

KENNEDY GROVE - KG001 FUELS MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTION

SITE DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

The treatment area is 0.8 acres of coastal scrub and oak/bay woodland located on steep slopes to the south of Heide Court in Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area. Site can only be accessed by foot.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT GOALS:

Annual grassland, oak woodland, small patches of short shrubs

FUELS MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES:

1. Reduce surface and ladder fuels by thinning brush and removing dead fuel accumulations.
2. Limb up low hanging tree limbs up to eight feet from the ground surface.

RESOURCE OBJECTIVES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

- Conduct all initial work during the period from July 31st to Jan. 31st to avoid disturbance to nesting raptors and song birds, as recommended by the District's biologist. If work will occur during nesting season, Stewardship will conduct a pre-work nesting survey within 15-days of work beginning and flag any buffer sites around identified nests.
- Conduct surveys and treatment activities in a manner that will minimize potential adverse effects to Alameda whipsnakes. At rocky outcrops, or within grasslands, work may occur between Oct. 31st and April 1st. If work occurs outside this window, a biological monitor must be present for all activities on site.
- Conduct surveys and treatment activities in oak and bay habitat to identify and avoid dusky-footed woodrat nests. Any nest will have a buffer zone described by the current protocol developed by Stewardship.

FUELS TREATMENT PRESCRIPTION:

Initial Treatment

Reduce surface and ladder fuels using hand labor. Either lop and scatter cut brush and tree limbs into the grassy areas near the site or remove material off site. Cut stump herbicide treatment applications will be used on any coyote brush and French broom stumps. Pine seedlings will be cut at ground level.


Follow-up/Maintenance (Note: if initial treatment is spread over more than one year, adjust the maintenance schedule as needed to accommodate)

YEAR	FUELS TREATMENT
01	Initial Treatment.
02-05	Retreat eucalyptus and brush cut stumps with herbicides. Monitor site for weed invasion; remove or treat weeds with herbicide.
06-30	Repeat initial treatment and maintenance as needed every three years.

MONITORING:

Staff from the District's Fire Department, Planning/Stewardship, and Operations will evaluate the success and efficacy of the initial and follow-up fuels treatments. Monitoring results will be documented.

PRESCRIPTION PREPARED BY:

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Fire Captain, EBRPD	Signature	Date

REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

This prescription meets the District's standards for fuels management, natural resource protection and achievement of Best Management Practices according to the Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan and is consistent with the mitigation measures contained in the EIR:

<i>for</i> JOHN R. SWANSON	 <i>JSW 08.23.2012</i>	08.29.2012
Fire Chief, EBRPD	Signature	Date
NEAL FUJITA		8/29/12
Stewardship Manager, EBRPD	Signature	Date

