

Butte County Resource Conservation District
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Hearing
for the Forbestown Shaded Fuel Break Project

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Butte County Resource Conservation District has prepared an Initial Study and is considering the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Forbestown Shaded Fuel Break Project at a public hearing before the Conservation District on January 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Butte County Farm Bureau, 2580 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965. The Butte County Resource Conservation District is established under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code, by the rules of the Butte County Local Agency Formation Committee as a locally governed agency with primary authority to implement local conservation measures.

Project Information

Project: Forbestown Shaded Fuel Break Project.

Project Proponent: High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council, Auburn., CA.

Location: The project is located along Forbestown Road, Lower Forbestown Road and Black Bart Road between Oroville and the community of Forbestown which is at the Butte County/Yuba County line. The project includes portions of Forbestown Road, Lower Forbestown Road and Black Bart Road within T19N R6E Sections 17, 19, 20, 30.

Proposal: The project proposes to constructing fuel breaks and fuel modification zones along the above mentioned roads using a combination of hand cutting, mastication, and tractor pushing and crushing of vegetation in order to modify vegetative fuels and create fuel breaks. Understory fuels will be reduced as will the horizontal and vertical continuity of the forest stand structure. This should significantly change the behavior of wildfire within this area.

The California Environmental Quality Act requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present on the project site. The project site does not contain a listed toxic site.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), and reference documents for this project are on file for public review and comment starting December 3, 2011 through January 2, 2012, at the Butte County Resource Conservation District (BC-RCD) office, 150 Chuck Yeaegr Way, Oroville, CA, 95965. The IS/MND is also available for review on the BC-RCD website at <http://buttecountyrcd.org> . All persons are invited to review the document. Written comments will be accepted by the BC-RCD at the above address. Comments are encouraged to be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the meeting listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the BC-RCD at, or prior to the public hearing. For information call or send an email to Steve Troester, (530) 534-0112 ext. 122 or bc-rcd@carcd.org.

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