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RELEASE DATE: Wednesday,
April 8, 2026

Control Burn Scheduled in Butte County

Project Name: Phoenix VMP

Location: South of Forbestown Road and west of Hurleton Swedes Flat Road

Project Size: Approximately 13 acres

Objective: Reduce wildfire risk by removing hazardous fuels and increasing public safety in the Hurleton, Swedes Flat, East Oroville, and Robinson Mill communities

Prescribed Fire Period: Planned for Thursday, April 9

Project Description:

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department is undertaking pile burning in the Phoenix VMP area. The project will employ prescribed fire alongside other vegetation management techniques to achieve its objectives.

Project Details:

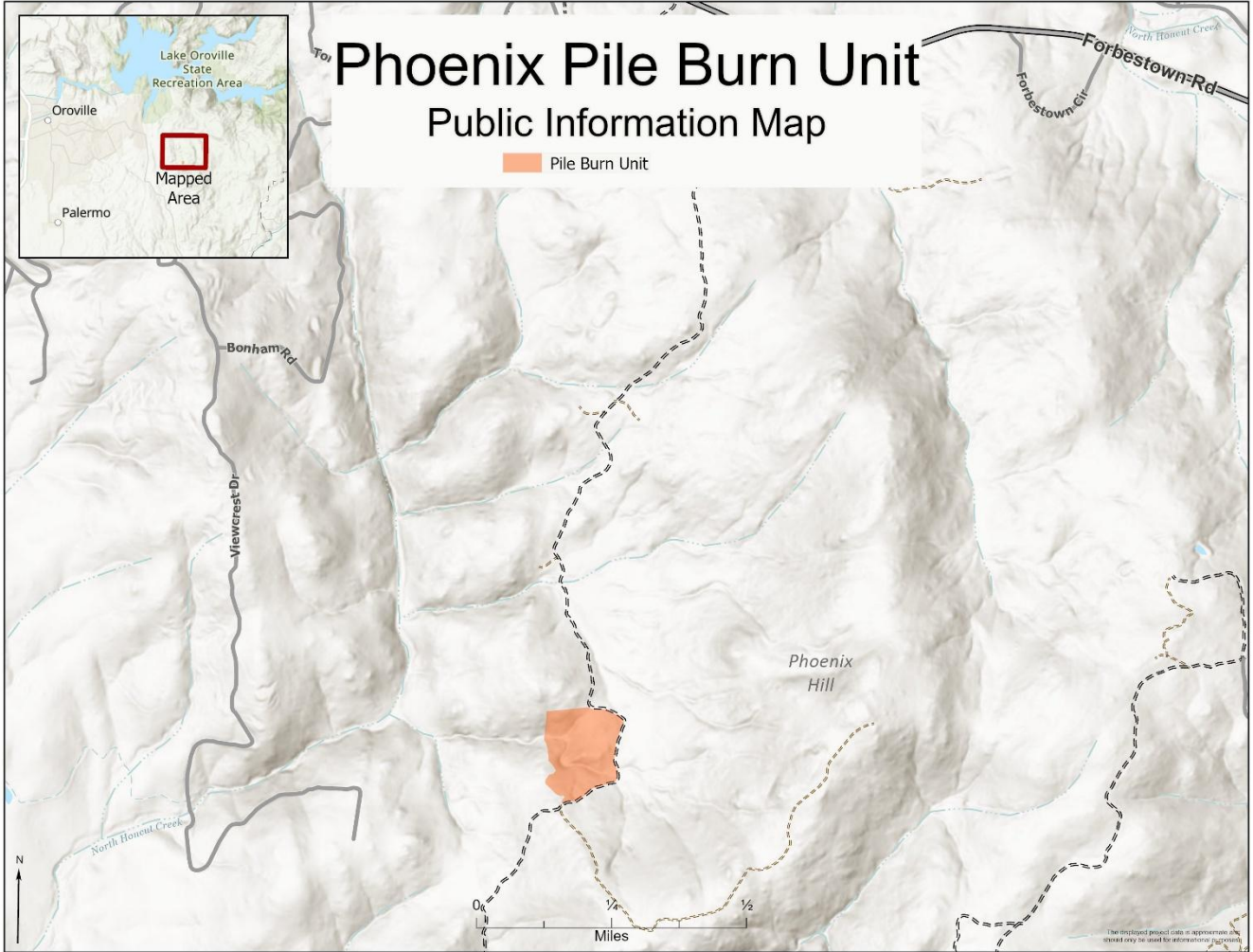
The aim of this operation on the Phoenix VMP is to burn approximately 500 previously constructed hand piles and associated understory on 13 acres of land. The project area is off Forbestown Road between Little Oak Road and Forbestown Circle, approximately 1 1/4 miles south of Forbestown Road. Weather conditions will be closely monitored, and the project will only commence when conditions are within the prescribed parameters. Part of CAL FIRE's commitment to its Vegetation Management Program, this project contributes to the goal of treating 100,000 acres annually in California

Importance of Vegetation Management:

Pile burning is essential for reducing fire fuels in areas of Butte County that have not seen fire in more than two decades. Additional fuels reduction efforts are currently underway in the area to further enhance safety and fire resilience. The protection of the community and surrounding areas is our top priority. Residents are encouraged to stay informed about project updates and any related safety measures. For additional information and inquiries, contact the CAL FIRE Butte Unit Public Information Officer at (530) 521-8265.

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