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### Fuel Reduction Work to Start Soon

The Goosenest District Ranger, Laura Allen, has decided to implement the A-12 Fuels Reduction/Habitat Improvement Project on the Goosenest Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest. This proposal falls within the category of actions listed in the Forest Service NEPA Handbook (FSH) that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. There are no extraordinary circumstances that would preclude use of Category 6 "Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities which do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than one mile of low standard road construction. [(FSH 1909.15, Chapter 31.2 and 36CFR §220.6(e)]. The purpose of this project is to reduce hazardous fuels on Forest Service land adjacent to the Mount Shasta Vista Subdivision. There is a need to protect this community while improving ecological values and diversity. This project will improve the landscape by reducing trees and brush that could cause an uncontrolled wildfire. The project will enhance diversity while improving big game winter range and forage. Diseased and overcrowded juniper will be selected for removal, leaving large legacy trees and the infrequent ponderosa pine. The project area is located 10 miles Southeast of Grenada, California. The legal location is T43N R4E Sections: 8, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24, 26, 32, 34, and 36, within the Mount Diablo Meridian. The Decision Memo and/or additional information regarding this action is available from the Goosenest Ranger District. Contact Marcus Nova at the Goosenest Ranger District, 37805 Hwy 97, Macdoel, CA (530) 398-5727.