

Project Summary: Forest Ranch, CA

SNC 1236 Big Chico Creek Forest Health Project



Before & After Biomass Removal (2024)

Grant Timeline

September 2020 – August 2024

Project Description

This project is located adjacent to the Big Chico Creek watershed just below the community of Forest Ranch. The purpose was to reduce surface and ladder fuels while improving forest structure. Original implementation of phase 1 of this project began in September 2021 with Hand Cutting & Chipping. Phase 2 focused on re-entry to alleviate damage caused from the winter storm in 2023 with Biomass Removal.

Project Objectives

- Phase 1: To address a dangerously overgrown landscape while creating a resilient forest.
- Phase 2: To mitigate heavy storm damage after initial treatment in hand cutting & chipping units.

Treatment Methods

- Hand Cutting & Chipping = 250 acres
- Biomass Removal = 26.3 acres

Total Completed Grant Acres

276.3 acres

Project Partners

- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Chico State Enterprises – Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve
- Higgins Ridge, LLC.



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