

Fuel Reduction Projects Receive Funding Point Reyes National Seashore, California National Fire Plan – Fuels Reduction

On July 29, 2004, the National Park Service announced six additional community partnership projects will receive funding during Fiscal Year 2004 to achieve greater wildland fire protection in the vicinity of Point Reyes National Seashore, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and neighboring open space lands.

Shallow Beach Fuels Reduction - 6 acres - \$60,000 - Increases protection for Shallow Beach, a neighborhood in the community Inverness.

Partners: Shallow Beach Association, Inverness Public Utility District, FIRESafe MARIN, National Park Service

The work will include:

- a minimum 10-foot fuel buffer of thinned vegetation along both sides of a 1.3 mile roadway
- strategic removal of several large Bishop pines and tan oaks overhanging roadway and fire hydrants to increase emergency access and egress
- clearing vegetation around hydrants and water tanks
- turn around zones for fire vehicles

Worn Springs Road Shaded Fuelbreak - 10 acres - \$50,000 - Increases protection for Fairfax and San Anselmo through fuels treatment along a key section of the wildland-urban interface in coordination with Marin Municipal Water District's fuel break system. This project is identified in MMWD's Mount Tamalpais Vegetation Management Plan.

Partners: Marin County Fire Department, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County Open Space District, FIRESafe MARIN, National Park Service

The work will include:

- Removing broom to reduce understory fuels
- Thinning dense stands of trees
- Pruning low tree branches
- Collecting, piling, and burning accumulated down, woody material
- Clearing along principal access routes

Kent Woodlands Shaded Fuelbreak, Phase 2 - 10 acres - \$60,000 - This project will continue to complete a shaded fuelbreak to protect the community of Kent Woodlands, a neighborhood in Kentfield which borders public open space lands.

Partners: Kentfield Fire Protection District, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County Open Space District, FIRESafe MARIN, National Park Service

During a wildfire, this fuel break will provide:

- Improved firefighter effectiveness and safety by creating a staging area for fire suppression actions
- Protection of evacuation routes and water supplies
- Increased defensible space for structure protection

Seahaven Roadside Fuels Reduction - 4 acres - \$24,000 - Removes roadside vegetation to create a shaded fuel break protecting Seahaven, a neighborhood in Inverness.

Partners: Inverness Public Utility District, FIRESafe MARIN, National Park Service

This work will remove fuel along Via de la Vista and Camino del Mar roadways for approximately 1.4 miles. Fuel will be removed from 10 feet on each side and 14 feet above the road so fire equipment can get through. This fuel break will slow an advancing wildfire and reduce its intensity to allow safer deployment of personnel and equipment, greater emergency access by firefighters, and evacuation by residents.

Dover Roadside Fuels Reduction - 6 acres - \$20,000 - Improves emergency access and egress along a rural road, protecting Paradise Ranch Estates, a neighborhood in Inverness Park.

Partners: Inverness Ridge Association, Marin County Fire Department, FIRESafe MARIN, National Park Service

The work will:

- Clear vegetation along access road
- Repair or replace broken culverts

Laurel Canyon Road Fuel Reduction - 6 acres - \$21,000 - Initiate a fuel management program for a neighborhood in the community of Nicasio.

Partners: Marin County Fire Department, FIRESafe MARIN, National Park Service

The work will include:

- Roadside vegetation clearing
- Improve safety turnout
- Temporary vegetation debris transfer site and chipping program

Federal funding for these projects is provided through the Wildland-Urban Interface Program, a component of the National Fire Plan. Since 2001, approximately \$2.5 million dollars has been allocated for wildland fire protection in communities located near parklands in Marin County.

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