

2023 In Review

12/06/23

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Today's Agenda:

Overview and Look Back of 2023

- Organizational Growth
- Partnership Growth
- Boots on the Ground Progress
- Education and Outreach



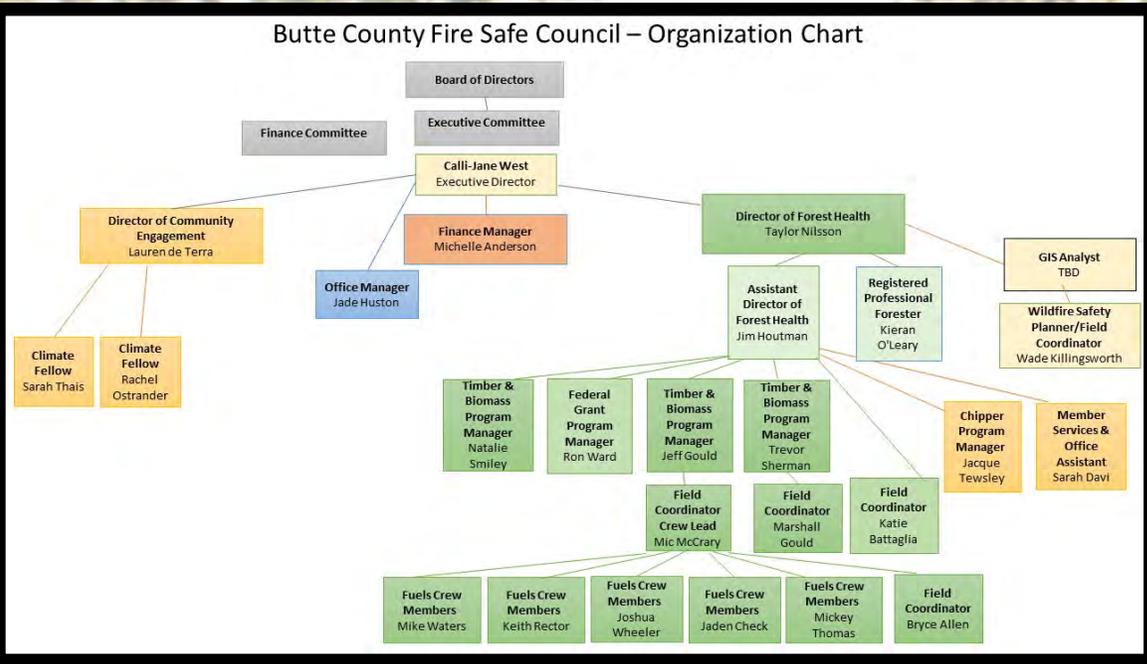
BCFSC Growth

23 staff in 2022 to 40 in 2023

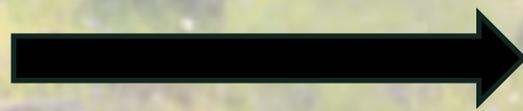


Organizational Growth

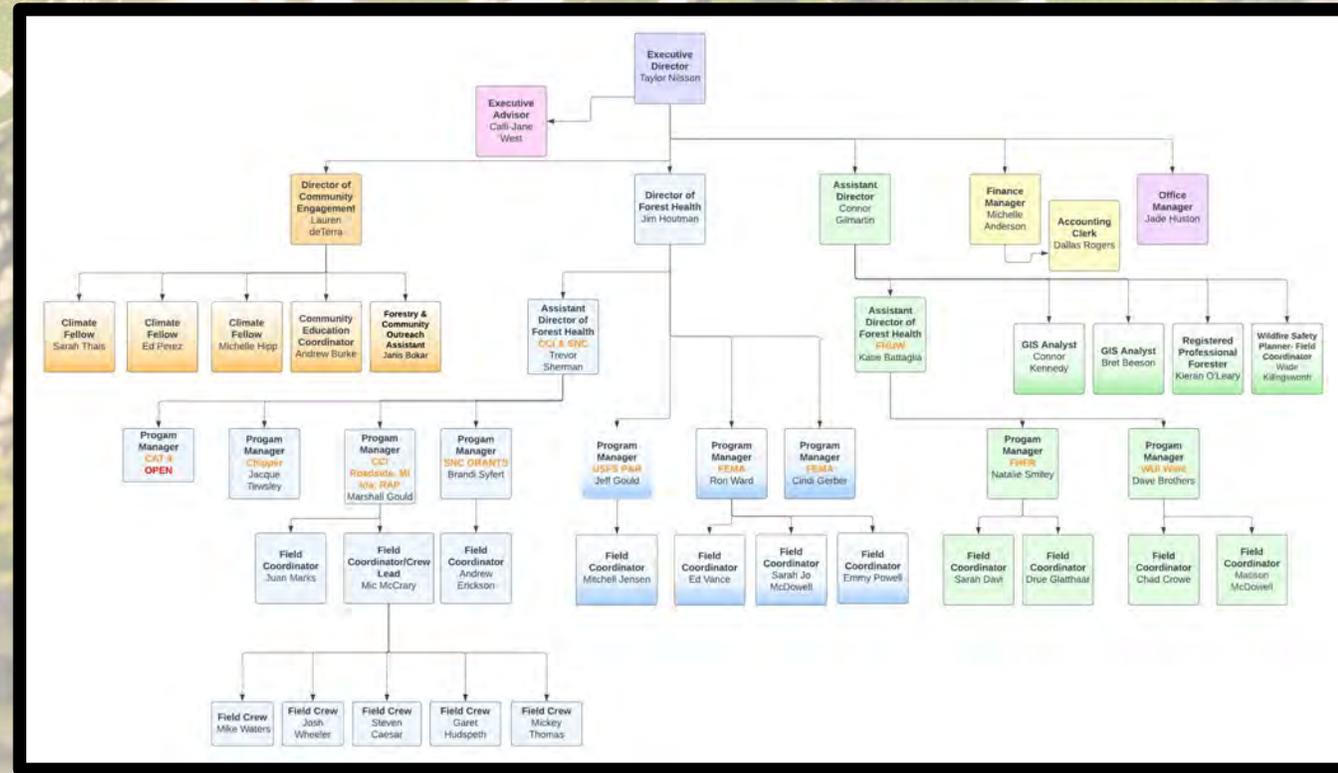
Butte County Fire Safe Council – Organization Chart



2022



2023



Collaboration and Partnership

Collaborative Opportunities

- Butte County Collaborative Group (BCCG)
- 9 MOU's Signed
- Brown Bag Lunches
- Collaborative Projects



We Moved!

**Visit us at
6569 Clark Rd, Paradise**



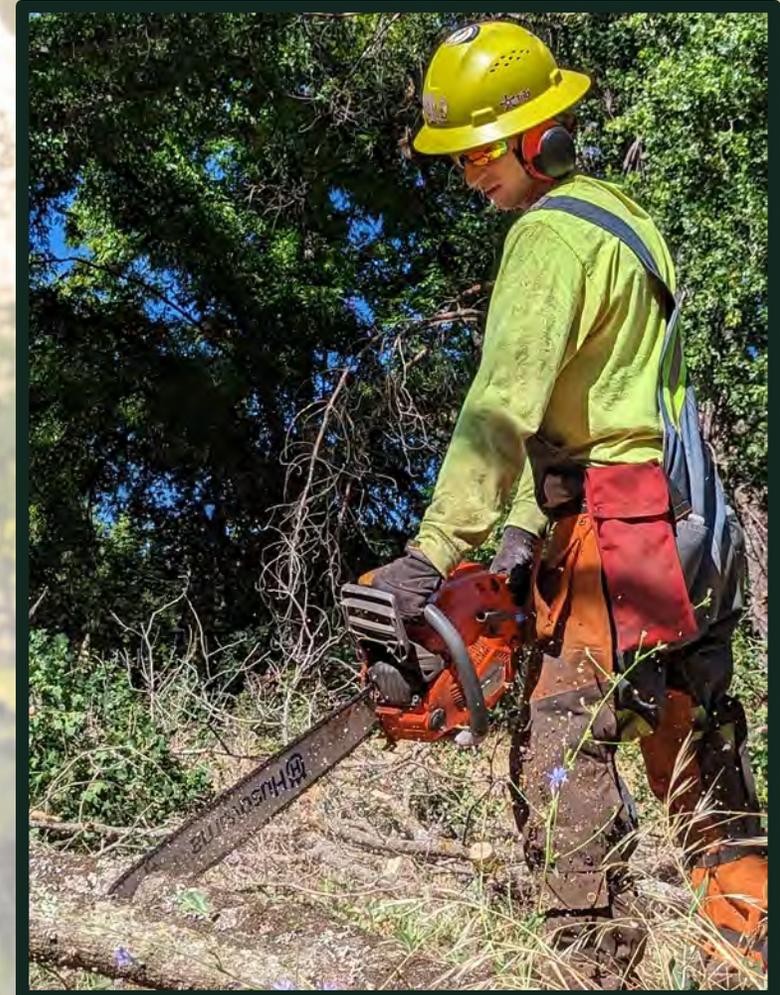


Projects and Programs

2023 Boots on the Ground Accomplishments

Acres Treated in the WUI

- **2022** – 2,754 Acres
- **2023** – 3,514 Acres
- **Chipper Program** – 667 Acres
- **Hazardous Tree Removal** – 55 Acres
- **Grazing** – 173 Acres
- **Forest Health Projects** – 2,619 Acres



FEMA

- 1,661 Enrolled
- County-Wide
 - 500ft of Evacuation Routes
 - Hazard Tree Removal and Defensible Space
- Phase I Completed in 2024



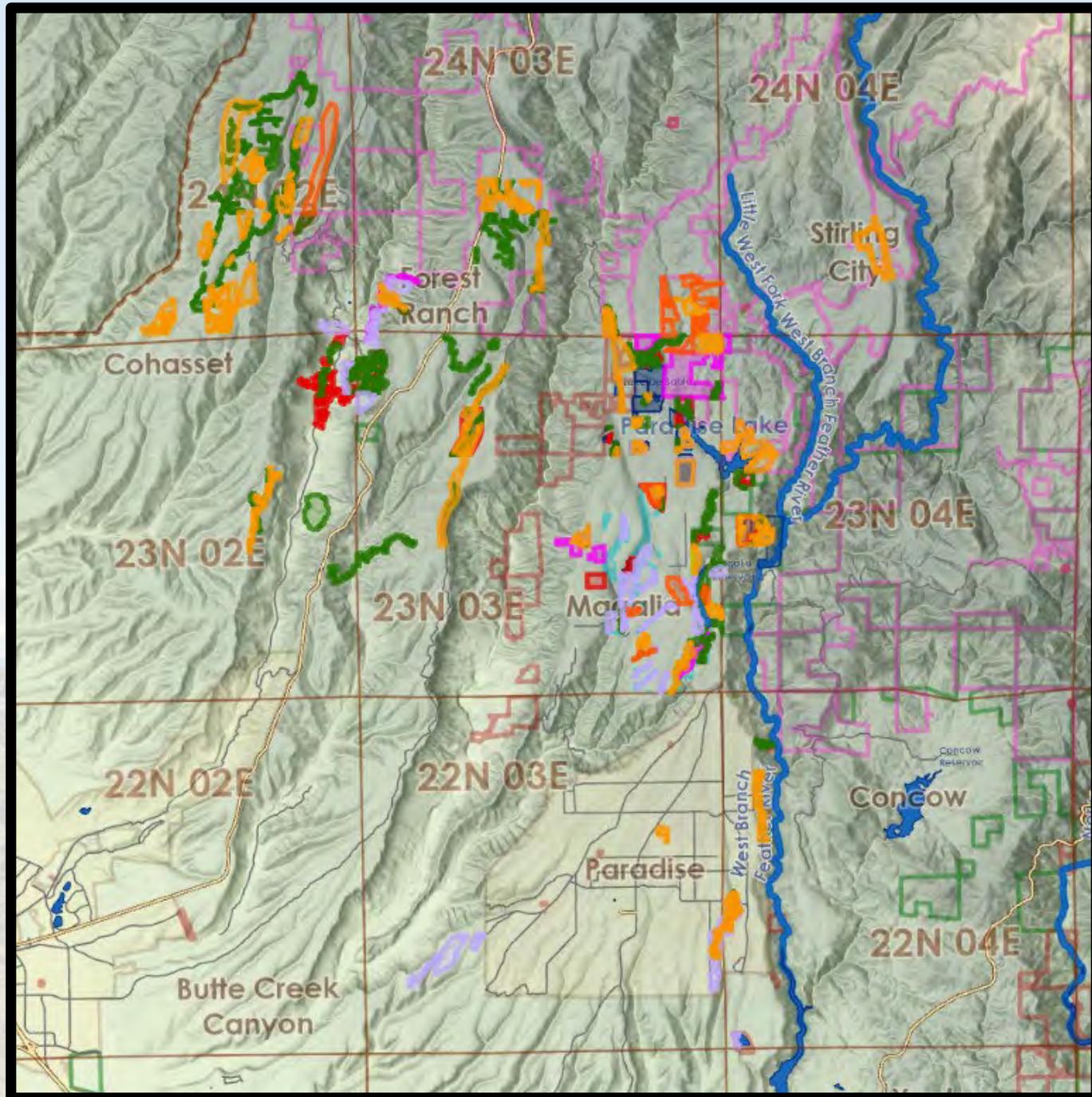
Chipper and Resident Assistance Program (RAP)

- Purchased our own Chipper
- Purchased three BCFSC trucks
- 501 Chipper sites
- 131 RAP sites





GIS Development



Forest Health Project Highlights

- Cohasset
- Forest Ranch
- Big Chico Creek
- Paradise Ridge
- Little Chico Creek
- Concow/Yankee Hill
- Berry Creek
- Forbestown/Clipper Mills



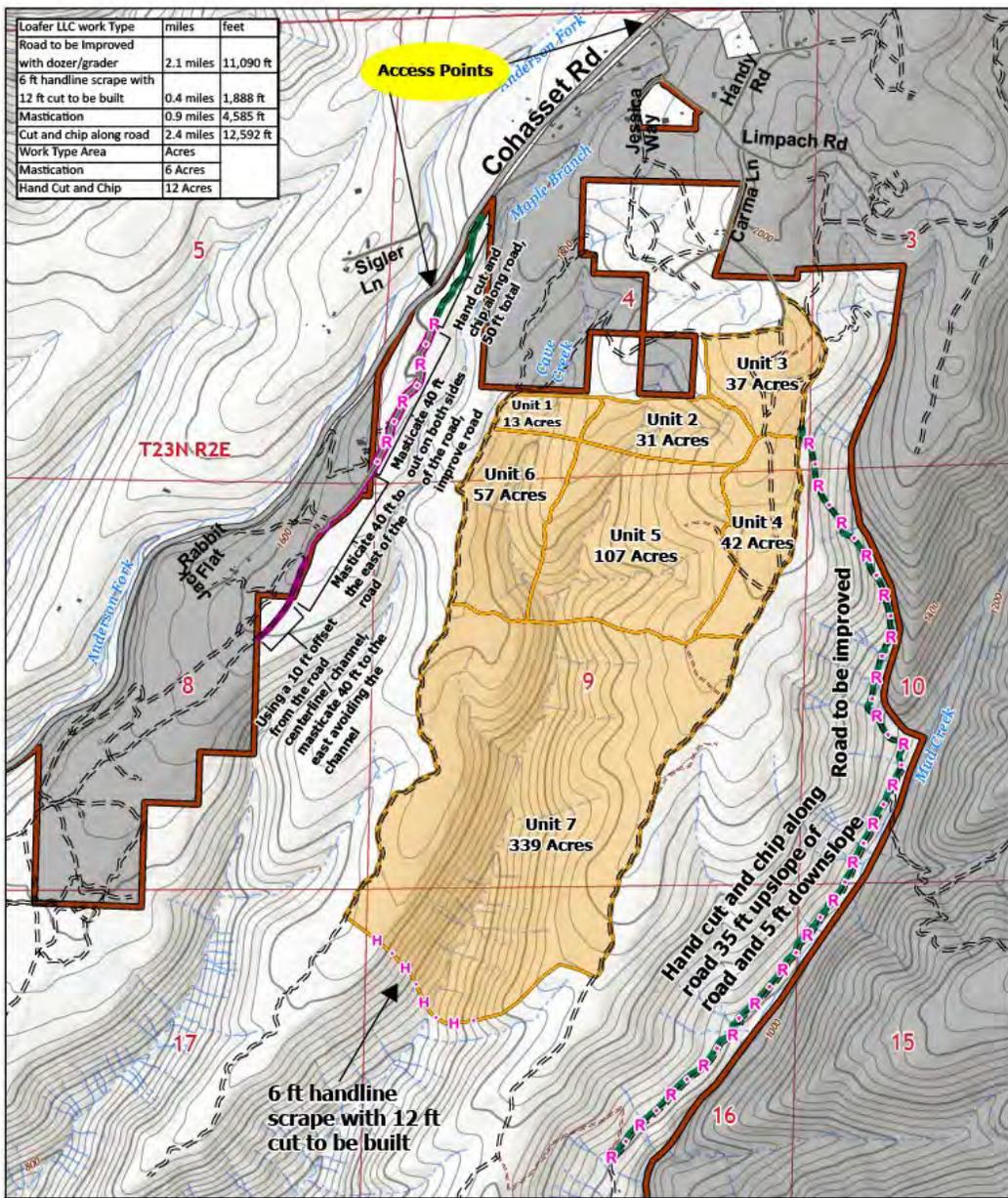
Cohasset

Collaboration for Prescribed Fire

- Preparing project sites to receive beneficial fire
- Collaboration with Butte County RCD – PBA
- CAL FIRE Cave VMP Support

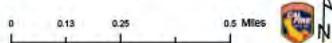


Loafer LLC work Type	miles	feet
Road to be improved with dozer/grader	2.1 miles	11,090 ft
6 ft handline scrape with 12 ft cut to be built	0.4 miles	1,888 ft
Mastication	0.9 miles	4,585 ft
Cut and chip along road	2.4 miles	12,592 ft
Work Type Area	Acres	
Mastication	6 Acres	
Hand Cut and Chip	12 Acres	

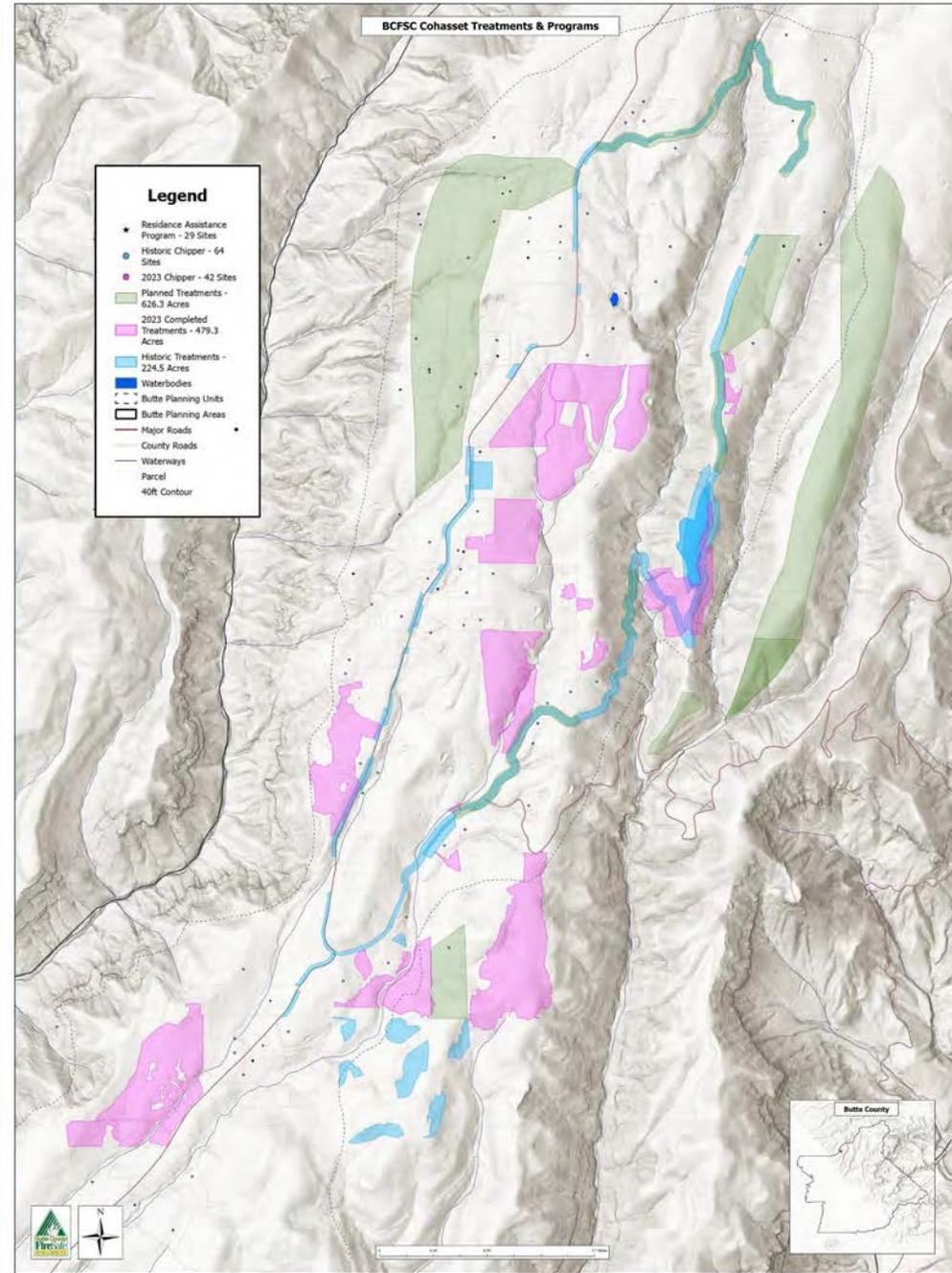


Loafer LLC VMP
Contractor Map
August 31, 2023

- H - 6 ft handline scrape with 12 ft cut to be built
- R - Road to be improved
- M - Needs Mastication
- C - Cut and chip along road
- ▭ - Prescribed Fire Burn Unit
- ▭ - Project Boundary
- ▭ - No CEQA Yet
- ▭ - Marginal Road



BCFSC Cohasset Treatments & Programs



- Legend**
- ★ Residence Assistance Program - 29 Sites
 - Historic Chipper - 64 Sites
 - 2023 Chipper - 42 Sites
 - ▭ Planned Treatments - 626.3 Acres
 - ▭ 2023 Completed Treatments - 479.3 Acres
 - ▭ Historic Treatments - 224.5 Acres
 - ▭ Waterbodies
 - ▭ Butte Planning Units
 - ▭ Butte Planning Areas
 - ▭ Major Roads
 - ▭ County Roads
 - ▭ Waterways
 - ▭ Parcel
 - ▭ 40ft Contour





Before



After

Forest Ranch

Roadside Fuels Reduction

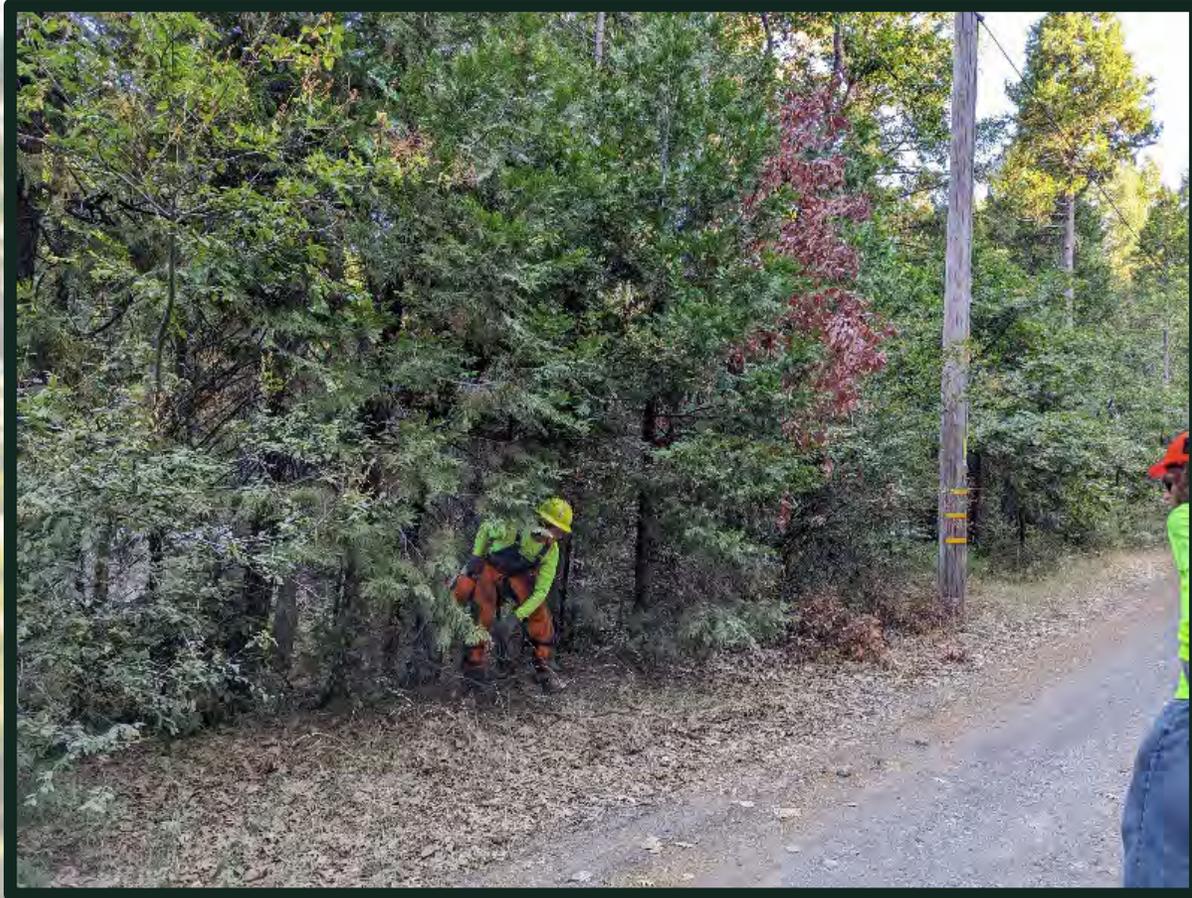
Headwaters Rd

- 43 Roadside Acres

BCFSC Crew

- Cohasset, Magalia, Forbestown





Before



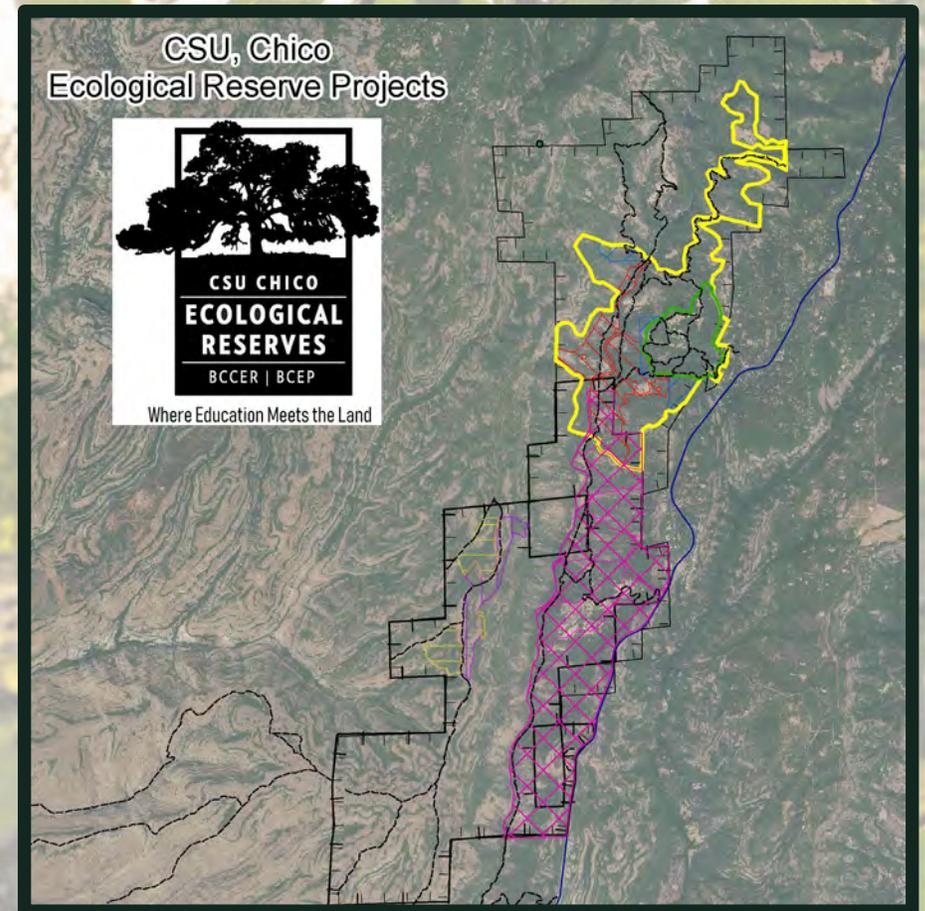
After

Headwaters Rd

Big Chico Creek Canyon

Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve

- BCCER stewarding 189 acres in 2023
- Ongoing Prescribed Fire Projects
- Grazing



Paradise Ridge



Holistic Landscape-Level Forest Health



Little Chico Creek



Little Chico Creek

- Butte County's newest Fire Safe Council
- Collaborative project with CCC's, City of Chico, Butte College, BCCER
- Grazing Project



Concow / Yankee Hill

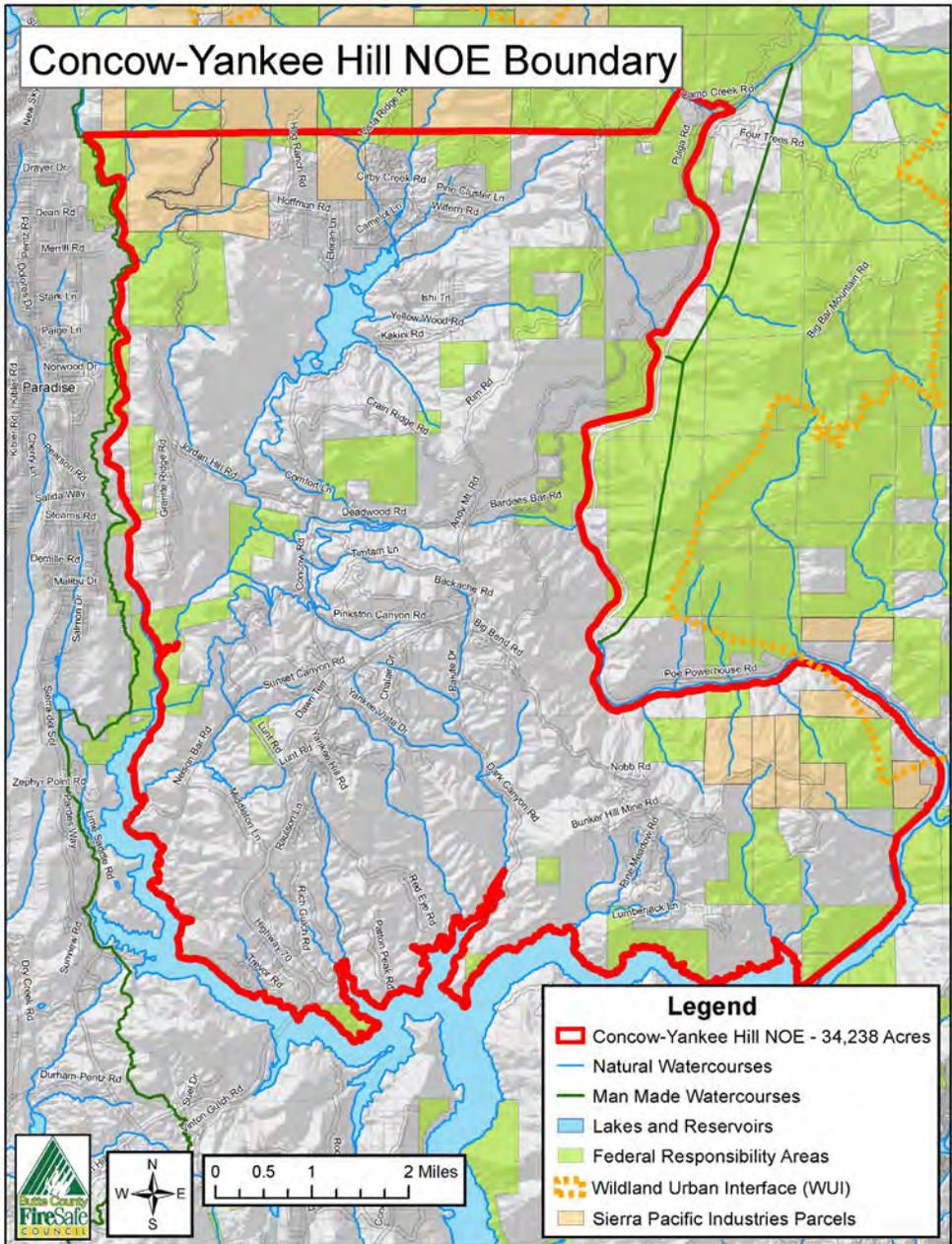


Concow-Yankee Hill NOE Boundary

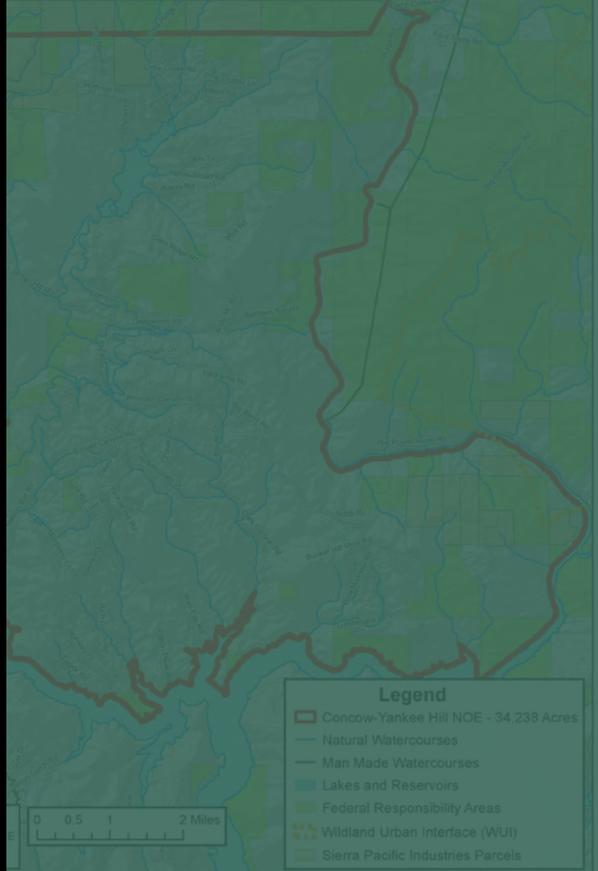
NOE - 34,234 Acres

YHFSC, BCFSC, RCD

Chipper and RAP



Concow-Yankee Hill NOE Boundary



Berry Creek / Brush Creek



Hazard Tree Removal and Reforestation

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• Residents
– 302 Ha

• Lake Ma
Restorati

• 232 acres

• Chico Sta

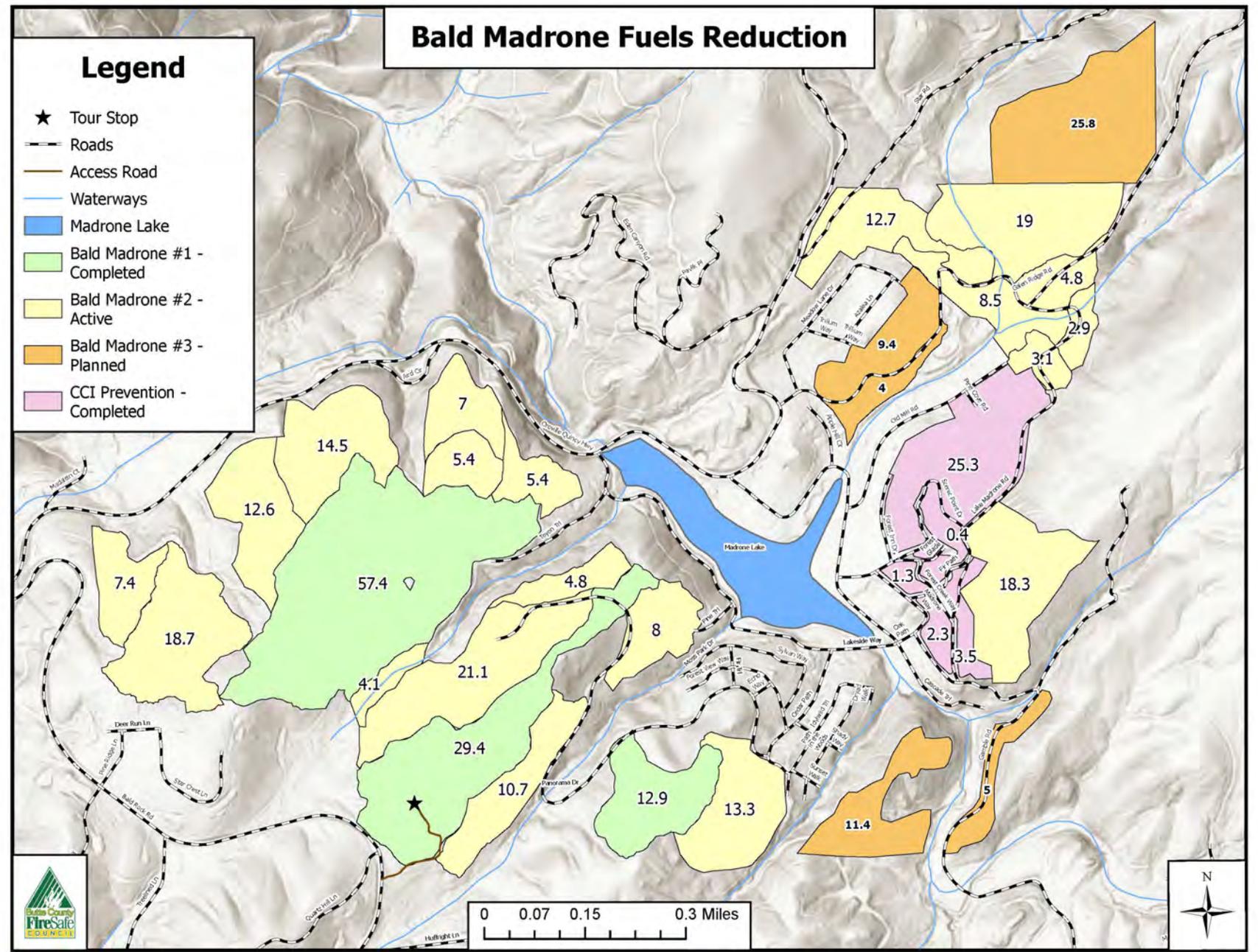
Brush Cree

• 95 acres

Bald Madrone Fuels Reduction

Legend

- ★ Tour Stop
- Roads
- Access Road
- Waterways
- Madrone Lake
- Bald Madrone #1 - Completed
- Bald Madrone #2 - Active
- Bald Madrone #3 - Planned
- CCI Prevention - Completed



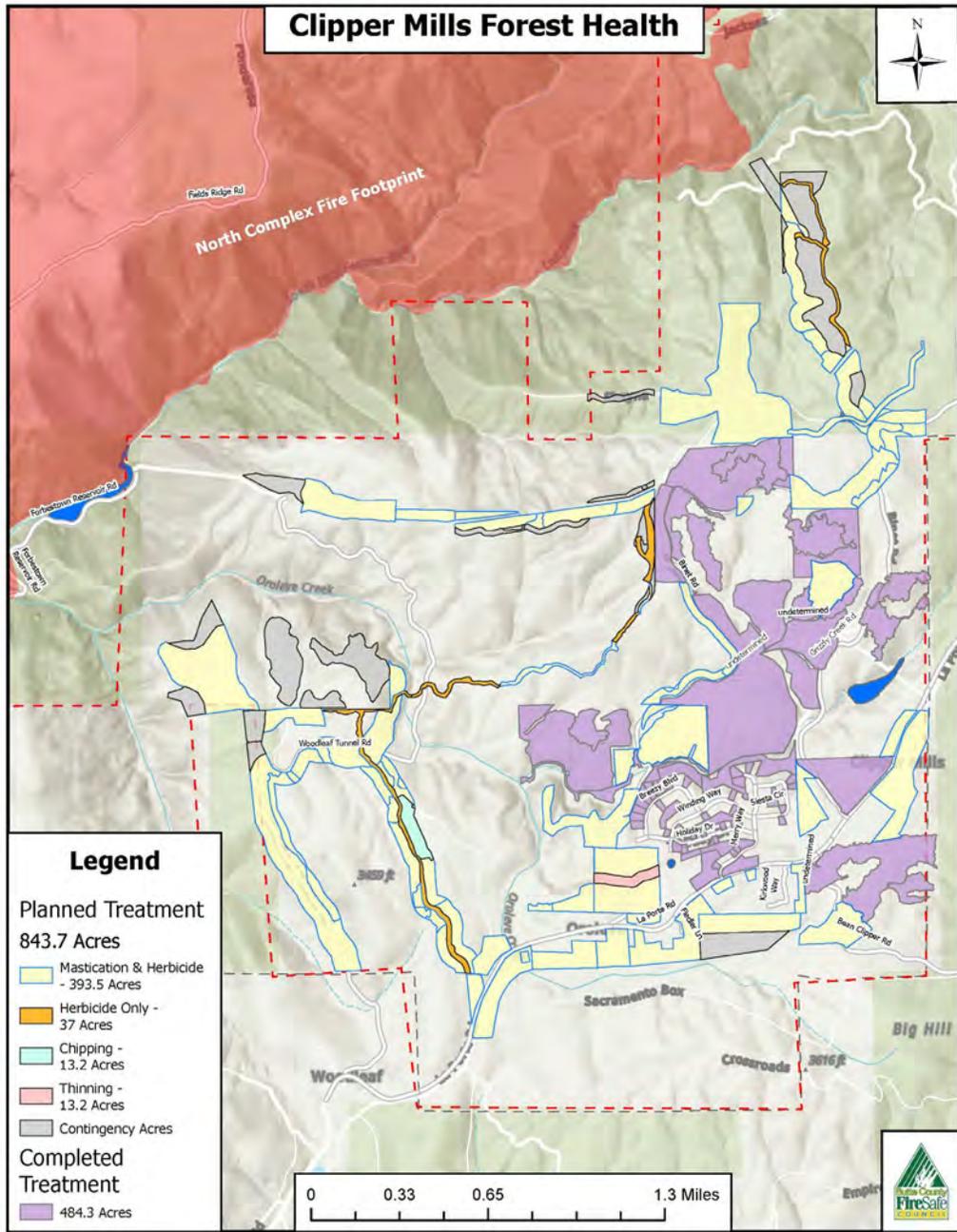
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Forbestown Ridge & Clipper Mills



Clipper Mills Forest Health



Historical Planning

Clipper Mills Protect Plan

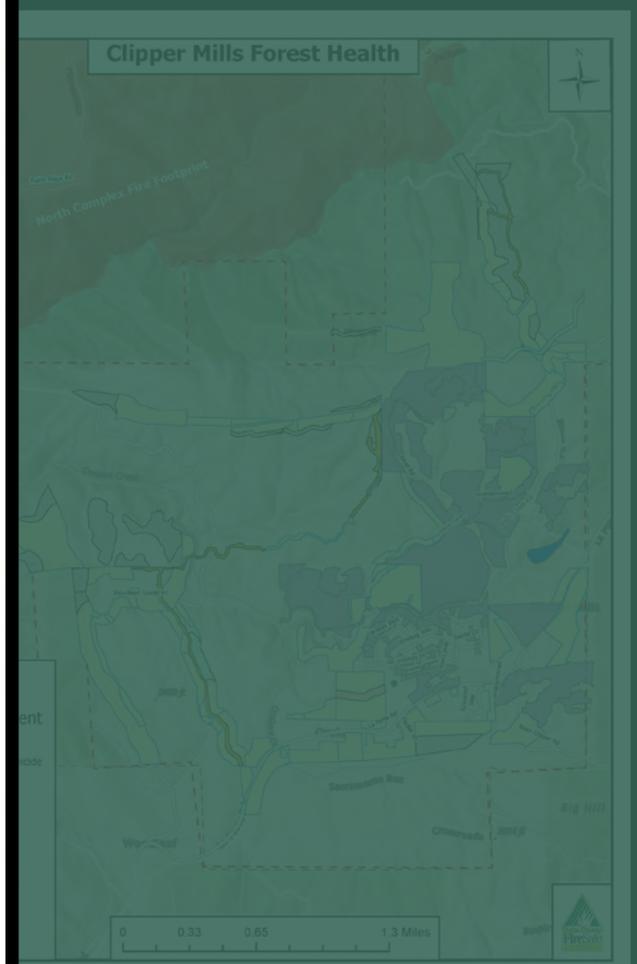
Partners

- Clipper Mills FSC
- Merry Mountain Villa
- Chy Company
- Siller Brothers
- Sierra Pacific Industries

Multi-year implementation

2023 – 199 acres

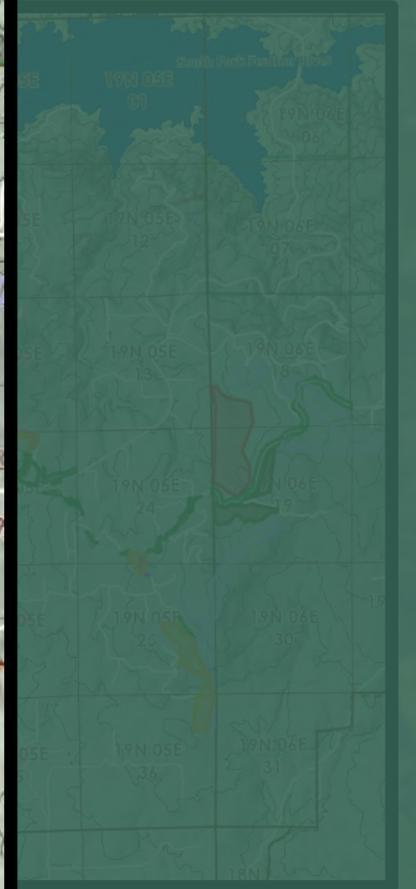
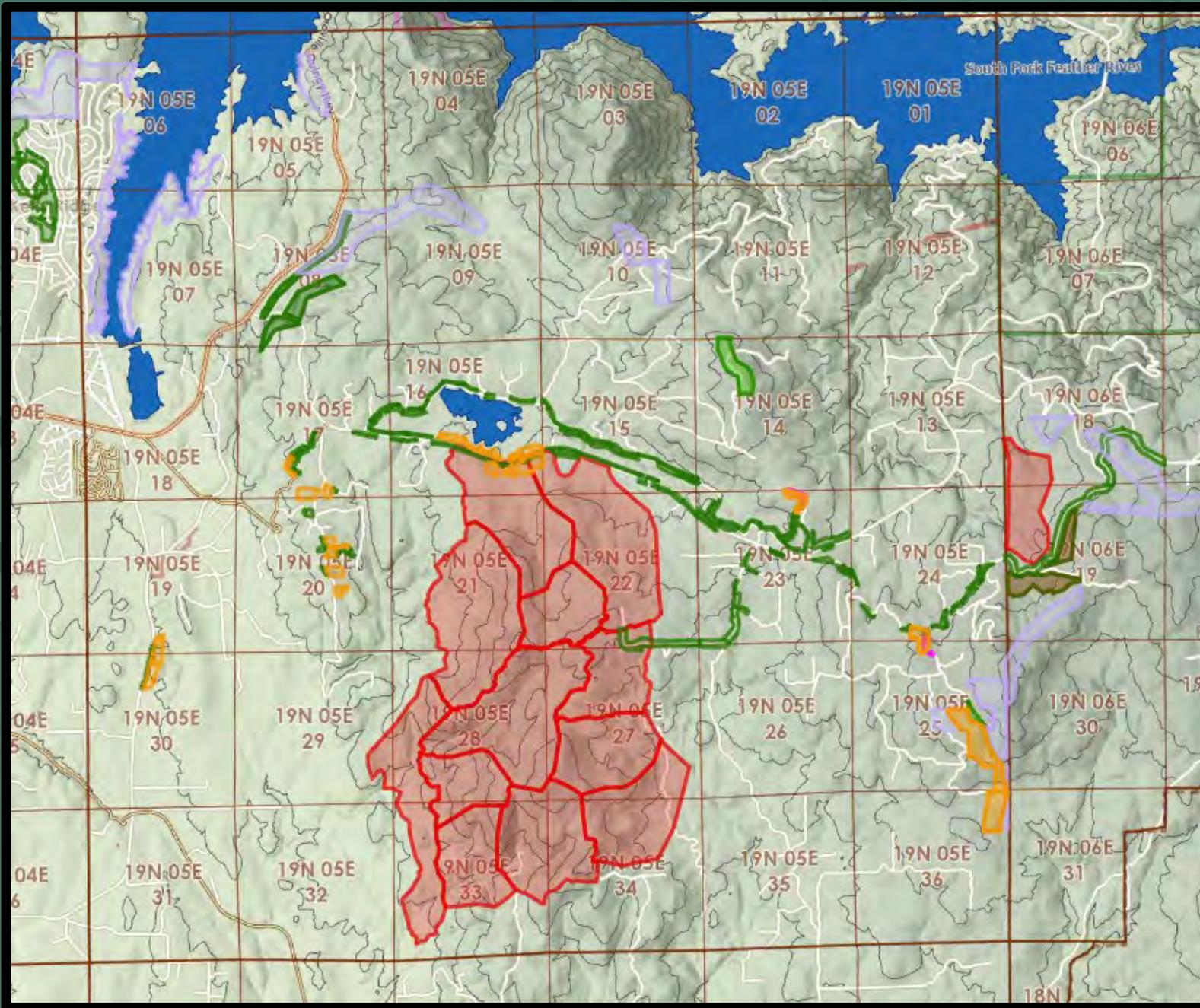
Clipper Mills Forest Health



CAL FIRE Photo

Mt. Ida Road

Defensible Space



Firewise USA

- Bille Park Firewise Certified
- 21 Firewise communities in-progress in Paradise





Education & Outreach





Paradise Grazing Festival

- Our largest community event to date!
- Goat yoga, petting zoo, speaker series, dog herding demonstration, and more!
- 43 vendor and partner booths.
- Estimated 3,000 community members attended.

School Programs

School programs offered for the first time since the 2018 Camp Fire.

Wildfire Ready Raccoon Program: Grades 2-4
- 270 students educated in Paradise and Oroville.

Wildfire in the Foothills Program: 6th Grade
120 students educated in Paradise and Oroville.

Collaboration with CAL FIRE/Butte County to bring fire engine and personnel to support lessons.



Volunteers in Action



Volunteer Engagement

- Adopt a Forest
- Doom the Broom
- Event Support- Tabling, Library Programs, Grazing Festival
- Firewise USA and Local Fire Safe Councils
- California Climate Action Corps Program
- Match/Volunteer Hours submitted – 3,207

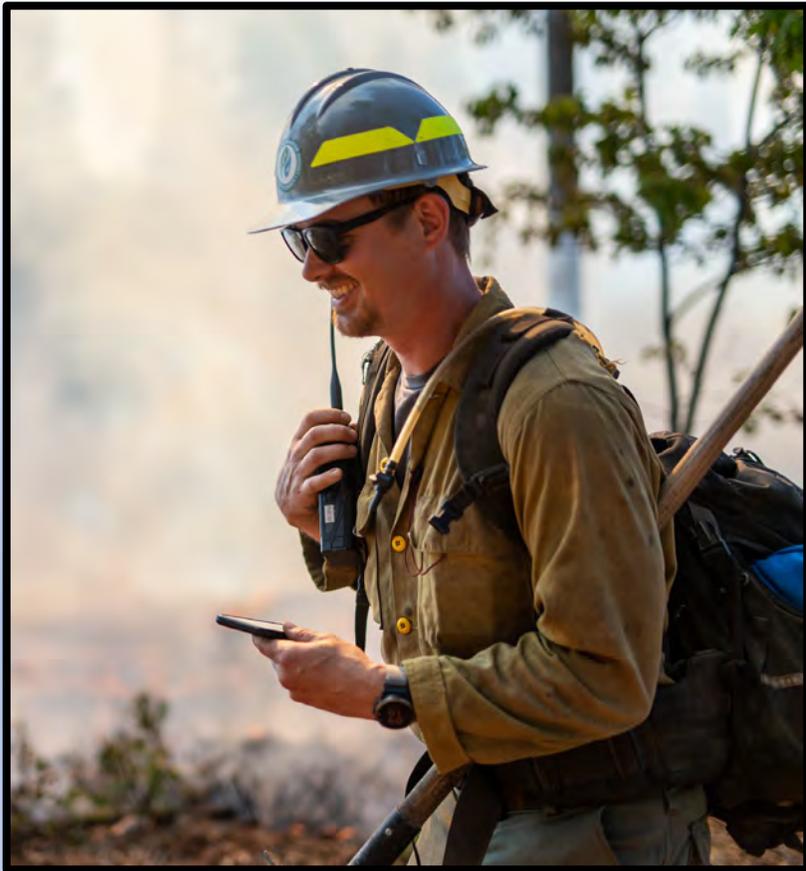


BCFSC 25th Anniversary Events

- Oct 7th – Yankee Hill Annual Swap Meet
- Oct 7th – Clipper Mills Tour and Rib Cook-off
- Oct 8th – Johnny Appleseed Days, Paradise
- Oct 12th – Wilder Than Wild film at Oroville State Theatre
- Oct 15th – Noble Orchard Apple Picking Fundraiser
- Oct 20th – Make a Difference Days/ Adopt-a-Forest, Paradise
- Oct 21st – Butte County Climate Action Day, Lower Bidwell Park







Thank you to our Partners and Funders!

25 years of wildfire safety and an amazing 2023!