

# PROJECT NAME: MUSICK FUEL BREAK

SIZE: 393 ACRES



**PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:**  
12/19

**LOCATION:**

Project is between the communities of Meadow lakes and Alder Heights, Fresno County, CAL FIRE Fresno-Kings Unit.

**Summary:** This new 393-acre road-side treatment, 200 feet on both sides of the road, will create a safe evacuation corridor for residents and provide access to a high-risk area for wildland fire for both CAL FIRE and the USFS in the Jose Basin area. The scope of this roadside fuels reduction is to remove the dead hazard trees, thin the understory, and remove the brush, creating a shaded fuel break. This project will not only enhance forest health but provide a fuel break that will reduce the impacts of fire to the nearby communities. The main transmission lines for the Big Creek Hydro Electric Facility transect this landscape. Currently there are only two safe access points at either end of the transmission line road. The USFS is in the process of obtaining environmental compliance for this large project called the Musick Project. It will consist of many different treatments across the landscape, one of them being to create 200-foot-wide fuels breaks along all the roads. This project will complement the Musick Project by doing the same work on all the private lands that are intermixed and provide a 3rd safe access road. This is also the main access road to private timberlands in Jose Basin. The vegetation consists of pines that have near 80% mortality due to the pest kill. Approximately 25% has already fallen, creating ground fuels. The understory fuels consist of 6-10 foot brush.



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

