

PROJECT NAME: LAUREL SPRINGS/HENNICKSONS RIDGE FUEL MODIFICATION PROJECT

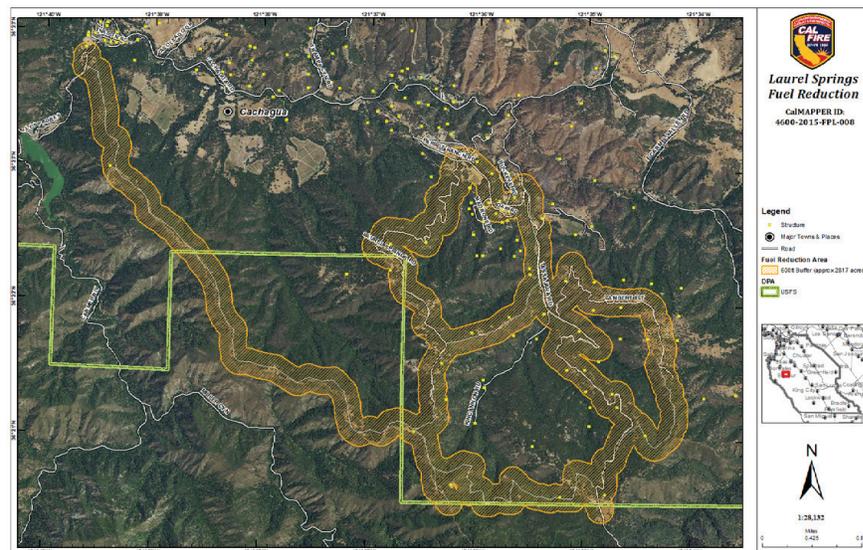
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PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:
12/01/19

LOCATION:
Cachagua-Jamesburg, Monterey County,
CAL FIRE San Benito-Monterey Unit.

Summary: The Laurel Springs Fuel Modification Project aims to revitalize previous efforts by the Cachagua Fire Protection District, CAL FIRE, USFS, and the Fire Safe Council for Monterey County. This effort will create a shaded fuel break and reduced fuel zone in a very high fire hazard area: the Cachagua-Jamesburg WUI adjacent to the Los Padres National Forest. The work will be accomplished by constructing 22 miles of shaded fuel breaks on Laurel Springs and Hennicksons Ridges, as well as Parrot Ranch, Lambert Flats, Kincannon, and other areas with multiple structures and infrastructure in rugged terrain. This will be accomplished by removing understory vegetation, brush, and small trees along both sides of various roads and existing shaded fuel breaks. This project connects to the USFS Los Padres National Forest Strategic Fuelbreak project, extending westward to the Palo Corona-White Rock Fire Roads Project. CAL FIRE will construct fuel breaks along roads and on ridgetops in strategic locations for firefighting to protect critical infrastructure. The project will treat fuel loading in Tier I and Tier II tree mortality zones. This project will reduce the number and intensity of large catastrophic wildfires, and increase public safety.



What communities or habitats will project protect? This project will have a direct impact on the communities of Jamesburg, Cachagua, and Carmel Valley.