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CAL FIRE CZU to Conduct Pile Burning Operation in the Kings Mountain Fuel Reduction Project

CAL FIRE CZU plans to conduct a 10-acre prescribed pile burn near the Kings Mountain Archery Range on Monday, April 28, 2025, weather permitting. The operation is expected to take three days and will remove vegetation piles, including dead trees, along Kings Mountain and Archery Fire Roads to improve evacuation routes for area residents.

CAL FIRE CZU and California Conservation Corps crews have thinned a dense Douglas fir stand along the travel route. Those woody debris piles have been chipped. Over the holidays last year, crews created piles from dead trees that had been killed by Sudden Oak Death. The piles have cured and are ready to be burned. San Mateo County Parks, which owns the land, is assisting with the project. (A map of the area is available on page 2.)

Smoke may be visible in the area from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the day of the burn. Firefighters will extinguish the piles at the end of the day and monitor the area afterward. CAL FIRE CZU has obtained a smoke management plan from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

The prescribed pile burn is located within the Kings Mountain Road Emergency Shaded Fuel Break, a fuel reduction project initiated under Gov. Gavin Newsom's 2019 emergency declaration. CAL FIRE identified 35 high-priority fuel reduction projects statewide as part of that initiative.

This prescribed fire is part of a broader strategy to protect communities and natural resources in the area. These plans are developed collaboratively with stakeholders and incorporate community input. The project contributes to statewide efforts to meet or exceed fuel reduction goals outlined in the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track prescribed fire activity in your community and across California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/prescribed-fire>. For wildfire prevention and preparedness information, please share <https://readyforwildfire.org/> with your neighbors.



