



Press Release

Notice of Fuels Reduction: Grazing Project Kunkle Reservoir, 2023

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Kunkle Reservoir Grazing Project, 2023

As part of the ongoing effort to increase public safety and reduce hazardous fuels on the ridge, the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) a non-profit, in partnership with CAL FIRE, will conduct 8 acres of fuels reduction with grazing south of Paradise. Funded by the California Climate Investments (CCI) Hazardous Fuels Reduction for Camp and North Complex Fires.

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 Kunkle Reservoir along Pentz Rd, 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. The project fills an essential need by implementing fuels reduction along evacuation routes. Over time, effective reduction of vegetative fuels develops strong shaded fuel breaks, thereby reducing wildfire risk.

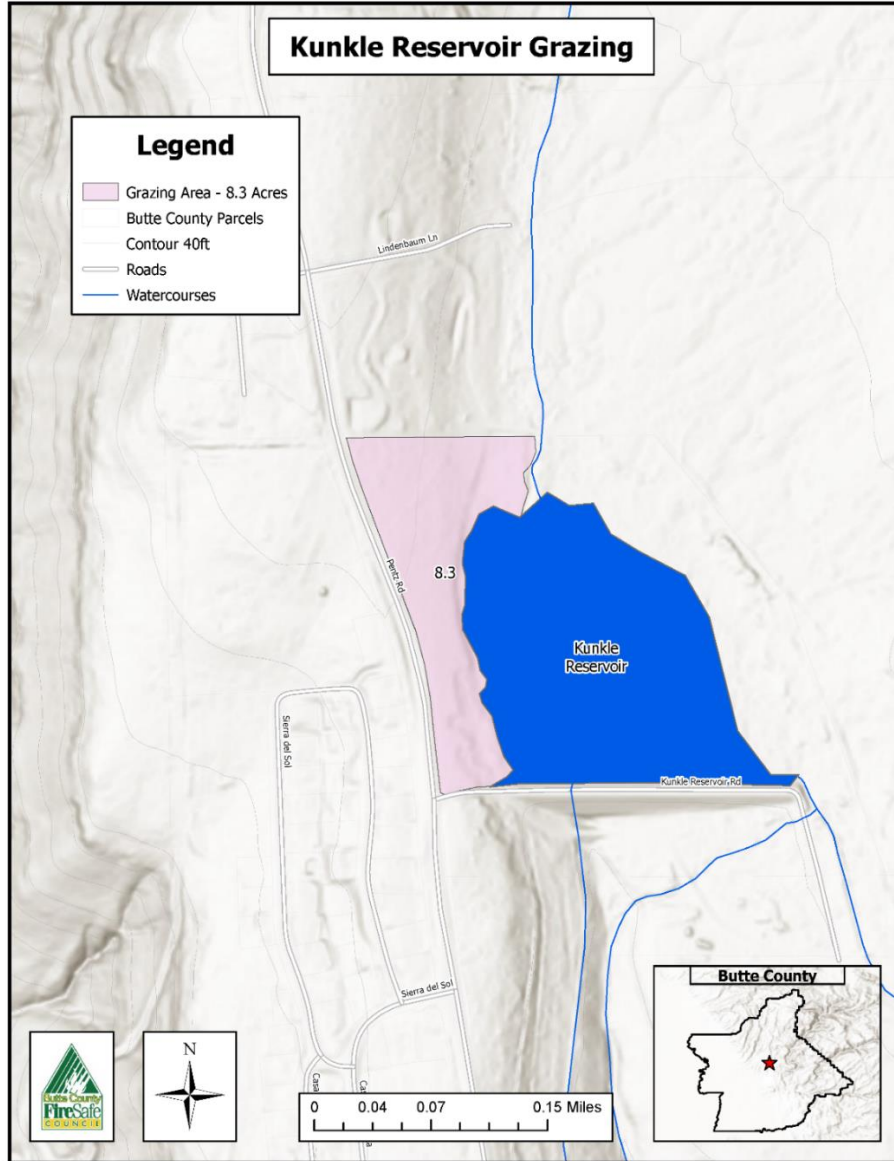
Grazing projects, such as this, are threatened by the passing of the new California Labor Law AB 1099, due to take effect in January 2024. This would make it much more expensive to complete goat grazing projects for wildfire prevention, limiting the ability to protect evacuation routes in communities 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 the BCFSC office at 530-877-0984.



Hardworking, four-legged firefighters



The BCFSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit, grassroots community organization.



Hazardous Fuels Reduction for Camp and North Complex Fires, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment— particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.