PROJECT NAME: PALO CORONA-WHITE ROCK FIRE ROADS PROJECT

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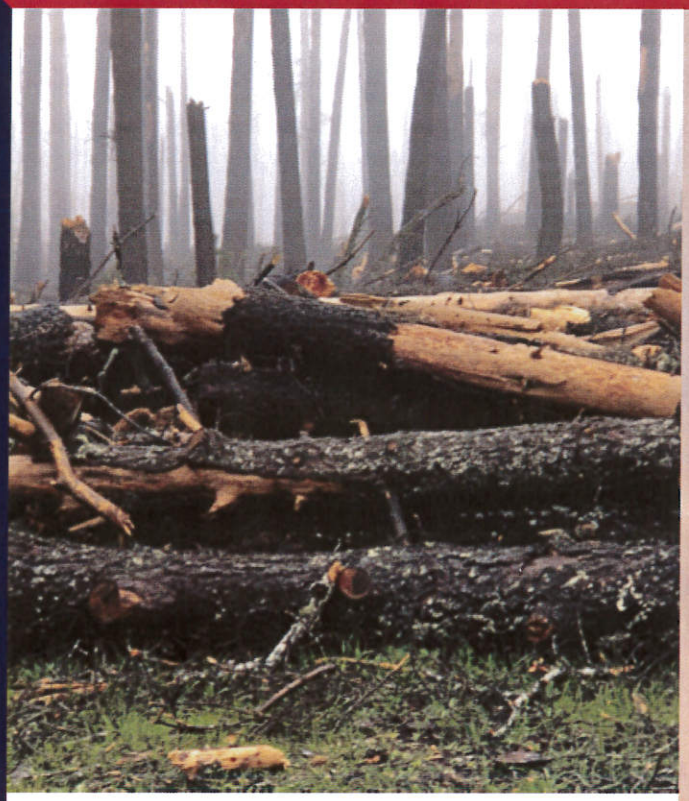
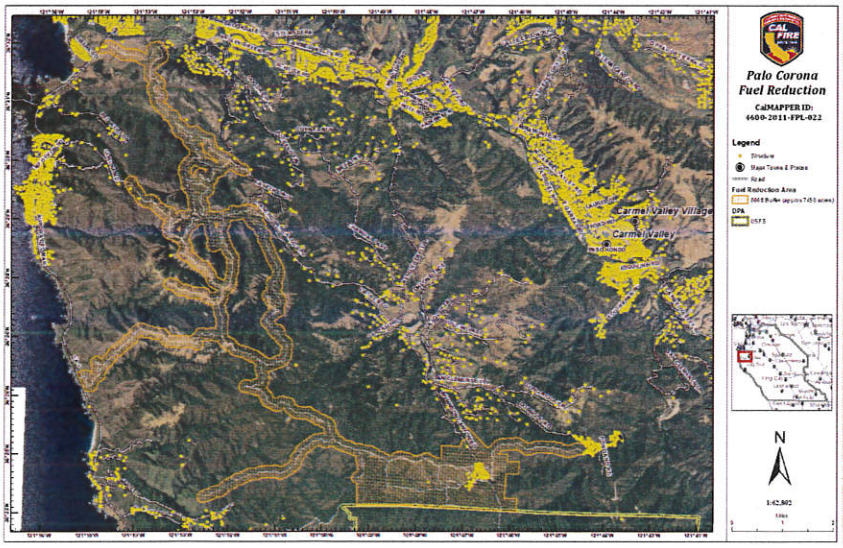


PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:
12/01/19

LOCATION:
Carmel Highlands and Carmel Valley, Monterey County, CAL FIRE San Benito-Monterey Unit.



Summary: The Palo Corona-White Rock Fire Roads Project is a collaborative effort with CAL FIRE, Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Big Sur Land Trust, and the Santa Lucia Conservancy. This effort will create a shaded fuel break and reduced fuel zone adjacent to the fire access roads of the front country of the Los Padres National Forest. The work will be accomplished by constructing 54 miles of shaded fuel breaks on the south side of the valley along ridgelines and access roads. This will be accomplished by removing understory vegetation, brush, and small trees along both sides of various roads and existing shaded fuel breaks. This project ties into the Foothill project, a joint project of the Fire Safe Council for Monterey County and the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District. CAL FIRE will construct fuel breaks along roads and on ridgetops in strategic locations for firefighting and to protect critical infrastructure. The project will treat fuel loading in Tier I and Tier II tree mortality zones. This project will reduce the number and intensity of large catastrophic wildfires, and increase public safety.

What communities or habitats will project protect? This project will have a direct impact on the communities of Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Pebble Beach.