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Gore Ranch Vegetation Management Project Notification (VMP)

Redding – Starting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, through Thursday, June 13, 2024, CAL FIRE Shasta Trinity Unit will be conducting a Vegetation Management Project (VMP) on the Gore Ranch, MCCONNELL FOUNDATION property west of Westwood Village, off Highway 273. Resources from CAL FIRE, Redding Fire Department, and Shasta County Fire Department will be assisting with this VMP project. Resources will be present at the project site 24 hours per day, and air resources will be utilized as needed to assist.

Smoke Visibility from prescribed burning throughout Shasta County will be as follows:

- Tuesday, June 11, 2024: Starting at 9:00 a.m., burning 40 acres.
- Wednesday, June 12, 2024: Starting at 9:00 a.m., burning 400 acres.
- Thursday, June 13, 2024: Starting at 9:00 a.m., burning 400 acres.

VMP Project Details

The project will be separated into manageable sections that will be burned when climate conditions are optimal, ensuring control, limiting escape, and minimizing poor air quality. In the event of adverse weather, or other fire activity indicating the project cannot be conducted safely, the project will be rescheduled. This VMP project aims to reduce approximately 900 acres of non-native grasses and brush, dead and down trees, enhance grazing habitat for livestock and wildlife, and improve the watershed. This project reduces fire hazards and risks by creating a break in horizontal and vertical fuel continuity that can modify future wildfire behavior and improve community protection.

Strategic Efforts

This VMP project was planned as part of broader strategic efforts to protect the local community and nearby natural resources. Plans are based on input from the community and local stakeholders and involve collaboration with various partners throughout the project. This project contributes to significant ongoing work statewide and brings California closer to meeting or exceeding state fuels reduction goals outlined in the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress in your community and throughout California, please visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction>.

Additionally, help share important prevention and preparedness information with your neighbors at: www.ReadyForWildfire.org.



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