

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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**RELEASE DATE:**  
October 9, 2024

### Prescribed Fire Planned for Sheep Camp Area in San Mateo County

**San Carlos** – Weather-permitting, CAL FIRE CZU will conduct a prescribed fire on San Francisco Public Utilities Watershed lands on Friday, October 11, 2024. We will burn an estimated 61-acres of grass and coyote brush at the Gate Vista Rest Stop that was burned last year. Burn Boss Sarah Collamer says, “Research shows that when coyote brush is burned successively, there is a better chance of not only knocking it back but also encouraging native grasses.”

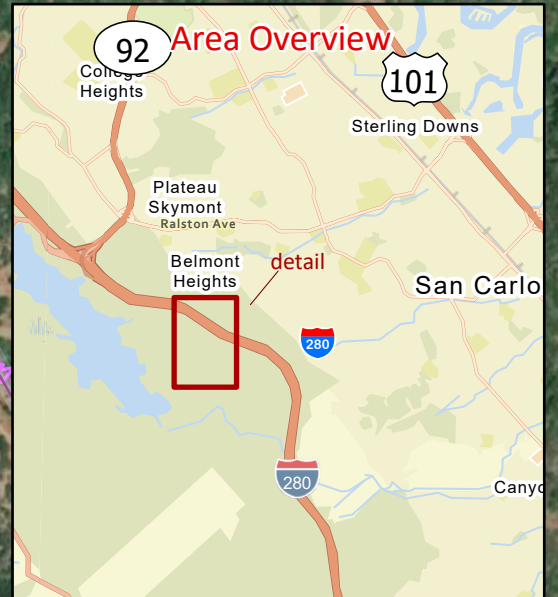
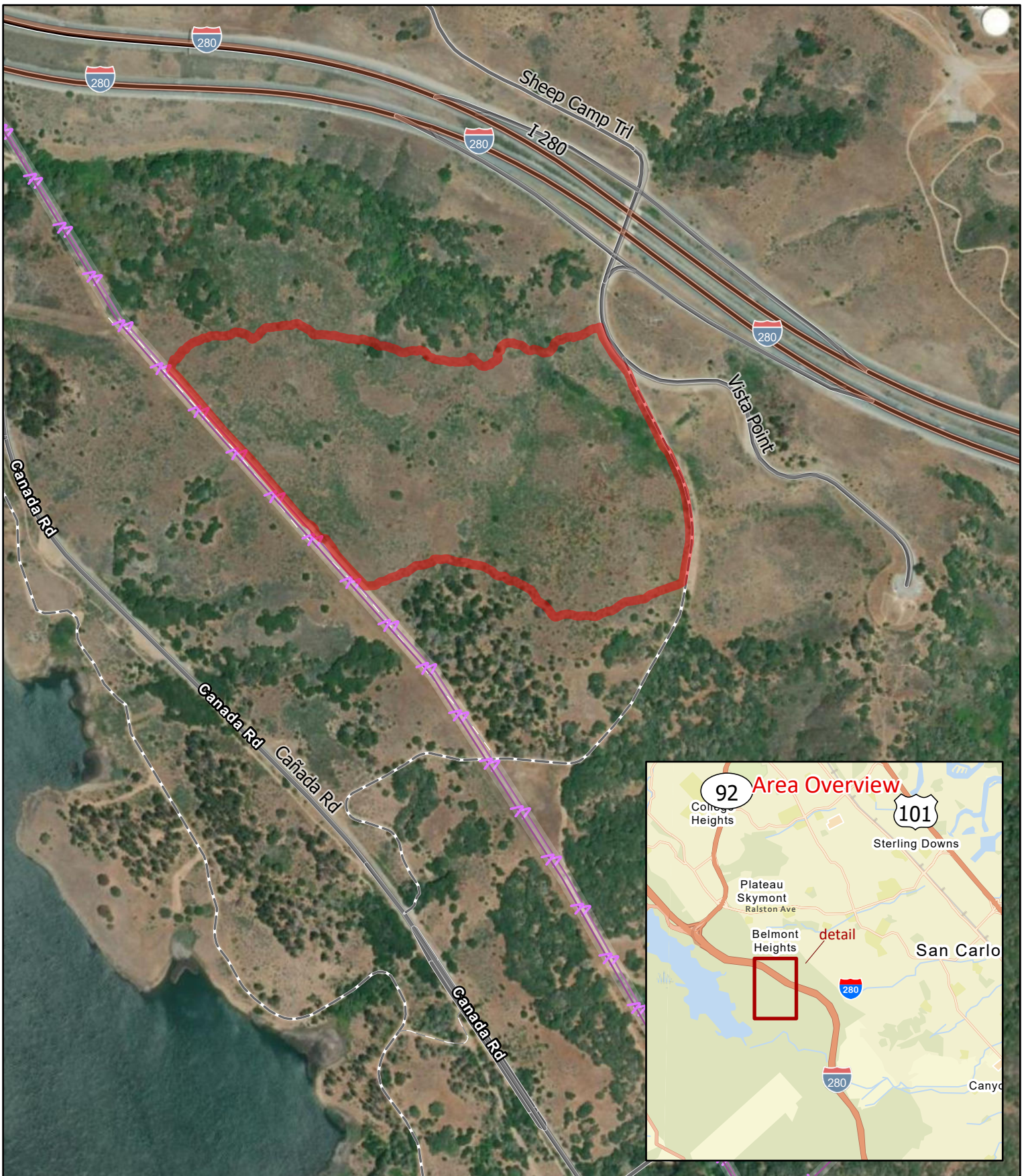
Smoke will be light, but may be visible in Woodside, Belmont, Burlingame, Emerald Hills, San Carlos Hills, and parts of I-280. There will be extensive fire equipment and a helicopter on scene. There is no need to call 911. You can watch the smoke live from [Alert California CSM Cañada Building 9 camera](#).

The SFPUC Peninsula Watershed is approximately 23,000 acres of land that collects drinking water in three reservoirs which serve about one million people in San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. The Peninsula Watershed supports one of the most unique and important assemblages of native plant and animal species in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This prescribed fire was planned as part of broader strategic efforts to protect the local community and nearby natural resources. These plans are informed by community and local stakeholder input and serve as a collaborative effort with a range of cooperators throughout the course of the project. This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting or exceeding state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, please visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/prescribed-fire> and help share important preventing and preparedness information with your neighbors at [readyforwildfire.org](https://readyforwildfire.org).

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**Legend**

- █ Broadcast burn boundary
- - - Transmission Lines
- Roads**
- Major Roads
- Minor Roads
- Gravel/Dirt Roads
- 4X4 Trails

**Cañada Rx 2024 Broadcast Burn**  
**SFPUC Prescribed Burn VMP**

Incident # 24 CA CZU 007694  
 Treatment # 24CACZUT170127

