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Lassen Fire Safe Council Commencing Work on North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatment Project, Advises to Use Caution in Upper Susanville Ranch Park

(Susanville, California.) Last year Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc (LFSC) was awarded a CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention grant in the amount of \$2,999,924.32 for its North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatment Project. The purpose of the wildfire prevention project is to reduce hazardous wildfire fuels across the landscape, establish and maintain fuelbreaks along strategic wildfire containment features, and remove dead and dying hazard trees adjacent to public/ private infrastructure. The North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatment project spans from Eagle Lake Road (County Rd A-1) to the Upper Susanville Ranch Park off Paiute Lane. Work has commenced on the construction of the Eagle Lake Road Fuel Break and Paiute Lane portions of the project.

LFSC has partnered with local contractor Tubit Enterprises to complete biomass utilization treatments within Upper Susanville Ranch Park and neighboring private properties. Biomass utilization is the mechanical thinning and removal of small sub-merchantable conifers (less than 10 inches in diameter) in overstocked eastside pine forests. Thinning small diameter trees to favor larger more fire resilient trees will reduce ladder fuels and improve forest health within the park. Work within the Upper Susanville Ranch Park is scheduled to begin in mid-April and last through mid-May. Upper Ranch Park trail users are advised to use caution as heavy equipment including feller bunchers and rubber-tired skidders will be operating in the area and chip trucks will be hauling the chipped biomass material to Honey Lake Power. Operations will be active from the early morning to midafternoon, Monday through Friday. LFSC and Lassen County are making efforts to minimize impacts on Upper Ranch Park use while conducting the critical fuels reduction work.

Project partners include Lassen County, City of Susanville, Honey Lake Valley RCD, Sierra Pacific Industries, WM Beaty and Associates, Collins Company, Petesburg Fire Protection Zone, and dozens of private landowners. For more information, please visit Lassenfiresafecouncil.org.

Lassen Fire Safe Council holds monthly public meetings at 5:30 pm the third Wednesday of each month at Susan River Fire Protection District, 705-145 US-395, Susanville.

Funding for this project is provided by CAL FIRE's CCI Wildfire Prevention Grants Program. California Climate Investments puts billions of dollars of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, improving public health and the environment, and providing meaningful benefits to the most disadvantaged communities and low-income communities and households.



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