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## Press Release

### Goats Graze Adjacent to Lower Paradise for Wildfire Safety *Blue Oak Terrace Homeowners Association*



Residents near lower Paradise in the Blue Oak Terrace Homeowners Association can again expect to see goats grazing on the peninsula adjacent to the Skyway east bound corridor over the next month as part of a fuel reduction project, managed by the local non-profit, Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC). This will be the second grazing treatment for this acreage, a continued effort to maintain a previous forest management project, completed since 2018.

The grazing will improve the community's wildfire safety by

grazing areas where thick brush and ladder fuels were thinned by mechanized equipment in 2020. The area had been severely burned by the 2018 Camp Fire. The project builds upon the BCFSC Grazing Program, which has been growing for the last 3 years, and has included areas around Magalia Reservoir, Pine Ridge Elementary School, West Branch of the Feather River, and Lakeland in Oroville. Aside from their nimbleness, goats are a



useful fuels reduction method since they mimic natural grazers and return some of the ecosystem processes back to the land. "The goats are a great way to keep fire-hazardous vegetation at bay and are helping enhance evacuation safety along the Skyway," says Calli-Jane West, BCFSC Executive Director.



The goats are being managed by a local herder and have water on-site. They are moved through the treatment areas by herdsman and herd dogs.

"We are really happy with how the goats are able to navigate the post fire environment. With all the regrowth we have seen in the last two years and invasion of non-native species, the goats are a crucial tool."

-Jeff Gould, Program Manager

with the BCFSC.

If you are interested in joining the grazing effort on your property, contact [jgould@buttefiresafe.net](mailto:jgould@buttefiresafe.net) and visit our grazing webpage <https://buttefiresafe.net/grazing/> to learn more.

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