

# PROJECT NAME: BEAL FUEL BREAK

SIZE: 728 ACRES



**PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:**  
12/31/19

**LOCATION:**  
Above the community of Auberry and below the community of Meadow Lakes, Fresno County, CAL FIRE Fresno-Kings Unit.

**Summary:** This existing 728-acre fuel break, created in 1994, has been a combined project with the USFS. Since the initial treatment, the project has been retreated in sections, however, not consistently across the entire fuel break. The USFS has treated approximately 451 acres over the last 3 years. CAL FIRE removed the dead and dying trees years ago on 110 acres. 277 acres of private lands need to be retreated to remove the ground fuels and additional dead trees that have died since the previous treatment. This fuel break has been effective in stopping the forward progress of 4 wildland fires. The maintenance of this project will return the fuel break back to being effective. The project directly reduces the impacts of fire for the residents that live on Beal Fire road and the communities of Meadow Lakes and Alder Heights that are directly above the fuel break. These areas have been impacted by over 80% tree mortality in recent years. The fuels consist of scattered pine trees, most of which have died over the last 4 years, 5-6 foot tall brush and 12-18-foot tall oak trees.



**What communities or habitats will project protect?** Meadow lakes, Alder Heights and Shaver Lake.

