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Dear To Whom it May Concern,

RE: Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break Planning

The Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC) working with local Fire Wise Communities to plan the Upper Rancheria Fuel Break. You may have heard about this project for your neighbors or our project partners the Upper Rancheria and Quartz Mountain FireWise Communities. The AFSC is currently seeking funding from CalFire's Fire Prevention Grant opportunity. This funding will pay for planning work including environmental review via California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) development and on-the-ground work to implement the fuel break. To meet CEQA requirements the area must be mapped and reviewed for any risk the planned project may have on natural and cultural resources. Project implementation will entail removing brush and small vegetation using multiple treatment practices to create a shaded fuel break. Treatment will include the development of a ~300 ft swath of shaded fuel break treated with a variety of fuel reduction tools, such as: hand thinning, mastication, chipping, hand pile, and hand pile burning. If funding is awarded planning work is anticipated in Fall of 2023 and implementation will continue throughout 2024.

Currently the AFSC has funding to conduct initial field visits and begin the on-the-ground planning of the fuel break. For the AFSC to complete this work we must secure an executed a Right of Entry from the included landowners within the project area. Signing an ROE is not a guarantee that work will happen on your property; the AFSC is at the beginning stages of planning and the final footprint of the fuel break will depend on the on-site evaluation, funding, and neighboring parcel cooperation.

**Your property has been determined to be within the project area;** see the attached map of proposed project area. With this letter you will find the Right of Entry agreement; **if you would like to participate in the project please return the signed Right of Entry agreement as soon as possible.**

**The AFSC will be hosting the Upper Rancheria Fuelbreak Town Hall to review the project and answer questions.**

**When:** February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30-6:30pm **Where:** Volcano Comm.Tech. Center 19888 Church Street, Pine Grove

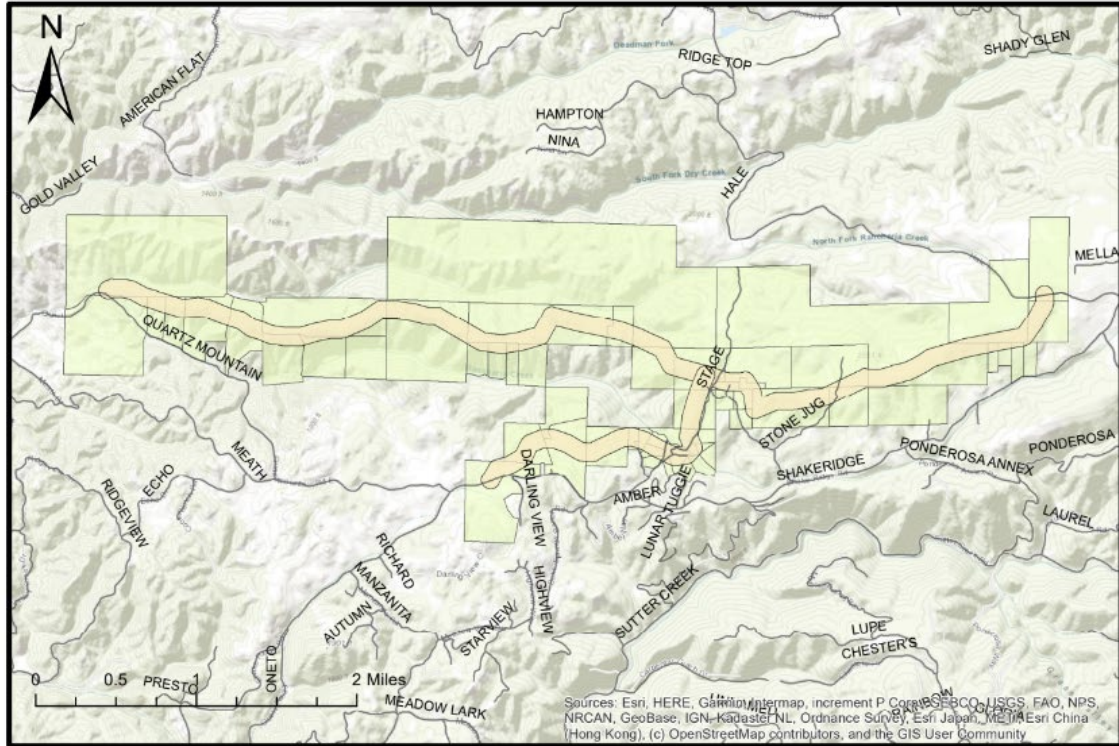
**Virtual Meeting Information:** [www.amadorfiresafe.org/event/xyz](http://www.amadorfiresafe.org/event/xyz)

Please review the enclosed agreement, sign and return to AFSC. If you have any questions about the project please contact your Upper Rancheria FireWise Community Lead Joe Smith, email: [joesmith123@gmail.com](mailto:joesmith123@gmail.com) or your Quartz Mountain FireWise Community Lead Jane Doe; email: [janedoe123@gmail.com](mailto:janedoe123@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Amanda Watson  
AFSC Coordinator

# Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break



## Legend

- Roads
- Upper Rancheria Project Area
- ROEs Needed

## Example of Shaded Fuel Break work completed by the Amador Fire Safe Council



Before Treatment



After Treatment



AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL  
RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT  
Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break  
Planning & Implementation

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by the AMADOR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (“AFSC”), and (“Property Owner/Owners”) on the following terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to permit AFSC Fuels Reduction Contractor (Contractor) to enter property to map, plan, implement the Upper Rancheria Community Fuel Break to reduce the fire danger, free of charge, on property located at \_\_\_\_\_, APN(s): \_\_\_\_\_);

WHEREAS, the parties hereto recognize that this fuel break project as a free service to the Property Owner is intended to increase the fire protection for Property Owner’s property but does not guarantee the protection of the Property Owner’s property or safety from fire.

THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Contractor, and Property Owner acknowledge that the safety of participants is of primary importance and no work will be undertaken that knowingly endangers anyone’s safety.
2. Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC) shall:
  - a. provide written job specifications for the work to Contractor prior to the start of work.
  - b. monitor the project to achieve fuel reduction objectives acknowledging that protecting the natural resources such as soil, water, wildlife, and archeological resources are also desirable goals.
3. Property Owners shall:
  - a. expect/accept minor soil disturbance and incidental damage to property as a result of the provided services.
  - b. stay safely away from crew and machinery and keep children and pets away.
4. Proposed work:
  - Project planning and mapping to meet CEQA requirements.
  - Construction of shaded fuel break, ~300 feet in width on private property.
  - Construction of fuel break will be depended on the approved CEQA documentation.
  - Treatment will include removing brush and vegetation using multiple treatment practices to create a shaded fuel break. Fuel reduction tools may include: hand thinning, mastication, chipping, hand pile, and hand pile burning.
5. By executing this Agreement the undersigned warrant that each is authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the executing party.

*Property Owner*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

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