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Press Release
Notice of Fuels Reduction:
Forest Ranch - Platt Mountain Community Project

To mitigate the risk of wildfire, protect water resources, and improve overall forest health in Forest Ranch, the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC), in collaboration with CAL FIRE and California Climate Investments (CCI), will carry out fuels reduction through mastication, hand cutting, lop and scattering, and hand piling. These efforts aim to decrease dense vegetation, restore forest health, and improve watershed resilience, ultimately supporting the long-term goal of reintroducing beneficial fire in the form of pile burns.

The project is strategically located along Platt Mountain Road and across Deer Creek Highway, spanning 110 acres of treatment. The location is part of a larger effort to connect previously completed and upcoming projects to improve overall community safety and reliability of evacuation routes. Understory vegetation will be reduced through mechanical mastication and hand cutting to establish a community fuel break. Additionally, hand-cut and pile units will be strategically placed across the slopes of Butte Creek Canyon to ensure the fuel load is effectively reduced through planned prescribed fire. Work began in mid-December and will continue until the project is completed in 2026.

The Butte County Fire Safe Council is a grassroots non-profit organization that implements a variety of fuels reduction and forest health projects in operation around Butte County including Forbestown, Berry Creek, Forest Ranch, Cohasset, Paradise, Big Chico Creek Canyon, and Oroville Foothills. More information can be found on BCFSC's website https://buttefiresafe.net, Facebook or by calling our office at (530) 877-0984

Funding for Butte County Forest Resilience and Restoration Project was provided by CAL FIRE's Forest Health Program, as part of California Climate Investments. California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Invest dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment- particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Invest 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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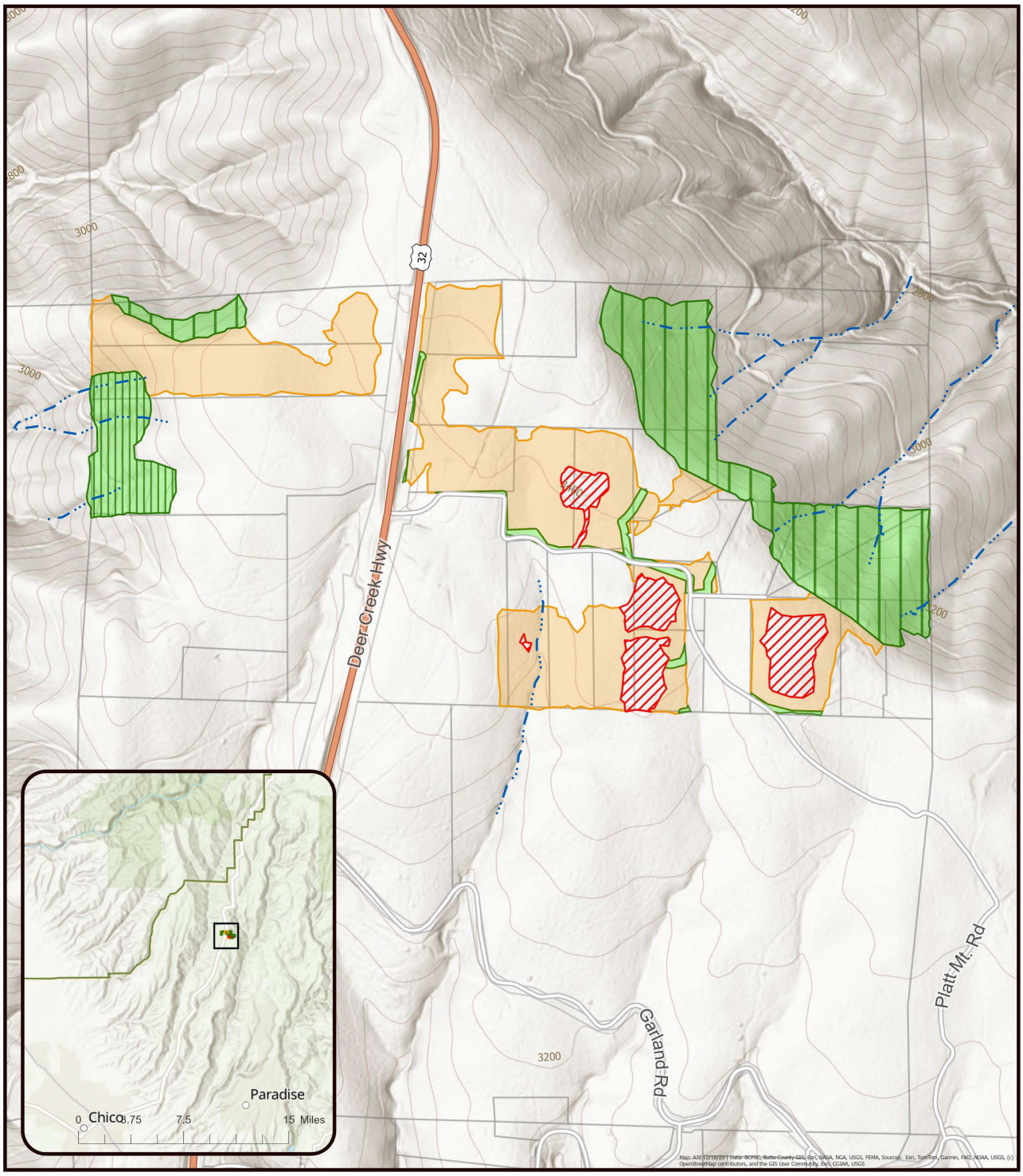

Mastication - 63.7 Acres
Hand Thinning - 46.1 Acres
Lop And Scatter - 8.6 Acres
Hand Piling - 34.5 Acres
No Ops
Class 3 Watercourse
Parcel
Contour Interval - 40ft

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0 187.5 375 750 1125 1500 Feet

0 75 150 300 450 Meters

Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Forest Health Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program

Figure 1 - Platt Mountain Community Project Untreated Area, Forest Ranch

Figure 2 - Platt Mountain Community Project Untreated Area, Forest Ranch

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