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CAL FIRE CZU Plans to Begin Work on the Saddle Loop Fuel Reduction Project

This week, CAL FIRE CZU plans to begin work on a critical fuel reduction project within **San Bruno Mountain State & County Park**. The Saddle Loop Fuel Reduction Project is designed to safeguard lives and property while restoring the local ecosystem's resilience against catastrophic wildfire. The effort will focus on creating a strategic buffer adjacent to residential properties. This project is designed to complement recent mitigation work completed by San Mateo County Parks.

Operations will include:

- **Debris Removal:** Clearing and chipping "dead and down" timber.
- **Vegetation Management:** Thinning select live trees (less than 17 inches in diameter), limbing existing trees up to a height of six feet, removing nonnative vegetation such as Monterey Pine, and restoring native coastal scrub habitat.
- **Ladder Fuel Reduction:** Trimming brush and low-lying vegetation to prevent ground fires from climbing into the canopy.

Work will be completed primarily by hand crews, utilizing woodchippers to dispose of woody debris on-site. All operations will be conducted under the **San Mateo County Parks Routine Maintenance Program Environmental Impact Report (2020)** and in strict accordance with the **San Bruno Habitat Conservation Plan**. The project is a key component of the San Mateo County Parks Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

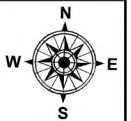
You can view detailed project maps and additional information by visiting the official project page:

🔗 <https://www.smcgov.org/parks/news/sbm-saddle-fuel-reduction>





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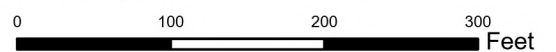


Proposed treatment area

State of California parcel = 0.52 ac

Proposed treatment on State of California lands, approximately first 30 feet from private property parcel line.

Scale: 1:1,500



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