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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Loafer Creek Pile Burning**

**Butte County-** Firefighters have begun burning piles of forest vegetation at Loafer Creek near Lake Oroville today. The pile burning project will continue through Sunday, October 24.

The large piles (up to 40 by 40 feet) will be ignited and monitored by CAL FIRE and may continue to smolder in a controlled manner throughout the night.

The piles are located in the northeast corner of the Loafer Creek property between Highway 162 and Lake Oroville. Smoke from the burning piles may be visible in the Kelly Ridge and Greater Oroville areas throughout the duration of the project.

"While the rainstorm is allowing us to safely burn and remove this fuel, it's important to burn these piles while we have favorable conditions. This operation is part of the recovery efforts from the North Complex Fire," says Vegetation Management Program Battalion Chief Gus Boston.

The Loafer Creek control burn is a cooperative effort between CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks), all of which come under the umbrella of the California Natural Resources Agency.

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