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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit



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### **Pine Mountain Lake Vegetation Management Program**

**San Andreas** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit will be conducting a prescribed burning operation on the Pine Mountain Lake (PML) Vegetation Management Program (VMP) site, beginning Friday October 20th, 2023. This project is located north of Ferretti Road between Tioga High School and Rocky Point Dr. Burning operations will be concentrated along Baraca Rd. between October 20<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Multiple burn units will be ignited in the PML VMP encompassing approximately 50 acres of annual grasses, oak woodland, and scattered brush. This prescribed burn will reduce understory vegetation, grasses, and noxious weeds, such as star thistle and medusa head. This will also effectively reduce flammable fuels and enhance the fuel break system around the community of Groveland.

The campgrounds and green waste locations will remain open during normal business hours per PML. Smoke will be visible in the area during the prescribed burn and there will be road and trail closures around the burn. Public information boards including a map will be located on Ferretti Road at the mailboxes across from Baraca Way and on Phelan Mogan Rd.

The prescribed burn will occur between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Control lines and established roadways will be used to prevent the spread of fire from areas outside of the burn units. Firefighters will remain at scene during active burning and will be patrolling the area for multiple days after ignitions are complete.

For additional information on preparing for and preventing wildfires visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

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