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Forest health treatments have been implemented across the North Yuba Landscape this summer, with timber removal operations running in several different locations.

In August, over 1,600 timber loads were removed from the Tahoe National Forest.

Timber operations are one aspect of forest health treatments, and are beneficial in areas where the forest is overstocked. Removing timber helps bring the forest back to a more resilient state and cuts down on the buildup of fuels around the forest.

Trees removed will be used to make mulch chips for gardening, cabinets and furniture, and home and building construction.

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Earlier in the summer the Tahoe National Forest welcomed Forest Corp groups from AmeriCorps NCCC to help implement work across the forest. Forest Corps is a new program that focuses on resource management, conservation and wildfire risk mitigation.

As part of their work while on the Tahoe National Forest, the crew prepared a unit near Truckee for prescribed burns. Preparation included digging line around the unit and clearing downed logs and limbs, which allowed them to utilize their newly acquired chainsaw skills.

Unit preparation is an important part of the work that goes into prescribed fire. Summer is prep time so that units are ready for prescribed fire to be introduced in the cooler, damper months of fall and winter. With many fire crews off the forest working on active fires, having the Forest Corps here to provide extra hands has been beneficial.

A big thanks to Forest Corps for all of their hard work on the Tahoe National Forest!

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The small, rural community of Sierra Brooks includes about 500 residents who are no strangers to living with fire. Sierra Brooks is located south of Loyalton, Calif., nestled in the Sierra Valley and surrounded by national forest and state lands. Several wildfires have impacted the area including the Cottonwood Fire in 1994 which burned over 46,000 acres across the community. The Loyalton Fire in 2020 came close, destroying over 47,000 acres nearby.

On the afternoon of Sept. 2, 2024 the Bear Fire ignited on the eastside of the Tahoe National Forest and due to hot, dry and windy conditions, the fire became an immediate threat to the community of Sierra Brooks. Significant air and ground fire resources were immediately deployed to engage in suppression efforts.

As the fire spread, it entered a forest thinning project that was completed in 2022-2023 as part of the Smithneck Fuels Reduction Project. This project is a partnership between Sierra County, Sierra County Resource Conservation District, Tahoe National Forest and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, funded by Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC). This project removed densely growing small trees, brush and grass on over 723 acres surrounding Sierra Brooks that had grown back after the Cottonwood Fire. These densely growing trees had created conditions that would easily carry fire near Sierra Brooks.

As the Bear Fire spread, forward progression was stopped within these treated areas on the outskirts of Sierra Brooks. Fire behavior moderated as it entered recently thinned stands of trees, giving firefighters the opportunity to stop the fire and the trees a chance at survival.

“We worked hard to ensure that zero structures were lost during the Bear Fire and know that the fuels reduction work we completed over the last few years contributed to the success of firefighters as they protected the community of Sierra Brooks,” said Tahoe National Forest Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson.

In 2024, Smithneck Fuels Reduction Project partners, now joined by the Fire Safe Sierra County, were funded by SNC to continue thinning 500 acres of trees and brush along Antelope Valley Road near the Smithneck project area. This work began earlier Summer 2024 and is planned to be completed in 2025.

“This is the next phase of work that is urgently needed to protect the communities of Sierra Brooks, Loyalton and Loyalton Pines from the ongoing threat of wildfire,” said Firesafe Sierra County Executive Director Rodd Rummell.



Tahoe National Forest has remained committed to reducing fuels to not only improve forest health, but also protect communities from potential impacts from wildfire. Among many large-scale fuels reduction

projects, the forest is focused on reducing fuels along roadways and adjacent to communities. Reducing fuels along roadways can provide firefighters a defensive zone to hold and fight the fire. It can also improve the safe ingress and egress for members of the public and firefighting personnel during a wildfire. Reducing fuels surrounding communities can help slow and moderate fires, allowing fire personnel a better chance at keeping a fire from reaching a community—such as during the Bear Fire.

Learn more about how previous fuels reduction efforts moderated and slowed the Bear Fire, allowing firefighters to keep the fire from entering the community of Sierra Brooks: <https://usda-fs.wistia.com/medias/n2vdespjdj>

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

 Tahoe National Forest receives \$5 million to complete over 1,400 acres of community protection projects 

Tahoe National Forest received \$5 million to expand work on the USDA Forest Service’s Wildfire Crisis Strategy. The funds will reduce wildfire risk on up to 1,432 acres adjacent to communities as part of Tahoe National Forest’s Resilient Communities and Partner Capacity Building Project. This funding will be leveraged with other federal and state opportunities to complete the entirety of these forest health projects totaling 7,587 acres and 50 miles of roadside work.

“Reducing wildfire threat to our communities while restoring the forest to a more resilient state is our top priority,” said acting Tahoe National Forest Supervisor Beth Martinez. “We remain committed to continuing to address the wildfire crisis through implementing critical fuels reduction work across the Tahoe National Forest.”


The Resilient Communities and Partner Capacity Building Project includes vegetation management treatments encompassing three sub-projects on the Tahoe National Forest:

-Michigan Bluff Project: Masticate, hand thin and pile and machine pile 650 acres to remove surface and ladder fuels to create defensible space adjacent to the communities of Michigan Bluff and Foresthill.

-South Yuba Roadside Fuel Break Project: Masticate, hand and machine pile, prescribed burn and log 364 acres along 6 miles of roads to create safe ingress and egress for three disadvantaged communities near Nevada City.

-Bonta Creek Defensible Space Project: Extract biomass and timber using tethered equipment on 418 acres to thin ladder and canopy fuels to create defensible space adjacent to the town of Sierraville.

Funding received by the Tahoe National Forest is part of the \$100 million investment via the Collaborative Wildfire Risk Reduction Program announced by the Biden-Harris Administration on Sept. 10, 2024. The Collaborative Wildfire Risk Reduction Program uses hazardous fuels funds from the Inflation Reduction Act to treat additional areas of high wildfire risk where national forests and grasslands meet homes and communities, known as the Wildland-Urban Interface. The program allows national forests, in collaboration with Tribes, communities and partners in qualifying states to build local capacity for projects to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health.

: A recently masticated unit within Tahoe National Forest's Sugar Pine Roadside Fuel Break Project. Work like this aims to reduce wildfire risk for nearby communities and improves safe ingress/egress routes in the event of a wildfire. Similar work is planned to be executed with the forest's Resilient Communities and Partner Capacity Building Project referenced above.

Tahoe National Forest is planning several prescribed fire projects that may be implemented during fall 2024. Projects may begin as soon as fuels and weather conditions allow.

Each prescribed fire operation follows a specialized burn plan, where temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of vegetation and smoke dispersal conditions are considered daily. This information is used to decide if and when to burn.

Prescribed fires help reduce fuels and overgrowth, which reduces the severity of future wildfires, restores forest health and diversity and provides added protection for surrounding communities. Smoke produced from planned prescribed burns is less than unplanned wildfires. Prescribed fire now can prevent the impacts or spread of wildfire later.

Upcoming prescribed burn projects that may be implemented during the fall 2024 season include:

American River Ranger District:

- French Meadows - Up to 600 acres of pile burning and under burning near French Meadows Reservoir
- Deadwood - Up to 1000 acres of under burning in Foresthill off Foresthill Divide Road
- Biggie - Up to 300 acres of under burning off Mosquito Ridge Road near Placer Big Trees Grove

Sierraville Ranger District:

- East Zone Roadside Hazard Fuels - Up to 500 acres of under burning along Forest Service roads near Bear Valley
- Calpine – Up to 1000 acres of under burning near the town of Calpine
- Summit North - Up to 500 acres of under burning near Little Truckee Summit and Hwy 89 north of Truckee


Truckee Ranger District:

- Klosser- Up to 500 acres of under burning near Prosser Reservoir near Truckee
- East Zone Roadside Hazard Fuels- Up to 500 acres of under burning near Stampede and Boca Reservoirs near Truckee


Yuba River Ranger District:


- Yuba D and A - Up to 500 acres of under burning near Yuba Pass, Hwy 49 and Gold Lakes Highway
- Camp- Up to 500 acres of under burning near Camptonville
- Deer Creek - Up to 500 acres of under burning near Town of Washington and Hwy 20
- Trapper - Up to 1000 acres of pile burning off Hwy 49 near Cal-Ida

Interested individuals can sign up to receive prescribed fire alerts and news from the Tahoe National Forest here: <https://bit.ly/TahoeNews>.

 Sagehen Hills Under Burn Oct. 2023 near Truckee, Calif. Applying prescribed fire on the land at the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions benefits the land and can help protect surrounding communities from wildfire.

Forest Service fire resources plan to continue ignitions today on the East Zone Roadside Underburn in Truckee, Calif. Previously ignited units are secure and will continue to be monitored. Smoke may be visible in the Truckee area.

More info and incident updates can be found here  <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-east-zone-roadside-underburn>


: Tahoe National Forest fire personnel monitor the East Zone Roadside Underburn near Boca Reservoir in Truckee, Calif. Reducing fuels along roadways helps improve the safe entrance and exit of the area in the event of a wildfire.

Saturday, U.S. Forest Service fire resources with the help of CAL FIRE NEU and Truckee Fire Protection District, accomplished an additional 14.2 acres of roadside prescribed burning in Truckee near the Boca Reservoir area. Thank you to our cooperators for the assistance in completing critical fuels reduction.

Further ignitions on the East Zone Roadside Underburn may continue this week, conditions permitting. Stay up-to-date on Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-announcement/catnf-east-zone-roadside-underburn>

Tahoe National Forest's East Zone Roadside Underburn is currently underway.

Last year crews performed roadside mastication and thinning along Forest Service roads and now we are following up with prescribed fire. This work is intended to create a more defensible landscape when we have a natural or human caused fire. It's also giving ourselves time to implement more wholistic restoration actions with our community partners.

More info and incident updates can be found  <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-east-zone-roadside-underburn>

 PRESCRIBED FIRE NOTICE 

Tahoe National Forest will begin a prescribed underburn along Forest Service roads near Boca and Stampede Reservoirs in the Truckee, Calif. area. Fire and fuels personnel plan to prescribed burn up to

115 acres starting as early as Friday, May 10 and continuing for approximately 7 days, conditions permitting.

This prescribed burn is a continuation of critical roadside fuels reduction work that began in 2023 along Tahoe National Forest roads to establish fuel breaks in the event of a wildfire. Fuel breaks can provide improved opportunities for fire suppression. Along roads, they also help establish safe ingress and egress routes for the public and firefighting resources should a wildfire impact the area.

Incident updates and any schedule changes will be announced on Tahoe National Forest's InciWeb:
<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-east-zone-roadside-underburn>

Stay informed:

-Sign up to receive prescribed fire alerts and news from the Tahoe National Forest here:
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-Wildfire and prescribed fire updates and information is available on Inciweb:
<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>

-The Tahoe National Forest Fire Information Line can be reached at (530) 264-8309

Smoke happens! While smoke from large scale wildfires can impact large areas, smoke from prescribed fires is carefully considered and can generally be avoided with some preplanning. Especially if your immune system is compromised, plan to limit outdoor activity in times of smoke. Local visitor centers and tourism bureaus are great places to find alternatives.

<https://www.airnow.gov/>

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🔥 Tahoe National Forest plans to begin spring prescribed fire operations as early as April 29, 2024, dependent on fuels and weather conditions. Planned burn locations and timeline to complete projects may vary across the forest. 🔥

Each prescribed fire operation follows a specialized burn plan, wherein temperature, humidity, wind, vegetation moisture and smoke dispersal conditions are considered daily before a prescribed fire is implemented. All this information is used to decide if and when to burn.

Prescribed fires help reduce fuels and overgrowth, which reduces the severity of future wildfires, restores forest health and diversity, and provides added protection for surrounding communities. Smoke produced from planned prescribed burns is less than unplanned wildfires. Prescribed fire now can prevent the impacts or spread of wildfire later.

Upcoming potential prescribed burns include:

American River Ranger District :

-Rice Creek Underburn - 260-acre underburn near French Meadows Reservoir as part of the French Meadows Forest Restoration Project

-Biggie Project - Up to 269 acres of underburning over several units near Placer Big Trees Grove

Sierraville and Truckee Ranger Districts:

-East Zone Roadside Underburn - 400 acres of underburning along Forest Service roads across both districts

Yuba River Ranger District:

-Madrone Springs - 300-acre underburn in Nevada City off Highway 20 near Harmony Ridge

-Yuba Unit A - 1200-acre underburn near Bassetts and Gold Lakes Highway

Stay informed:

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! Prescribed fire project timelines, updates and images will also be shared on Inciweb:
<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>

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📅: A prescribed burn project on the Tahoe National Forest, Oct. 2023

Understory Burning starts today on the U.S. Forest Service-Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in the following areas -

o Approximately 343 acres in two locations in the Dog Valley Fuels Reduction Project area located in Sierra County, California. One area is west of Verdi, Nevada, along Forest Service Road 002 just west of Summit One and Hennes Pass Road, while the other is west of Cold Springs, Nevada, off Forest Service Road 010.

Smoke will also be visible in the Galena area of Reno on Friday -

o Approximately 37 acres in the Whites Creek Fuels Reduction Project area in the southern part of Reno, Nevada, off Mt. Rose Highway (Nevada State Route 431) in Washoe County.

#TruckeeMeadowsFireProtection and #LakeTahoeBasinManagementUnit Firefighters will be assisting with the burn. Prescribed fire notices will be posted near the project area. Forest users will not be able to recreate in the area when burning is occurring. Smoke will be visual during burning, so please do not call 9-1-1. Local fire departments are aware of these activities.

Please contact the Fire-Public Information Officer at 775-331-6444 for additional info!

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🔥 Applying prescribed fire on the land at the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions benefits the land and can help protect surrounding communities from wildfire. Thanks to our fire and

fuels staff that have completed over 2700 acres of prescribed burning on the Tahoe National Forest so far this year! 🍂

Rain ☁️ or shine ☀️ (or snow ❄️), fire personnel on the Tahoe National Forest have been busy burning piles across the forest.

Prescribed fire reduces hazardous fuels, which can help protect communities and infrastructure from high-intensity wildfires. 🔥

You can view current pileburn projects for the Yuba River, American River, Truckee and Sierraville districts by hovering over the Tahoe National Forest on Inciweb and selecting the incident project icons that align with each district [→ inciweb.wildfire.gov](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov)

You can also sign up to receive forest news and prescribed fire alerts for larger projects here [→ https://bit.ly/TahoeNews](https://bit.ly/TahoeNews)

We've received many calls and requests for information lately concerning prescribed burns and visible smoke across the Tahoe National Forest. We currently have several burns in process. Stay updated 📌

- ✓ Follow our social channels for prescribed fire alerts and information
- ✓ Sign up to receive prescribed fire alerts and forest news [→ https://bit.ly/TahoeNews](https://bit.ly/TahoeNews)
- ✓ Hover over the Tahoe National Forest on InciWeb for day-to-day updates regarding prescribed fire projects recently completed, in process and upcoming on the forest [→ https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/)

🔥 The goal of prescribed fire is to decrease the existing fire hazard and to prevent and reduce the impact of future fires in the area. Other benefits include enhancing wildlife habitat and reintroducing fire into a fire-adapted ecosystem. Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size and environmental conditions. Smoke may settle into the valleys in the evening and lift in the morning.

Good fire now can prevent bad fire later! 🔥

Photo 1: View of Biggie Underburn Project currently underway on the American River Ranger District

Photos 2 and 3: Sagehen Hills Underburn Project north of Truckee that completed ignitions today, Oct. 17 after beginning on Oct. 5

PRESCRIBED FIRE NOTICE

As early as today, Oct. 17, Tahoe National Forest will begin a prescribed 544-acre underburn approximately 14 miles east of Foresthill, Calif. along Mosquito Ridge Road (Forest Service Rd. 96) in the area of the Placer Big Trees Grove.

This prescribed burn is phase 1 of the Biggie Project, which consists of 2,620 acres of prescribed fire treatment to promote forest resilience to wildfire, climate change and insect and disease outbreaks.

Incident updates and any schedule changes will be announced on Tahoe National Forest's InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-biggie-underburn-phase-1>

PRESCRIBED FIRE NOTICE

Tahoe National Forest is taking advantage of favorable conditions and will begin a 90-acre pileburn today on Burlington Ridge, one mile south of White Cloud. The burn may last through tomorrow, Oct. 12. Smoke may be visible from Highway 20 and surrounding communities.

View incident updates and any schedule changes here: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-burlington-pileburn>

PRESCRIBED FIRE NOTICE

Tahoe National Forest will begin a 262-acre prescribed underburn near French Meadows Reservoir. Dependent on conditions, ignitions will begin as early as Oct. 11, 2023 and will last approximately two days. Smoke will be visible from the French Meadows area and possibly North Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas. Smoke impacts will be carefully monitored and efforts will be taken to reduce impacts to communities.

The planned burn is part of the French Meadows Forest Restoration Project, a 28,000-acre forest health project aiming to improve forest resilience and reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire in the headwaters of the American River. The project has been developed by a diverse group of partners including Tahoe National Forest, Placer County Water Agency, The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Placer County, American River Conservancy and Sierra Nevada Research Institute.

View incident updates and any schedule changes here: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-french-meadows-rice-creek-underburn>

Ignitions began today on the Yuba Underburn project on the Tahoe National Forest's Yuba River Ranger District. Fire and fuels personnel aim to prescribed burn around 160 acres today, conditions permitting.

Smoke is forecasted to move northeast and may be visible from Sierra Valley and the surrounding areas.

This project is within the North Yuba landscape, where the Tahoe is implementing the Forest Service's Wildfire Crisis Strategy through prioritizing forest health and vegetation reduction work in the North Yuba watershed alongside the North Yuba Forest Partnership.

Learn more and follow updates on this 300-acre prescribed burn project here: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-yubaunit-d>

PRESCRIBED FIRE NOTICE

Tahoe National Forest plans to begin a prescribed underburn near Yuba Pass, 1-mile from Highway 49 and near Forest Service 09 Road in Sierra County, Calif. The unit planned is 300 acres and will start with a test light as early Oct. 8.

Fire and fuels personnel will monitor conditions from the test light before igniting a larger area to verify how effectively fuels are consumed and how smoke will travel. Smoke will be visible from Sierra Valley and Lakes Basin areas, and possibly Bassetts and Sierraville.

The primary objective is to reduce surface and ladder fuels to a level that would allow safe fire suppression and reintroduce fire into a fire dependent ecosystem, while enhancing watershed health and improving wildlife habitat.

This prescribed burn project is part of the 14,545-acre Yuba Project, a collaborative between Tahoe National Forest, National Forest Foundation, Yuba Water Agency and Blue Forest. The project is located within the North Yuba landscape, where the Forest Service and North Yuba Forest Partnership are prioritizing forest and watershed resilience work.

Incident updates and any schedule changes will be made here: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-yubaunit-d>

Ignitions are planned through 6 p.m. today on the Sagehen Hills Prescribed Fire Project on Tahoe National Forest's Truckee Ranger District. Fire staff is aiming to underburn 100 acres today, with up to 1,000 acres over the next 10 days.

Smoke is visible from both the Interstate 80 and Hwy 89 travel corridors. Smoke may settle into valleys overnight and lift during the day. Smoke impacts will continue to be monitored throughout the burn, with operations adjusting should smoke become an issue.

RX information and updates will be available throughout project duration here: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-sagehen-hills-underburn>

PRESCRIBED FIRE NOTICE

Tahoe National Forest plans to prescribed burn 406-acres at Sagehen Summit off Highway 89 and Forest Service Road 878-2 near Truckee, Calif. The underburn is planned to begin Oct. 5 and may last up to 10 days.

Smoke will be visible from Truckee, Donner and Independence Lake along with Stampede and Boca Reservoir areas. Any smoke impacts will be carefully monitored.

Incident updates and any schedule changes will be announced on InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-sagehen-hills-underburn>

Why Are We Burning?

The goal of this prescribed burn is to decrease the existing fire hazard and to prevent and reduce the impact of future fires in the area. Other benefits include enhancing wildlife habitat and reintroducing fire into a fire-adapted ecosystem.

Why Now?

Current conditions allow for prescribed burning. Each prescribed fire operation follows a prescribed fire burn plan, which considers temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the vegetation, and conditions for the dispersal of smoke. This information is used to decide when and where to burn. The Tahoe National Forest strives to give as much advance notice as possible before burning, but some operations may be conducted on short notice.

Smoke

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size and environmental conditions. Smoke may settle into the valleys in the evening and lift in the morning. The Tahoe National Forest coordinates with state and local county air pollution

control districts and monitors weather conditions closely prior to prescribed fire ignition. Crews also conduct test burns before igniting a larger area, to verify how effectively fuels are consumed and how smoke will travel.

Expanding the pace and scale of land stewardship and fuels reduction requires bringing new people into the field. With funding from a CAL FIRE Business and Workforce Development grant, the Fire Forward Program at @AudubonCanyonRanch is training people in the necessary skills to steward thousands of acres in the North

Bay area. With this education and training in prescribed fire use and ecosystem health, apprenticeship graduates from this program are ready to be the next generation pursuing forest stewardship careers. @CALFIRELNU Learn more about the program by following the link below: Wood Products and Bioenergy | CAL FIRE (34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdff6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net)

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When time allows, your firefighters with the San Benito-Monterey Unit work on preparing fuels reduction projects. These efforts are part of a larger strategic plan to create fuel breaks across key topographic features, giving us a crucial advantage in the event of a major wildfire. #WildfirePrevention #FuelsReduction #FireSafety

Ever heard of prescribed fire, also known as beneficial fire? It's not just about flames; it's about ecological improvement. Let's dive in:

1. Nutrient Cycling and Ecosystem Health:

- When beneficial fire practitioners perform a prescribed burn, the goal is to remove the layer of decay (dead organic material) utilizing low intensity fire.
- This process allows healthy parts of the ecosystem to thrive by reducing forest pathogens, pests, and invasive species.
- Nutrients released from the burned organic material return more quickly to the soil than if they had slowly decayed over time.
- The ash produced by fire is rich in minerals, which can enhance soil fertility and improve plant productivity.

2. Habitat Restoration and Biodiversity:

- Many native plant and animal species depend on periodic fire for their survival, from seed germination to creating space for new plant development.
- Beneficial fires maintain and restore natural habitats, increasing biodiversity.
- Without fire, some species would disappear, as fire plays a crucial role in the health of ecosystems.

3. Reducing Wildfire Risk:

- Prescribed fire helps prevent larger, uncontrolled wildfires by reducing the buildup of flammable materials.
- By strategically burning smaller areas, beneficial fire practitioners decrease the risk of catastrophic wildfires.
- Fire is a natural component of (most) California's native ecosystems, and prescribed fire restores this critical function with managed application.

In summary, prescribed fire mimics the natural role of fire in California, benefiting ecosystems while minimizing

the risks associated with uncontrolled fires.

#GoodFire #PrescribedFire #BeneficialFire

Attention, San Benito County! Weather permitting, CAL FIRE will be conducting a multiple-day broadcast burn in the Paicines Area this June. This project is crucial for training our fire crews with live fire. Please note, Highway 25 will remain open during the operations. Stay safe and drive carefully! #CALFIRE #ControlledBurn #Paicines #SanBenitoCounty #FireSafety

Safely executing a prescribed fire requires precise timing, proper staffing, and cooperation from Mother Nature. Watch this short video to learn what factors contribute to the perfect burn window. For more information on the advantages of prescribed fire, visit: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/prescribed-fire> #RXFire #BeneficialFire #GoodFire #ResourceManagement

In our second week of looking at the use of beneficial fire, we look at the ways that cultural practitioners utilize fire on the landscape. Last year, CAL FIRE and other state agencies attended a Cultural Fire Workshop at the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe in Humboldt County. Here, attendees learned from cultural fire practitioners, academics, and advocates about the important and varied roles beneficial fire plays in many Tribal traditions as well as its use for vegetation management, both currently and historically. CAL FIRE will continue to partner with indigenous burning practitioners to learn more and share the value of cultural burning in California's natural fire cycle. Check out the link below to an article where you can learn more about the event. CAL FIRE Humboldt-Del Norte Unit Yurok Tribe #CulturalFire #BeneficialFire #PrescribedFire #CALFIREHUU

#HumboldtCounty

[blue-lake-tribal-fire-blog-v2.pdf \(azureedge.net\)](#)

San Juan Bautista, CA - Conditions and weather permitting, CAL FIRE plans to conduct a multiple-day broadcast burn in the Fremont Peak Area of San Benito County from September 18th to the 24th. The project aims to remove excess vegetation along the San Juan Shaded Fuel Break. The road will be open with traffic control during the burning operations.