

El Granada Blvd. Fuel Break – Maintenance Project

Location: The El Granada Blvd. Fuel Break is located on the property border between several private residences and Quarry County Park's Wicklow Property. The start of the fuel break is located at 474 El Granada Blvd. and extends southeast for fourteen parcels. The fuel treatment area extends from the eucalyptus tree line west to the private property lines. See the attached map for access points and specific treatment areas.

Prescription Tasks:

1. Grass and other herbaceous material should be mowed and/or weed whipped to 2-4-inches above ground.
2. Shrubs will need to be thinned and spaced according to the following prescription:
 - a. at least 2x the height of the shrub in flat to mild slopes (0-20% slopes),
 - b. 4x the height of the shrub on the moderate slopes (20-40%), and
 - c. up to 6x the height of the shrub on steeper slopes (>40% slope). Shrubs adjacent to trees can be left if the tree is limbed at least 3x the height of the shrub, if this cannot be done, remove the shrub.
 - d. All deciduous shrubs should be limbed at least 3-feet. Coffeeberry can be left so long as the spacing prescription above is followed.
3. All eucalyptus trees under 8" DBH should be removed. Trees should be felled away from private property, limbed, and all canopy material should be chipped and broadcast.
4. Sensitive species, bird nests and shrubs that should be retained will be marked in the field with **pink flagging tape and assorted-color pin flags**.
 - a. Bird Nests will have flagging around the base of the tree or shrubs will be flagged on all cardinal directions and a buffer will be established with pin flags.
5. A tailgate session will be led by the County Parks Natural Resource Manager prior to initiating work on April 22, 2016.