

PROJECT NAME: SAN JUAN CANYON SHADED FUEL BREAK PROJECT

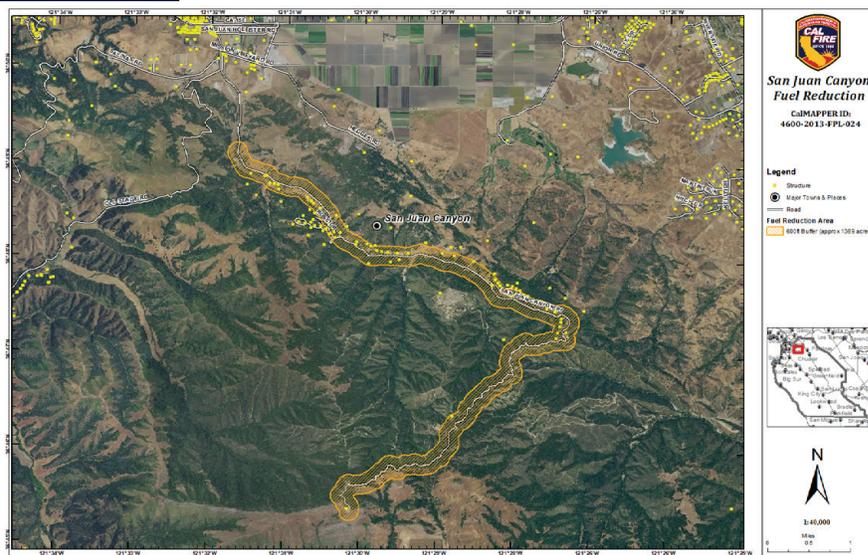
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PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:
12/01/19

LOCATION:
San Juan Canyon, San Benito County, CAL FIRE San Benito-Monterey Unit.

Summary: The San Juan Canyon Shaded Fuel Break Project is a continuation of efforts between the San Benito Fire Safe Council and CAL FIRE. This project has existing environmental analysis and CEQA documentation for most of the project area, as well as highly motivated property owners. This effort will create a shaded fuel break and reduced fuel zone in the highest fire hazard area in San Benito County: San Juan Canyon, immediately to the south of San Juan Bautista. The work will be accomplished by constructing 9.5 miles of shaded fuel breaks in the canyon up to Fremont Peak, a collection of private lands in a corridor with one exit route: San Juan Canyon Road. 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 is a top priority for both CAL FIRE and the San Benito Fire Safe Council, with the SBFSC having applied for CCI grant funding for this project. CAL FIRE will construct fuel breaks along roads and on ridgetops in strategic locations for firefighting and to protect critical infrastructure. 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 San Juan Canyon and San Juan Bautista.