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**Press Release**  
**Notice of Fuels Reduction**  
**Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) Mastication Project**

In a concerted effort to bolster public safety and mitigate the dangers posed by wildfire; the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC), in collaboration with the California Climate Investment (CCI), is launching a fuels reduction project near Paradise Lake and Stirling City. This involves a partnership with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) to reduce excessive fuel loads on approximately 250 acres of SPI-owned land. The project will cover two strategic locations:

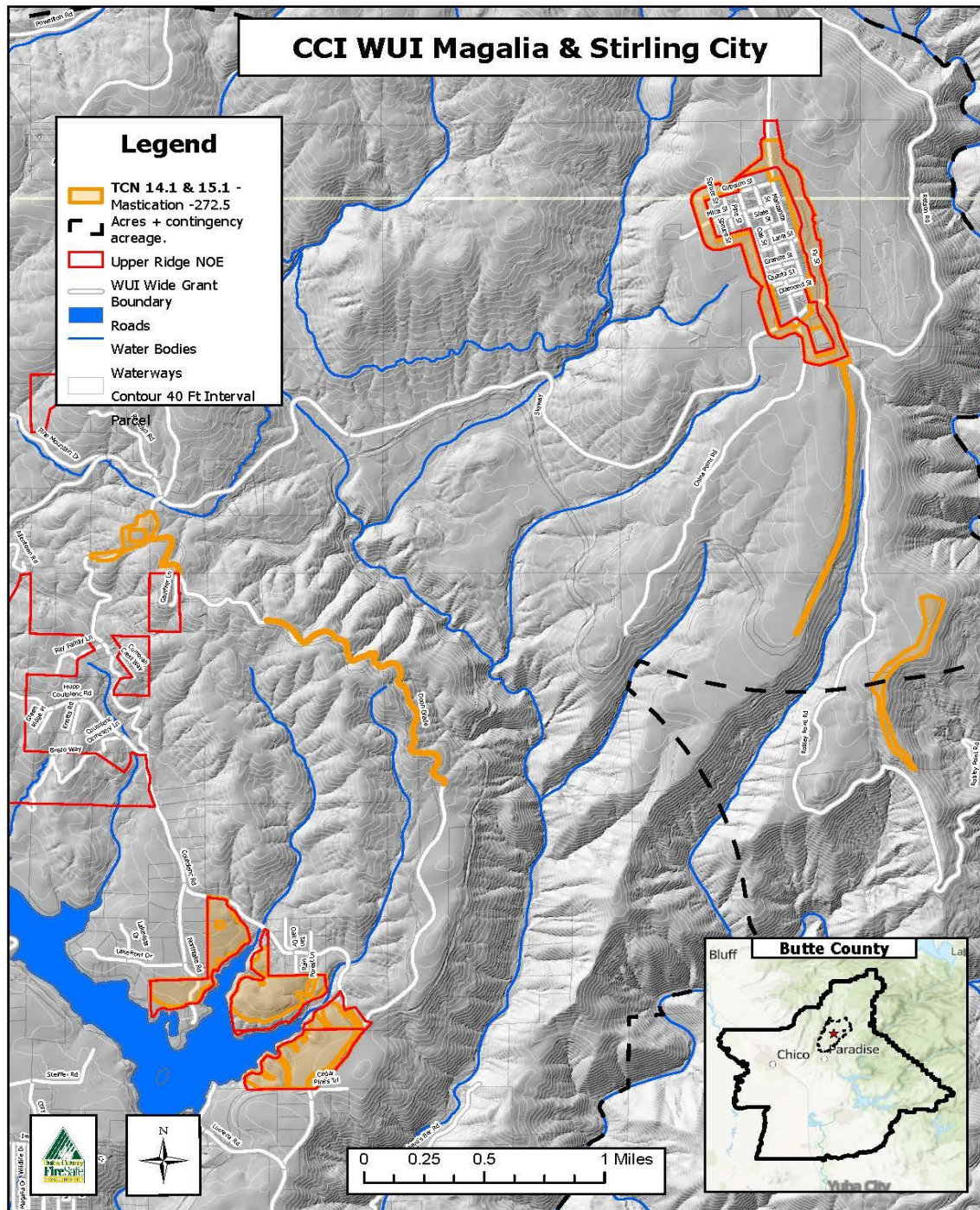
First, Mastication along the East side of Paradise Lake. Second, Mastication to create a protective perimeter around Stirling City.

The projects are expected to begin in late May of 2024. It will utilize innovative fuels reduction techniques to address the escalating wildfire threat within the wildland-urban interface (WUI) of Butte County. By safeguarding the communities of Paradise, Magalia, and Stirling City, we are also enhancing overall forest health for generations to come.



*Overcrowded forest near Stirling City*

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 [www.buttefiresafe.net](http://www.buttefiresafe.net) or by calling the office at (530)877-0984.



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*"Funding for WUI Wide Forest and Watershed Restoration Project was provided by CAL FIRE's Forest Health Program, as part of California Climate Investments. California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment- particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: [www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov)*