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San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit



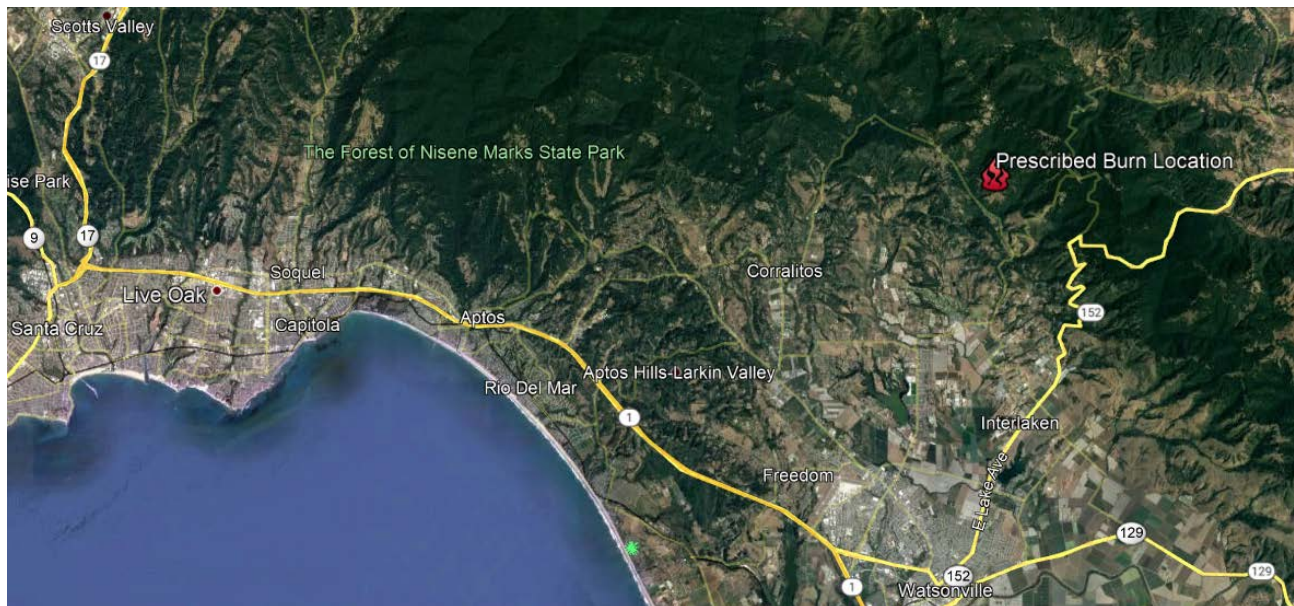
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Estrada Ranch Prescribed Burn

FELTON – The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) San Mateo – Santa Cruz Unit will conduct an approximately 20-acre prescribed burn near the intersection of Hazel Dell and Hidden Canyon Road in southeastern Santa Cruz County on October 15, 2021. The prescribed burn will be conducted between the hours of 08:00 am and 4:00 pm, but smoke may be noticed in the area for about one to two days following the burn. The project is being conducted in accordance with a Smoke Management Permit issued by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District in order to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities.

This burn is being conducted as part of the CAL FIRE Vegetation Treatment Program and is intended to reduce fuel accumulations and restore and enhance grassland. Prescribed vegetation management burns are carefully planned controlled burns that must meet a predefined set of conditions (prescription) in order to achieve ideal fire behavior. No burning takes place if weather and fuel conditions are not within prescription. When optimal conditions are met, trained wildland firefighters manage the burn while monitoring the weather, smoke dispersal, fire behavior and designated fire control lines.



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