

WOODPECKER RAVINE

PHASE 2

WHAT



Phase 2 of the Woodpecker Ravine Shaded Fuel Break Project is a hazardous fuel mitigation effort funded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) that aims to address vegetation on 726 acres of private property. There are nearly 700 habitable at-risk structures in the project area and within two miles are many critical community lifelines including 8 fire stations and 14 schools.

WHY



The steep topography and dense vegetation of Woodpecker Ravine make it susceptible to dangerous wildfire spread and intensity.

The goal of the project is to create conditions that limit potential wildfire spread by removing surface and ladder fuel along critical evacuation routes and strategic ridges. The result will be improved egress for residents and ingress for first responders.

WHERE



Sandwiched between Highways 49 and 174 and bounded at the top and bottom by Empire Mine State Historic Park and Mount Olive Road respectively, Woodpecker Ravine is within high and very high fire hazard severity zones just southeast of Grass Valley.

WHEN



Environmental compliance and Treatment design began in October 2025 and is estimated to take approximately one year. It is anticipated that on-the-ground fuel reduction activities will begin in early 2027 and extend through December of 2028.

More information available at:

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What to expect

If you are a landowner within the project treatment area you can expect to receive an introductory letter and Right-of-Entry (ROE) form in the mail. This ROE will grant permission for the team of environmental consultants who will be leading the botanical, wildlife, and cultural surveys necessary for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance as well as the registered professional forester who will be designing the treatment prescription for hazardous fuel reduction to enter your property and conduct the necessary activities. After the treatment prescription for your property is complete, you will be provided with this information and asked to sign-off and grant permission for vegetation abatement vendors to conduct the on-the-ground work. Interested parties can search their address in the interactive map available online to see if it falls within the project area:

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What will this treatment look like?

FIREBREAK VS FUELBREAK



Woodpecker Ravine Shaded Fuel Break is part of 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.

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