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Press Release Fuels Reduction Project: Paradise Pines Property Owners Association (PPPOA)

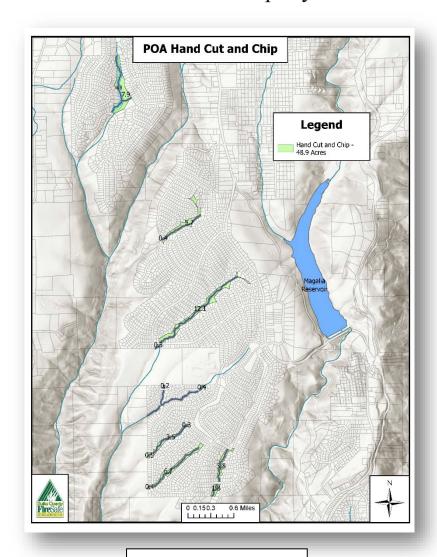


Figure 1: Project Map

A fuels reduction project in the community of Magalia is expected to begin in June of 2023. The goal of this project is to reduce wildfire severity in the upper ridge community. Mitigating excessive fuels will improve wildfire safety and forest resilience. The work will consist of mastication, hand cutting, chipping, and grazing.

Some of the material may be chipped and removed to a biomass plant where it can be used to generate electricity. Residents can expect to see crews and equipment in the PPPOA community while operations are underway. The work is being conducted by the Butte County Fire Safe Council through a California Climate Investment (CCI) grant.



Figure 2: Unhealthy forest in the project area

The Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit, grassroots community organization. The BCFSC has a variety of fuels reduction and forest health projects in operation around Butte County including Forbestown, Berry Creek, Forest Ranch, Cohasset, Paradise, Big Chico Creek Canyon, and Oroville Foothills.

More information can be found on the organization website <u>www.Buttefiresafe.net</u> or by phone at (530) 877-0984.

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