

# **Forest Health Field Tour**

## Benefits of Prescribed (Rx) Fire and Burning on Private Land

Where: Forest Ranch, CA

When: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

What Time: 12pm – 3:00 (ish)

### What to Bring

- Sturdy shoes/boots      - Layers for warmth and weather      - Water
- Snacks                      -Notepad/writing utensil                      -Awesome questions and an inquisitive mind!

Remember: There will be a caravan of cars between locations, if you stick with the group you won't get lost!!!

### Stop 1 – Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER) : 12:00pm – 1:30pm

- Directions from Chico: Drive east on Hwy 32 (uphill), keep an eye out for Crown Point Rd on your right, then continue for another mile or so and you'll notice an abrupt left turn (turnout on the right side of the road if you have traffic behind you) that may have a white BCCER sign or flags/flagging indicating the turn. Turn down the road and follow it through the gate another ½ mile to the field station. Park as directed. Address according to Butte Co is 3521 Fourteen Mile Rd. If you pass the 14 Mile Gated Community you will need to turn around.
- Topics Covered: We will tour some areas within the reserve that staff have been managing with prescribed fire for multiple resource benefit. This portion of the tour will be hosted by Reserve Director Eli Goodsell and Field Director Dr. Don Hankins.

### Stop 2 – Woodland Park HOA – 1:45pm - 2:20pm

- Directions from Chico: Drive east on Hwy 32 PAST BCCER. Gate will be open, meet at 14954 Woodland Park Drive. Woodland Park is on the left (North) side of the highway. The median has a protected left turn lane, but if it's full of cars turning you can pull into the driveway for the HOA on the right and use that as a safe zone for accessing Woodland Park on the opposite side.
- Topics Covered: We will access a proposed prescribed burn location identified by the HOA community as a priority for safety of both the homes as well as evacuation along Hwy 32. We will discuss identifying appropriate burn locations, preparation for burning and what steps need to be taken for compliance with CALFire and the Butte Co Air Quality Management District (BCAQMD). Presenters will include members of the HOA, CALFire, AQMD and Butte Co Prescribed Burn Association.

### Stop 3 – Tollgate Rd – 2:30pm – 3:00pm

- Directions from Chico: Drive east on Hwy 32 PAST Woodland Park HOA. At the 23 mile marker at the top of the hill on the left (North) side of the highway you'll see Tollgate Rd off to the left. There is no protected turn here, you can pull off to the right and wait until there is an opportunity to cross Hwy 32 to Tollgate. If you come down the hill and see the Forest Ranch Store on your left, you'll need to turn around. There is no actual address to the property.
- Topics Covered: We will assess the impacts of a previous prescribed fire on private land, talk with a neighbor about motivations for implementing the burn, and how CALFire partnered in order to ensure burning was conducted safely and successfully.