

# PROJECT NAME: NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER SHADED FUEL BREAK

SIZE: 4,373 ACRES

## PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:

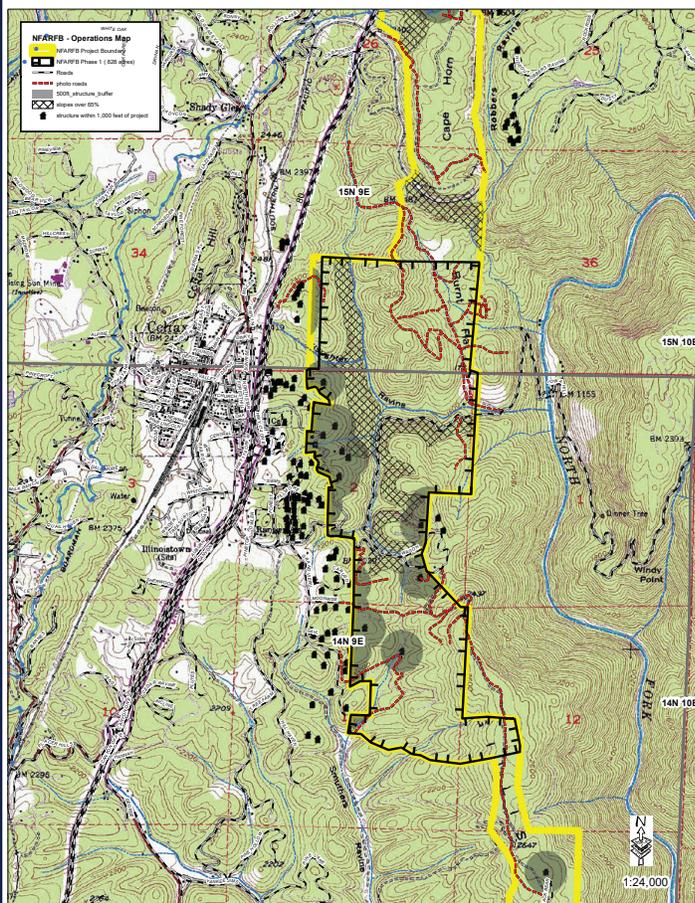
December 2019 to complete phase 1.

## LOCATION:

The entire North Fork American River Shaded Fuel Break parallels I-80 and the North Fork American River from Foresthill Road Bridge to Cape Horn Road above Colfax.

**Summary:** Fire history demonstrates that fires in this vicinity grew rapidly and became large. Rapid residential development between the mid 1970's and mid 1990's, coupled with decades of vegetation growth have created a high-risk wildland-urban interface condition requires action to prevent future fires from endangering lives and property.

The fuel breaks will succeed with long term planning and a commitment of funding for environmental compliance and fuels modification work on the ground. The North Fork American River Fuel Break has existed in concept for decades. The scale, complexity, and cost of the project prevented the concept from becoming reality.



**What communities or habitats will project protect?** The northern section (Colfax) is Phase 1, directly protecting +/- 5500 residences in the State Responsibility Area, the City of Colfax and its municipal domestic water and wastewater treatment facilities.

The project protects critical infrastructure for state commerce such as the Union Pacific Rail Line, Interstate 80, and the Kinder Morgan Petroleum Pipeline.

The project protects critical Pacific Gas and Electric power and water infrastructure for approximately 500,000 customers.