



## Southern Marin Fire Protection District

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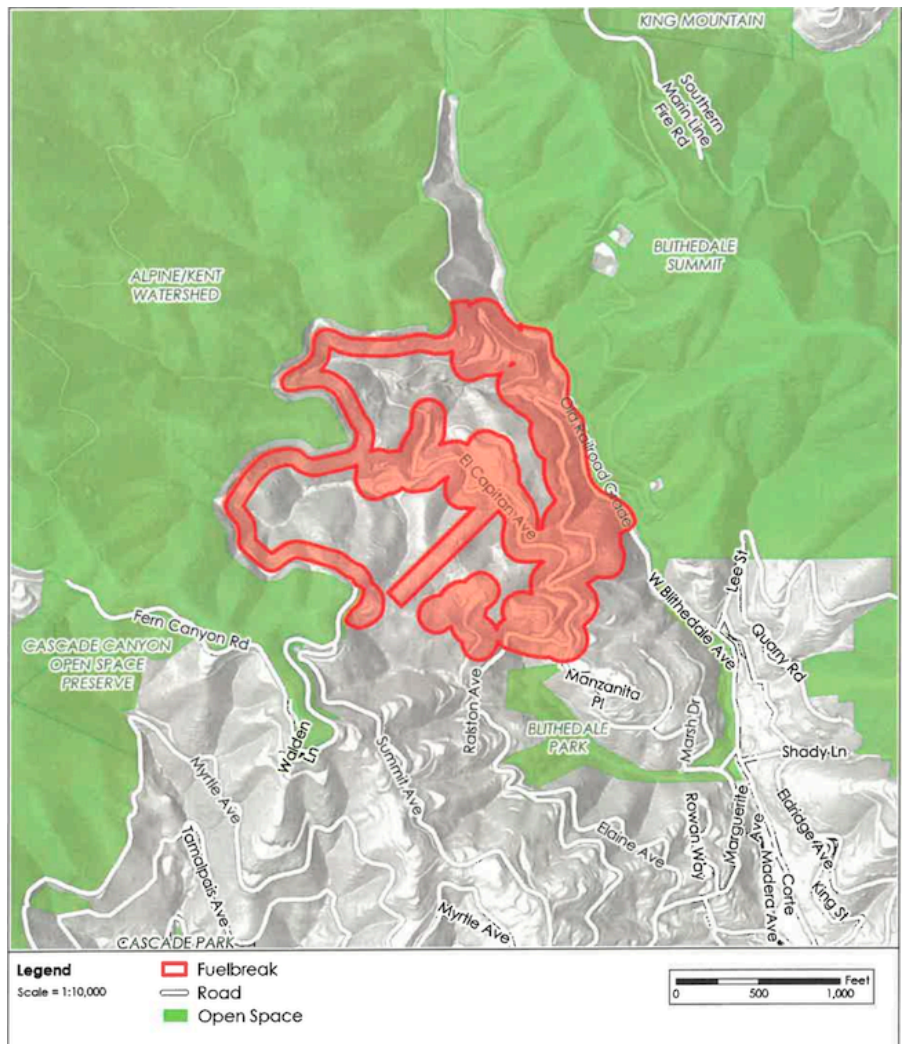
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Dear Residents,

The Southern Marin Fire Protection District is establishing a shaded fuel break by means of a forest health restoration project. This project will reduce flammable vegetation within 100ft - 150ft from homes surrounding the Summit/Ralston area of Mill Valley.

The scope of the project is to remove non-native vegetation such as broom, eucalyptus tree debris, smaller eucalyptus trees, and other non-natives within this described zone above. Additional work will also include limbing up trees, thinning out brush, vines and removing dead and down vegetation.

The purpose of this project is to establish and maintain a defensible space zone along the perimeter of the Summit and Ralston residential hillside communities in the high fire severity zones. These communities are located along steep slopes, where a wildfire could rapidly escalate in certain fire conditions. By reducing encroaching vegetation and promoting the growth of native plant species, the project would extend evacuation times for the community, slow fire intensity, and provide firefighters better access to the fire's edge if a wildfire were to occur.



Work will be starting in the spring of 2024. This project will go a long way to providing a higher level of safety to this area and for a healthier forest. You can find out more about this project at [smfd.org](http://smfd.org). Please contact the Prevention Division of the Southern Marin Fire Protection District if you have any questions (415) 380-1120.