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THE TOWN OF PARADISE AND CAL-FIRE ANNOUNCES A SHADED FUEL BREAK PROJECT AND VEGETATION CLEAN-UP EFFORT

Beginning Monday, November 22, 2010, Cal-Fire's Valley View Conservation Camp will begin construction of several shaded fuel breaks in the Town of Paradise. This project is grant funded, and is intended to help improve the fire safety of the Town of Paradise next summer, once fire season again descends upon us. The work will be performed by Cal Fire's Valley View Conservation Camp Crews, with support provided by Cal Fire, Paradise Fire and Paradise Public Works.

The first project will be cleaning up and burning of existing piles of vegetation along the north side of Skyway, between Russell Drive and Honey Run Road. These fuel piles are remaining from a previous fuel break construction, and need to be eliminated.

The second project will involve work on the Paradise Memorial Trailway, above Rocky Lane. This section of trailway is heavily overgrown with brush and poison oak, and presents a serious fire hazard to adjoining residents. Low lying limbs across the trailway also present access issues to fire apparatus. Small trees will be thinned, brush will be removed, and existing large trees will be limbed up off the ground, to insure that ground fires in the area will remain ground fires, and that those fires are not provided a path up into the tree canopy. For safety reasons, small portions of the trailway may be closed to pedestrian and bicycle traffic during this work.

The third work area will involve lower Skyway, from Skyway Crossroads to Princeton Drive. This section of northbound Skyway has a heavy accumulation of fuels very close to both sides of the roadway. The brush will be removed, small trees thinned, and larger trees limbed up again to help provide a functional shaded fuel break along this critical roadway. To insure the safety of both the hand crews and motorists, one lane of Skyway may be closed to provide the crews with a sufficient safe working area.

Work will begin each day usually by 10:00 AM, and should be completed by 3:00 PM. Town and Cal-Fire staff will work very hard to minimize the disruptions to residents. Questions can be directed to Dennis Schmidt at (530) 872-6298, Bud Parrott at (530) 872-6264 or Ken Kendrick at (530) 872-6334.

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