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Announcing: Our contractors for the Fort Ross Road Fuel Reduction Project



Above: Contractors, crew members, foresters, and CRFC board members gather on Fort Ross Road to discuss the project.

CRFC is pleased to announce that the bidding process for the Fort Ross Road Fuels Reduction Project is complete, and that the work will be conducted by three local contractors: Noah Brown of **Brown Logging and Tree Service**, Charles Hope of **Charles Hope Construction**, and Bill Seymour of **Timber Cove Excavating**. Each brings different areas of expertise and equipment to this work and having all three is a great asset. We are also glad to be able to bring these grant resources to support local jobs in our community. Congratulations to all three!

A very exciting announcement!

Over five years ago, CRFC starting putting together an ambitious project. We were already developing the Fort Ross Road evacuation project that is currently underway, but we knew there would be more to be done. We went out walking roadsides, drove around different ranch areas with CalFire Battalion Chief Marshall Turbeville, starting making maps, attended various HOA meetings, and over time, developed a project plan to address evacuation concerns and fuel reduction on key access roads that lead to Fort Ross Road. After many refinements, we partnered with Muniz Ranch to finalize the project plan and submitted it for funding consideration earlier this year.

We are happy to announce that CalFire has approved this project as part of their [2022 Local Wildfire Prevention grants program](#)! We are one of only four organizations in Sonoma County whose projects were approved for funding this round.

"This project proposes fuel treatments along 7.1 miles of road," says Project Coordinator Judy Rosales, "and will protect 345 structures and benefit 775 people who live with the legacy of the 1978 Creighton Ridge Fire." Selected roads were prioritized to ensure equity and access between the many communities along Fort Ross Road, and will include stretches of **Blue Jay Road, Hazels, Brain Ridge, Camper Creek, Bohan Dillon, and Seaview Ranch Road**, as well as **Muniz Ranch Road**

CalFire has approved 144 projects throughout the state that focus on protecting the people, structure, and communities most threatened by

wildfire, according to their press release. “This funding is a critical part of our overall wildfire strategy,” said Joe Tyler, CAL FIRE Director and Fire Chief.

Are you a landowner on one of the roads listed? Help us get in touch with you as we move forward with this project! Fill out this quick form here: [Wildfire Prevention Project: Landowners](#)

Community Meeting on July 9th:

We've got a lot to talk about! Updates on the start of fuel reduction on Fort Ross Road, information about our CalFire Wildfire Prevention project, and more. Join us **Saturday, July 9th from 10am-noon at PPI, 23125 Fort Ross Rd.**



Have you observed a prescribed burn yet?



Above: Fernfield Road on Gualala Ranch, after a preliminary prescribed burn, limbing work, and chipping with the CRFC community chipper- work all done by community volunteers.

Here's an upcoming opportunity to participate in prescribed burning in our neighborhoods! The Gualala Ranch Association in partnership with the Coast Ridge Forest Council and Fire Forward is organizing a prescribed burn in the Gualala Ranch Fern Field on **Sunday, June 26th**.

As we near the date, and weather permitting, we will send out a registration link and instructions for participating. Observers are just as welcome as active participants, and all are asked to register. Please [email Judy](#) if you'd like to be emailed when the registration process opens.

And finally: a special opportunity



How your donations are working to help our community:

The community chipper program is a donor-supported activity of the Coast Ridge Community Forest. Through generous donations, our volunteer chipper operators are busy assisting community members in their fuel reduction efforts, and there is so much more we would like to do. With your help, we could assist landowners in their forest management planning, support community groups in their volunteer efforts, and develop education programs to address issues such as drought, forest management planning, watershed enhancement, and much more.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for our organization by the end of the year, and your donation, however small, can help us reach this goal!

What's more, if we receive your donation by August 1st, a generous community member has pledged \$10,000 to match your gift 1:1, doubling the impact of your support.

[Click here to support us however you can!](#)

Our Board Member Daniel Schoenfeld has also offered to support this effort:

Donations of \$200 or more are eligible to receive a free case of Wild Hog Wine! Just email your donation receipt to Daniel Schoenfeld at info@wildhogvineyard.com to place your order. You can schedule a pickup at Wild Hog Vineyard or the Sonoma County Vintners Co-op in Windsor. Please allow at least one week for delivery; limited supply.

Happy Summer Solstice, thank you for reading, and let us know what you think! Questions, ideas, ways to volunteer- we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to info@coastridgecommunityforest.org with your feedback.

Sincerely,

Demetra Markis, newsletter editor, CRFC project support



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