and wildland firefighting leadership, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council is uniquely positioned to lead cross-sector collaborations, government-private partnerships in Silicon Valley, Santa Clara County and beyond. For more information, visit www.sccfiresafe.org

About BurnBot:
BurnBot develops and operates robotic fuel treatment systems that reduce hazardous vegetation near urban centers and critical habitats, eliminating the fuel that drives destructive wildfires. Our precision fuel treatment solutions combine advanced thinning and mechanical fire technology to deliver safe, ecological, and highly efficient treatments. Today, BurnBot responsibly manages tens of thousands of acres in partnership with federal, state and municipal governments, utilities, and insurance companies, protecting communities and safeguarding habitats across the Western United States. For more information, visit https://burnbot.com/

About The Red Sky Summit:
The Red Sky Summit is the premier gathering of wildfire thought leaders who share a common objective: To develop and scale innovative, technology-based solutions to our wildfire crisis. Attendees are a diverse set of leaders and include members of the fire service, foresters, practitioners, technology entrepreneurs, utility and insurance executives, philanthropists, non-profit leaders, researchers, and elected officials. Founded in 2023, the Summit set out to bring together these traditionally siloed industries to expedite the adoption of new technology through collaboration. In the past 3 years, the Summit has grown to host over 400 attendees from top organizations. The Red Sky Summit is hosted by Convective Capital, with support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and other philanthropic sponsors.

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The Los Gatos Creek Watershed Collaborative Forest Health Grant is a collaboration between public and private entities and is a part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment. particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero- emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.

The public can monitor project communications and updates by visiting the Lost Gatos Creek Watershed Collaborative website at: http://www.lgwatershedhealth.com/