

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

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RELEASE DATE: September 18th, 2023

Information: Phoenix (Prescribed Fire)

Project Name: Phoenix

Location: East Oroville, specifically south of Forbestown Road and west of Hurleton Swedes Flat Road in the area of Phoenix Hill.

Project Size: Approximately 431 acres of prescribe fire in the Phoenix project area.

Objective: To reduce hazardous fuels, enhance natural resources, and increase public safety in the Hurleton, Swedes Flat, East Oroville and Robinson Mill communities.

Prescribed Fire Period: Planned for mid to late October or early November, weather permitting.

Residential Burn Suspension: The residential burn suspension remains in effect in Butte County. This prescribed burn is being conducted in accordance with section 4423.2 of the Public Resources Code where CAL FIRE may issue restricted temporary burning permits whenever it can be shown that burning or use of open fire is essential for reasons of public health, safety, or welfare.

Project Description: CAL FIRE-Butte Unit is undertaking the Phoenix prescribed fire project in the Phoenix Hill area east of Mt. Ida community this fall. The project will employ prescribed fire alongside other vegetation management techniques to achieve its objectives.

Project Details: The Phoenix Prescribed Fire aims to treat approximately 431 acres of land in East Oroville of Butte County. 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: Prescribed burns are essential for reducing fire fuels in areas of Butte County that may have not seen fire in over 20 years. Additionally, mastication and fuels reduction efforts are currently underway in the area to further enhance safety and fire resilience. The safety 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, please contact the CAL FIRE Butte Unit Public Information Officer at (530)521-8265.

