

Nevada County – The fuels reduction program within Nevada got its start through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program (HGMP). We initially received approval for approximately \$600,000 to create fuel breaks and provide chipping services to specific areas within the County. This program sparked the interest of many of the residents that lived outside of the identified project areas and they immediately began requesting that the same service become available throughout the County. The following year we were able to accomplish that through \$22,000 of Fuels Reduction funds provided by CDF through the Fuels Reduction Program. Those funds introduced many residents to the Chipping Program and resulted in a demand that was greater than we could have hoped for. To date the Chipper Program has resulted in the treatment of over 2,917 residences by processing in excess of 208,000 cubic yds of fuels at those residences. We have also treated over 80 acres along more than eight miles of roads by removing more than 1,200 tons of vegetative fuels to create roadside fuels reduction areas. We have continued the program over the years through funds from a variety of sources including but not limited to: WUI Grants (\$216,000), Forest Stewardship Grant (\$165,000), BLM (\$228,000), USFS (\$220,000, Northern Sierra AQMD (\$75,000), Nevada County \$(129,000), Allstate Insurance (\$33,000), Proposition 40 Funds (\$235,000) in 05-06 FY, and a number of home-owner associations (\$45,000). Through Prop 204 (\$125,000) over 300 acres were treated by our cooperators.

Placer County – Initial fuels reduction efforts in Placer County were undertaken as an outcome of the settlement between Placer County and Pacific Gas & Electric. Approximately \$271,000 was set aside to reduce the fuel loading within the County. We utilized that as start up money to initiate the Residential Chipper Program within the County. To date the Chipper Program has resulted in the treatment of over 9832 residences by processing in excess of 41,698 tons of fuels at those residences. We have also treated over 150 acres along more than 40 miles of roads removing over 5,100 tons of vegetative fuels to create roadside fuels reduction areas. These areas will allow for reduced fire behavior along the roadways in times of fire emergencies. The program has been able to continue with the application of funds provided through Proposition 204 (\$252,000), Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Grants \$(210,000), Placer County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) \$(65,000).

Yuba County - The fuel reduction efforts in Yuba County have been directed primarily at large landowners. Approximately \$966,000 has been spent treating parcels ten acres and larger. These funds were obtained by the Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council through Prop 204 monies. NYP has established a contract with the Dobbins-Oregon House Fire Department to provide chipping services throughout the foothill communities of Yuba County. By July 1, 2005 residential chipping services should be in place. These additional services will be dependent on Proposition 40 funding

11. AUBURN FUEL BREAK

This project is within the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA) Fire Management Plan

developed as part of the contract between CDF, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and State Parks (CSP&R). A complete copy of the ASRA Fire Management Plan can be found near the back of this document (see Appendix 6). The Auburn Fuel Break is designed to reduce the threat of a canyon fire moving into the residential area of Auburn along the rim of the North Fork of the American River. It will also help protect the ASRA from a fire moving from residential area. The residential properties are immediately adjacent to large tracts of federal land, which extend all the way to the river and up the other side. The federal lands were originally established to occupy the river canyon up to, and including, the predicted high water mark for the proposed Auburn Dam Project. Since the dam is yet to be constructed the lands are open to the public for recreational purposes. Due to its proximity to the river, the use of these lands by recreationists dramatically increases during the summer months when the fire danger is at its highest.

Project Proposal

Work with the BOR and CSP&R to develop a fuel break on the public lands along the ridgeline and below the private property. Assist Auburn City in encouraging the private landowners immediately adjacent to the public land to commit to fuel reduction projects on their own land. The goal is to establish a 300 foot modified shaded fuel break along the ridge that utilizes both public and private lands in an effort to protect the interests of all those involved.

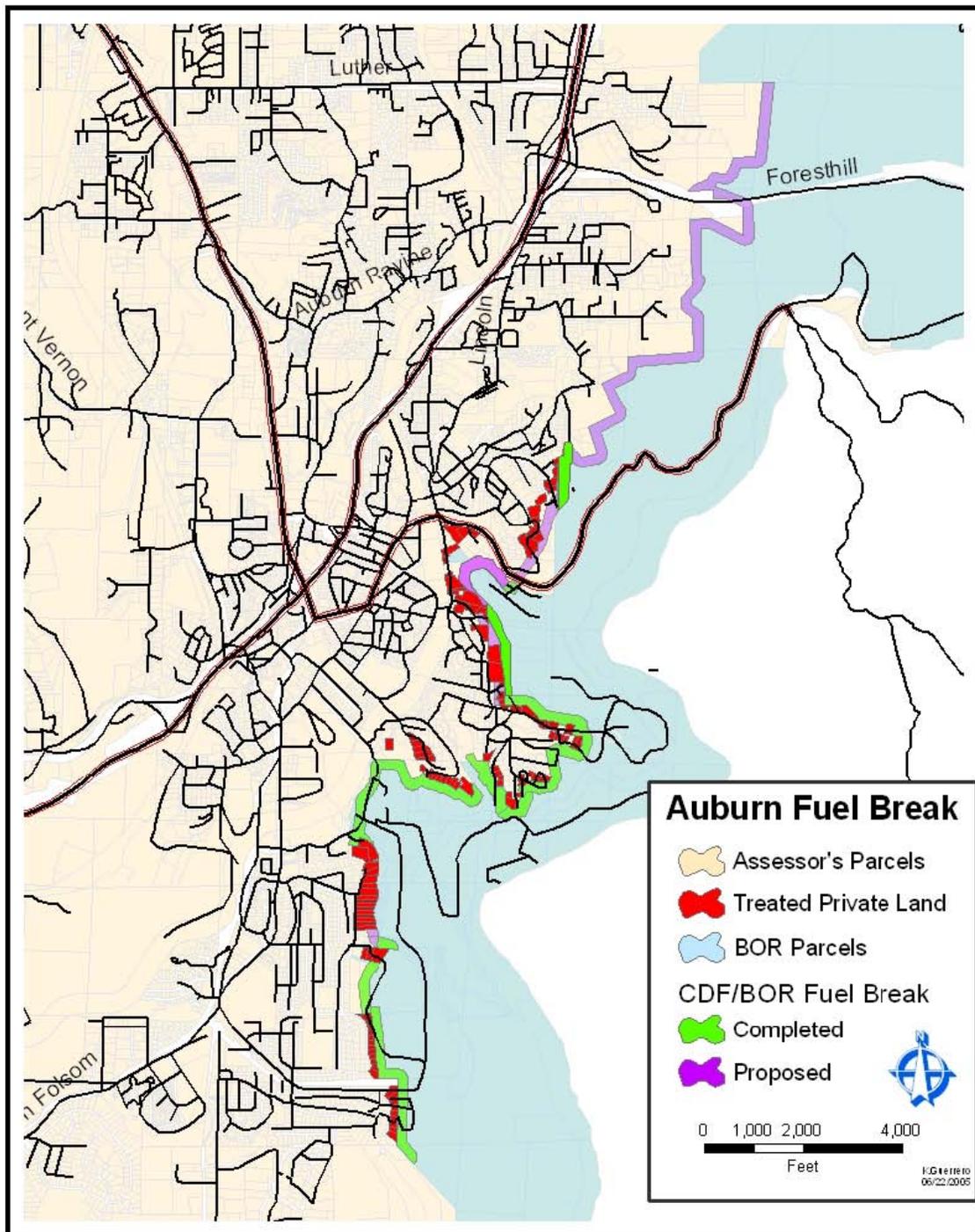
Event 1: Using GIS and other means identify the properties that will require fuel modification in order to establish an effective fuel break. Notify those landowners in an effort to educate them on the necessities of the fuel break and attempt to get their “buy-in” to the project.

Event 2: Assist Auburn City with developing a use agreement with the private land owners that will allow the City to act as a contract agent on their lands to assist in the fuels modification work.

Event 3: Identify the BOR parcels that will require fuels modification work and work with them to complete the fuels modification work in whatever means are available.

Event 4: A second fuel break is proposed for the rim of the canyon on the other side of the river and will be addressed in the Amador – El Dorado Fire Management Plan and the ASRA Fire Management Plan.

The proposed fuel break is approximately nine miles long and will occupy over 325 acres. **Estimated Project Cost \$300,000** Primarily funded by the BOR with some assistance to the home owners via the Placer County chipping program.



12. FORESTHILL FUEL MODIFICATION PROJECT

The Foresthill pre-fire project was designed to tie in with and increase the effectiveness