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Press Release Notice of Fuels Reduction POA Ferg-cine Biomass Project

A fuels reduction project in the community of Magalia will begin soon to enhance wildfire safety and forest health. The project will begin in the end of **April** and continue into Summer of 2024. The scope of the project includes 13 acres of mastication and biomass removal.

Our objective is to reduce the rate at which a potential fire can spread, the intensity at which it burns, and improve tree-stand health. By eliminating ladder fuels and removing

excessive vegetation, we aim to create

a forest that is more resistant to wildfire. Residents can expect to see crews working in the vicinity of Racine Cir and Ferguson Dr. The project is part of a larger community action plan to increase wildfire resiliency and public safety. The project is being conducted by the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) through a California Climate Investment (CCI) grant.

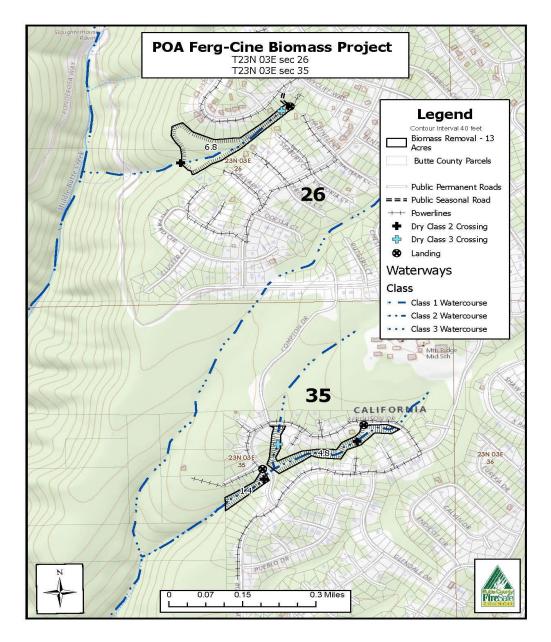
The BCFSC is a grassroots, non-profit organization that has a variety of fuels reduction and forest health projects in operation around Butte County, including Forbestown, Berry Creek, Forest Ranch, Cohasset, Paradise, and



Figure 1: Unhealthy Forest in the project area.



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