



Press Release

Notice of Fuels Reduction: Bald Madrone #2 Project

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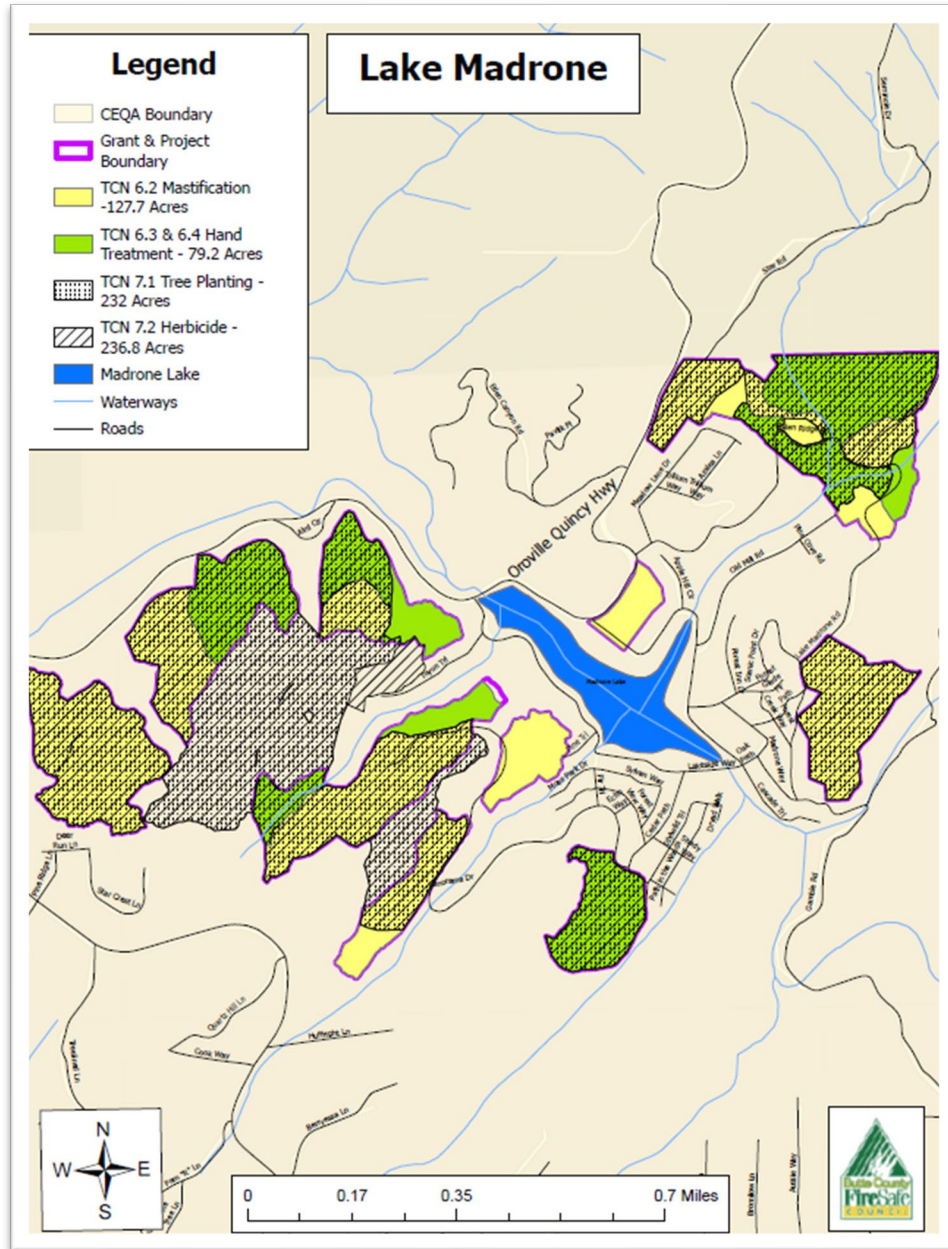


A fuels reduction project in the community of Berry Creek is underway to improve wildfire safety and forest resilience. The project began on April 14th, 2023, and is expected to be completed on August 31st, 2023. The work will take place near Lake Madrone and will consist of mastication, hand cutting, and chipping of smaller trees, dead trees, and brush. The work is being conducted by the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) through a California Climate Investment (CCI) grant.

"Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Forest Health Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program."

The project will be implemented on 206.9 acres to mitigate wildfire risk, reduce hazardous fuels, and enhance the safety of the community of Berry Creek and its residents. The purpose of this project is to restore forest health to the Berry Creek community and to reduce the rate that fire can spread, the intensity at which it burns, spacing trees to 18 to 25 feet, and removing material to create a forest that is more resistant to wildfire. This project is strategically located to connect with a previously completed project and is part of a greater effort to provide overall community safety and forest health. Residents can expect to see hand crews and mechanical work while operations are underway. The project is part of a larger community action plan to increase resiliency and forest health.

The BCFSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit, grassroots community organization that has a variety of fuels reduction and forest health projects in operation around Butte County including Forbestown, Berry Creek, Forest Ranch, Cohasset, Paradise, Big Chico Creek Canyon, and Oroville Foothills.



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