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Goats Graze Dry Creek Canyon Paradise for Wildfire Safety

Dry Creek Canyon between Stearns Rd and Edgewood Ln

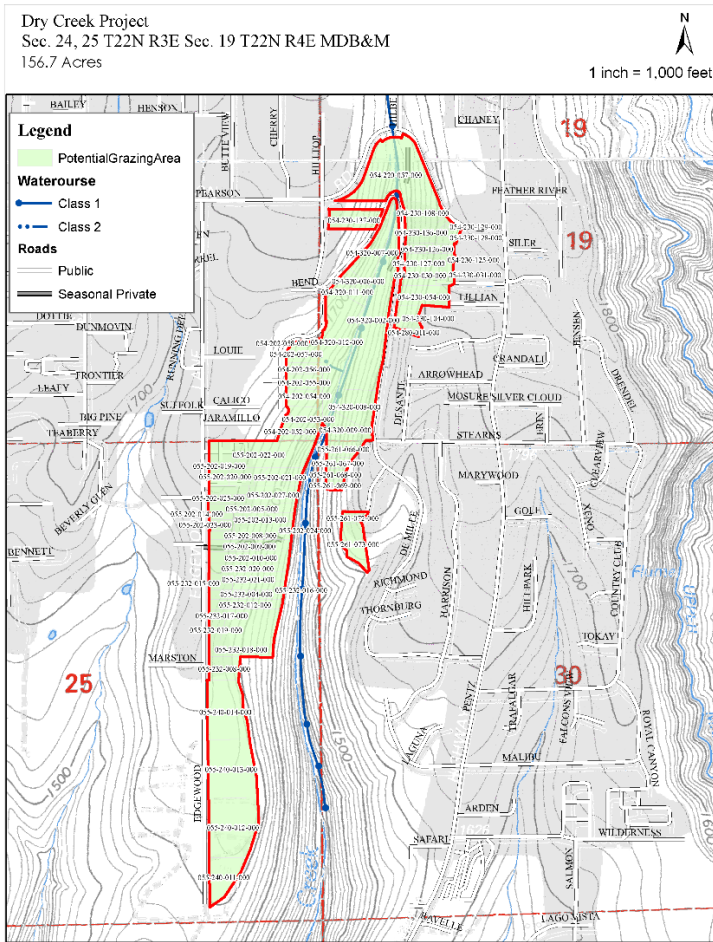


Residents in lower Paradise between Stearns Rd and Edgewood Ln can expect to see goats grazing on the Dry Creek Canyon drainage in the coming weeks. The area was part of a prior fuels reduction project which mitigated dead and dying trees and thick brush from the Camp Fire of 2018 to improve community wildfire safety.

Over the next two months, up to 150 acres will be grazed as part of the maintenance of the fuels reduction project.

The grazing is managed by the local non-profit, Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC).

The project builds upon the BCFSC Grazing Program, which has been growing for the last three years and has included projects around Magalia Reservoir, Pine Ridge Elementary School, the West Branch of the Feather River, lower Paradise, and Lakeland in Oroville. Aside from their nimbleness, goats are a useful fuels reduction strategy 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 Pearson Rd, Edgewood Ln, and Stearns Rd," 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, the goats are a crucial tool," says Jeff Gould, Program Manager with the BCFSC.

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

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