



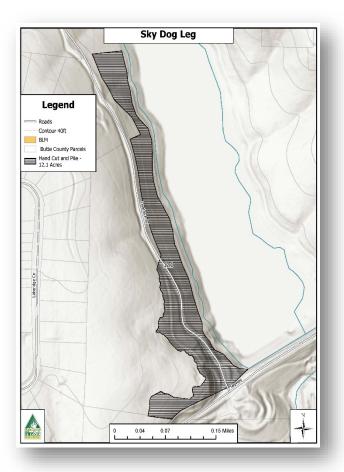


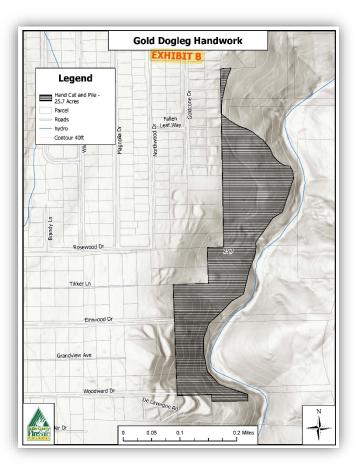
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Press Release

Paradise Irrigation District (PID) Fuels Reduction Project Pile Burn SMOKE VISIBLE

A fuels reduction project in the community of Magalia took place in September 2023. The goal of this project was to reduce wildfire severity in the upper ridge community. Mitigating excessive fuels will improve wildfire safety and forest resilience. The work consisted of Hand Cut and Pile.





Residents in the areas of Dogtown Rd and those around Goldcone to Woodward area can expect to see smoke as CAL FIRE Crews are burning the piles as part of this fuel reduction project. The burning will start in January and is expected to continue into March.

The pile burning is part of the continued effort in Magalia to improve the community's wildfire safety by thinning and piling thick brush and ladder fuels, then burning those piles. The project is approximately 37 acres and is part of a larger scale fuels reduction program.

The work is being conducted by the Butte County Fire Safe Council through a California Climate Investment (CCI) grant.

The Butte County Fire Safe Council is a grassroots, 501©3 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, Big Chico Creek Canyon, and Oroville Foothills. More information can be found on the organization website <u>buttefiresafe.net</u> or by phone (530) 877-0984.

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