





Laufenburg Ranch Preserve Prescribed Fire mid-June, 2023

17104 Spencer Lane, Calistoga

0 1,000 2,000 Feet

-  Property boundary
-  Burn Units

Prescribed burn scheduled at Sonoma Land Trust's Laufenburg Ranch Preserve in Knights Valley, Thursday, June 15, 2023 to restore grassland health*



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June 12, 2023 – Knights Valley, CA – Sonoma Land Trust and CAL FIRE announced plans to conduct a prescribed burn at the Laufenburg Ranch Preserve in Knights Valley California, on Thursday, June 15. The burn will be led by the CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit in partnership with Sonoma Land Trust to restore grassland health and build resilience to future wildfires. This burn will be among the first in the region to be conducted under the CalVTP Program, which seeks to expedite the implementation of treatments that reduce wildfire risk while conserving natural resources. Smoke from the

burn may be visible in the surrounding area near Highway 128 and Franz Valley Road in Knight's Valley. If you see or smell smoke, please refrain from calling 911.

**This controlled burn is subject to change depending on conditions.*

The Sonoma Land Trust Laufenburg Ranch Preserve is located on Spencer Lane, near Highway 128 and Franz Valley Road. The anticipated time for the prescribed burn is 9:00 am through 5:00 pm. The burn will be conducted by prescribed fire managers from CAL FIRE, with support from Sonoma Land Trust staff, Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District, and Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District. Weather conditions and safety protocols are critical to this effort. If the burn can't be conducted safely, the project will be postponed.

****Smoke and Traffic Advisory****

The prescribed burn will commence at approximately 9:00 am and conclude around 5:00 pm. Smoke will be visible near Highway 128 and Franz Valley Road throughout the day. **This is a permitted prescribed burn; do not call 911.**

Restoring ecosystem health and wildfire resilience

Sonoma Land Trust is dedicated to restoring natural habitats and building climate resilience using nature-based solutions. This burn will improve the health of grassland and oak woodland ecosystems, reduce natural fuels, control invasive species, and continue building wildfire resilience in the area.

We will post roadway signage, update the Watch Duty application and website, and use social media channels @SonomaLandTrust to provide current information.

Prescribed burning is one of many tools to improve community safety in tandem with defensible space and preparedness.

Learn more:

The Sonoma Land Trust Living with Fire Strategy: <https://sonomalandtrust.org/living-with-fire/>

Sonoma Land Trust's Laufenburg Ranch preserve: <https://sonomalandtrust.org/our-preserve-system/anchor-preserves/laufenburg-ranch/>

CAL FIRE <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

About Sonoma Land Trust: Sonoma Land Trust works in alliance with nature to conserve and restore the integrity of the land with a focus on climate resiliency and is also committed to ensuring more equitable access to the outdoors. Since 1976, Sonoma Land Trust has protected more than 56,000 acres of scenic, natural, agricultural, and open land for future generations. Sonoma Land Trust is the recipient of the 2019 Land Trust Alliance Award of Excellence and is

accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. For more information, please visit www.sonomalandtrust.org.

ABOUT CAL FIRE SONOMA-LAKE-NAPA UNIT

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources of California. The CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit, or LNU for short, is one of 21 CAL FIRE administrative units, and one of the largest. Spanning north of the San Francisco Bay Area from the Pacific Ocean to the Interstate-5 corridor, the counties of Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo come together to form a CAL FIRE Unit. LNU has primary responsibility for 2,063,280 acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) – the most of any CAL FIRE Unit - and a vast range of vegetation types, populations, and political climates. We staff 21 fire stations, 31 state engines, six bulldozers, operate two conservation camps, have one fuel reduction crew, a firefighter hand crew, one helitack base, one air attack base, and many other support staff positions.

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