



## Press Release

# Notice of Fuels Reduction: Grazing Project

## Ishi Hills Middle School, 2023

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*Ishi Middle School Grazing Project, 2023*

Grazing projects, such as this, are threatened by the passing of the new California Labor Law AB 1099, due to take effect in January 2024. This would halt the ability to fund goat grazing projects for wildfire prevention, limiting the ability to protect schools and communities with grazing and making it unaffordable for grazing contractors to employ necessary staff. AB 1099 directly conflicts with California's strategy to reduce wildfire risk with "Targeted Grazing". The BCFSC completed over 1,000 acres of "Targeted Grazing" in just under three years. This new legislation could cease grazing projects in Butte County, and throughout the state. For more information about grazing, call us 530-877-0984.

As part of the ongoing effort to increase public safety and reduce hazardous fuels in Oroville, the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC), in partnership with the Oroville City Elementary School District, will conduct 25 acres of fuels reduction with grazing. The project is located at 1 Ishi Hills Way, Oroville, CA. Targeted grazing is used to reduce dense vegetation, as well as restore forest health and improve watershed resilience. Goats and sheep will eat hazardous fuels adjacent to Ishi Hills Middle School, as part of the continued effort to increase the capacity of grazing programs in Butte County. Grazing is an essential tool in preventing high severity wildfire.

This project is supported with private funds from the Butte County Fire Safe Council, raised with community donations, annual memberships, and fundraising at the 2023 Paradise Grazing Festival. Grazing is scheduled to continue through September 2023.

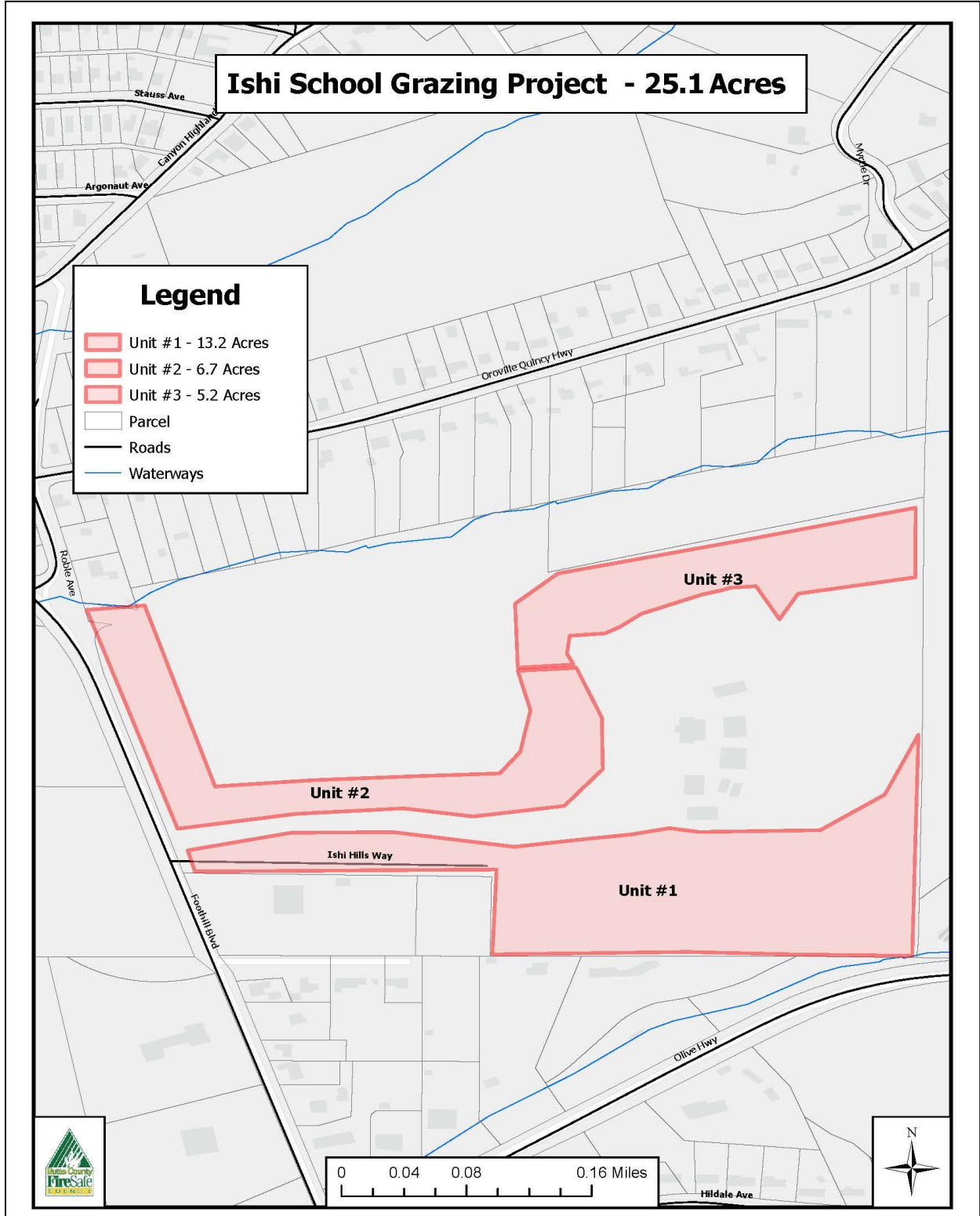


*Hardworking, four-legged firefighters*

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