



# CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Control burns to resume in Forest Ranch and Magalia

**Butte County-** This week, if conditions and weather permit, CAL FIRE is planning to conduct prescribed fires in Forest Ranch and Magalia/Upper Ridge. See attached maps for reference.

#### **Project Details:**

The Forest Ranch project will begin Monday, **October 20** and cover 7 acres behind the CAL FIRE Forest Ranch Fire Station on Platt Mountain Road. The Forest Ranch project aims to reduce hazardous fuels, support firefighter training, and improve forest health.

The Magalia Project will begin Thursday, **October 23** and cover approximately 100 acres in the area of Tika Lane and Nimshew Road. The Magalia project is a collaborative effort between the CAL FIRE Butte Unit and the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC). The BCFSC has previously treated the landscape with biomass removal, and this planned prescribed fire is being utilized as a tool to maintain a healthy timber understory.

Additionally, we will burn approximately 150 acres in the Loafer Creek Recreation Area of Lake Oroville on Tuesday and Wednesday, **October 21-22**. Information for that project was emailed last week and can be found on our CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department social media.

The treatments are designed to reduce severe wildfire risk and enhance safety for residents in surrounding neighborhoods. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to protect communities, wildlife, and natural resources by proactively addressing fire hazards before they escalate into major incidents.

CAL FIRE emphasizes its commitment to safety and optimal control during prescribed burns. The agency carefully monitors weather conditions to limit escape potential and minimize poor air quality. CAL FIRE urges residents to stay informed about fire activity by visiting CAL FIRE/Butte County social media pages. Please do not call 911 to report or inquire about the projects.

CAL FIRE/BCFD wants to remind the public to prepare your house for fire season. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work to defend your home during a wildfire. Go to <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/> for more information.

