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Press Release Notice of Fuels Reduction POA PID Upper Ridge Restoration 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 **December 2023** and continue into Spring of 2024. The scope of the project includes 78.4 acres of mastication and 75 acres hand cut and pile for a total of **153.4 Acres**.

Our objective is to reduce the rate at which a potential fire can spread, the intensity at

which it burns, and improve treestand 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 Magalia Reservoir (Skyway Rd. X Coutolenc Rd.) 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.

Figure 2: Unhealthy forest in the project area.



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 Oroville Foothills. More information can be found on our website <u>www.buttefiresafe.net</u> or by calling the office at (530)877-0984.



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