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Park Fire: fuel reduction helped minimize the impacts in Cohasset

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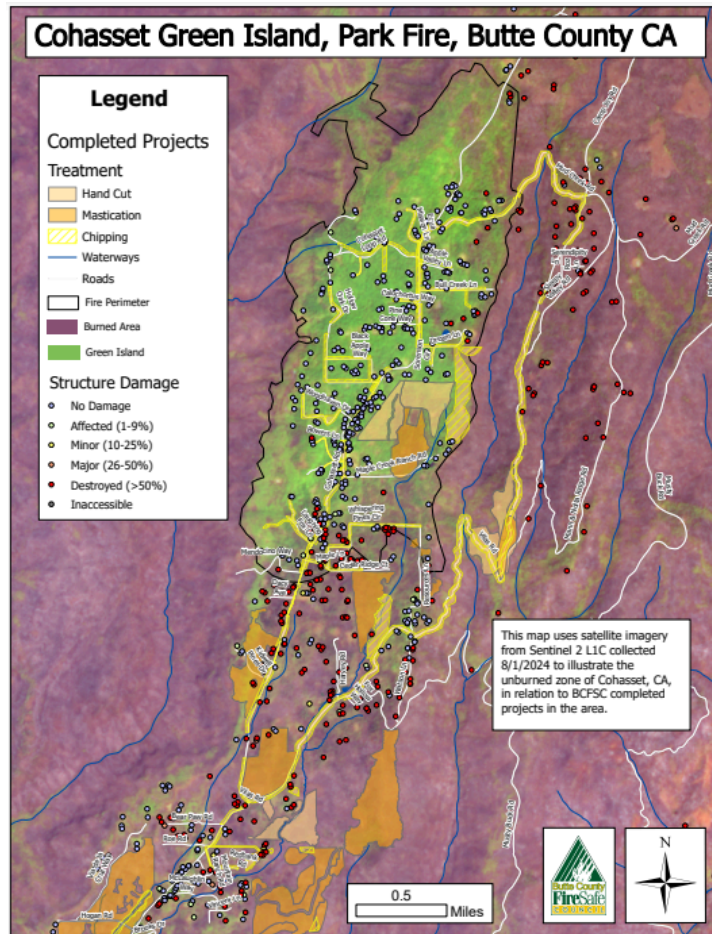


Action News Now reporter Alejandro Meija Meija shows us the work the organization has done to cut the fire fuels.

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. - The Butte County Fire Safe Council believes some of its work helped minimize the Park Fire's impacts in Cohasset.

Action News Now spoke to Butte County Fire Safe Council executive director, Taylor Nilsson, about the work the organization has done to cut fire fuels.

"There's a combination of roadside fuel reduction, defensible space clearance, biomass removal, as well as mastication, hand cutting, and chipping," Nilsson said.



Butte County Fire Safe Council

Nilsson said before the Park Fire, the nonprofit cleaned over 700 acres of fire fuel reduction in the Cohasset area over the last three years. He said that they work with landowners throughout the county to clean up areas where they believe a fire could have significant damage.

Nilsson believes the work done by the Butte County Fire Safe Council completed in Cohasset helped save trees.



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Nilsson said the organization cleaned up this area on Hogan Road. He and his staff believe the work the organization and its partners have done in Cohasset reduced fire behavior on Hogan. plus, left one entire portion of Cohasset untouched by the fire.

He said that the Park Fire shows the importance of spreading the word about fire prevention.

"It also re-emphasizes the need for this fire fuel reduction and forest health work to continue to be implemented and at a much larger scale than what we're doing now to help address the problem. Because at a larger scale, we would love to see that impact of those fires lessen, and that not only involves on-the-ground treatment but educating our community members," Nilsson said.

With many in Butte County affected by the Park Fire along with several other large fires this year, the Butte County Fire Safe Council said it plans to continue to support community recovery.

Nilsson said they work with the Butte County Resource Conservation District along with NRCS to do prescribed burns in areas where crews do forest thinning.

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