

PROJECT NAME: STATE ROUTE 17 FUEL BREAK

SIZE: 454 ACRES



PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:
12/15/19

LOCATION:

Los Gatos: Santa Clara Co.
CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit.

Summary: This project has been underway since June 2016 with funding from CAL FIRE, USFS, County Fire, PG&E, and Redwood Estates and Chemeketa Park homeowner associations. 25 acres of existing treatments in neighborhoods along the highway have already been successful in significantly reducing the risk of wildfire to residents, motorists, property, and natural areas. Dead and hazardous leaning trees have been removed, low branches pruned, and a large amount of flammable brush has been cut and chipped. Much more work remains.

This project will continue the work along the highway, creating a shaded fuel break along the corridor and among homes near the highway. It will reduce the amount of accumulated vegetation in the redwood and mixed evergreen forests near the road to help create cooler and safer conditions in the event of a wildfire so that people using the road for evacuation would be safe while inside their cars. It will also serve to help protect residents from car fires that can start on the highway and spread into the neighborhoods. Assistance will be provided to homeowners next to the road to help improve their defensible space where there is little room between the road and houses.



What communities or habitats will project protect? Lexington Hills, Ben Lomond, Los Gatos, Lompico, Monte Sereno, Zayante, Saratoga, Scotts Valley.