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Dear Pine Hill Preserve Neighbors,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mother Lode Field Office would like to make you aware of fuels management activities at the Pine Hill Preserve and invite you to participate at two public meetings scheduled in January 2011. The meetings are offered to share information about management objectives, hear your input on our efforts to provide for public and firefighter safety, and discuss fuel reduction/pile burning activities planned to take place within the Cameron Park and Pine Hill units of the Pine Hill Preserve.

MEETING INFORMATION

Tuesday January 18th at 6:30 PM

And

Saturday, January 22nd at 2:00 PM

At the

**Cameron Park CSD Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive,
Cameron Park, CA 95682**

Your input is crucial and welcomed to manage these public lands. The BLM is very proud of the relationships established between the Pine Hill Preserve/Fire and Fuels Management Staff and many of you during the construction and maintenance of strategic fuel breaks at the Cameron Park and Pine Hill units, and would like to build upon and continue with this interaction in the future.

As part of ongoing fuel management efforts at the Pine Hill Preserve, the BLM will burn vegetation cut and piled at strategic areas within fuel breaks along the boundaries of a 360-acre parcel at the Cameron Park unit and a 10-acre parcel of the Pine Hill unit. The 30-100' fuel breaks have been created during the last two years to enhance public and firefighter safety and protect valuable natural resources at the Pine Hill Preserve in the event of a wild land fire incident.

The management of fuel loading at strategic areas of the Pine Hill Preserve allows us to reduce high levels of fuel near residences and will help us to protect the unique biological diversity that exists within the Preserve lands in the event of a wildfire. If left unmanaged, excessive fuel loading at the Cameron Park unit may have detrimental consequences that will affect both public safety and the natural environment. Our ultimate management goal in that is to restore and/or mimic in a responsible manner the natural habitat dynamics at the Pine Hill Preserve. The BLM has implemented successful alternatives to manage vegetation using different methods to suit the Cameron Park and Pine Hill communities and the Preserve needs. Pile burning of previously cut vegetative materials will successfully help to reduce the amount of fuels.

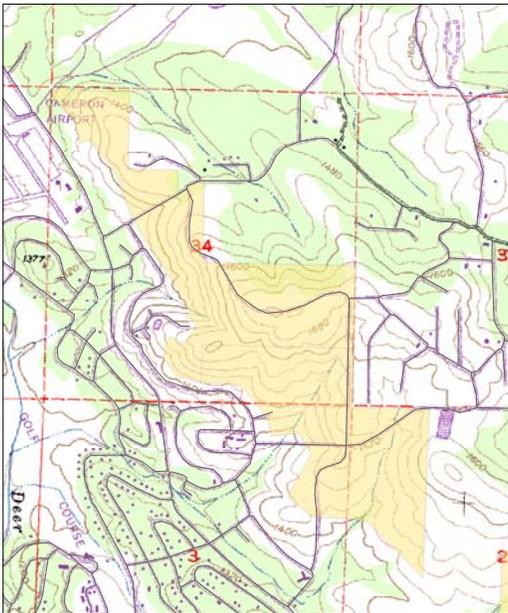
We want to share our management objectives with you and encourage you to attend and participate at the Public meetings scheduled for January 18 and 22, or by visiting the BLM Mother Lode Field Office website at www.blm.gov/ca/motherlode and providing comments and/or expressing concerns by contacting us at Brian_Mulhollen@blm.gov and/or ghinshaw@blm.gov. For additional information please visit the www.pinehillpreserve.org website or write your comments at pinehillpreserve@gmail.com.

Representatives from CALFIRE, BLM, El Dorado County Air Quality Management District and other organizations will be present to provide information about the different management issues at the Pine Hill Preserve and will be happy to answer questions about our efforts to conserve its unique ecosystems while developing strategies to decrease the risk and potential detrimental effects of wild land fires.

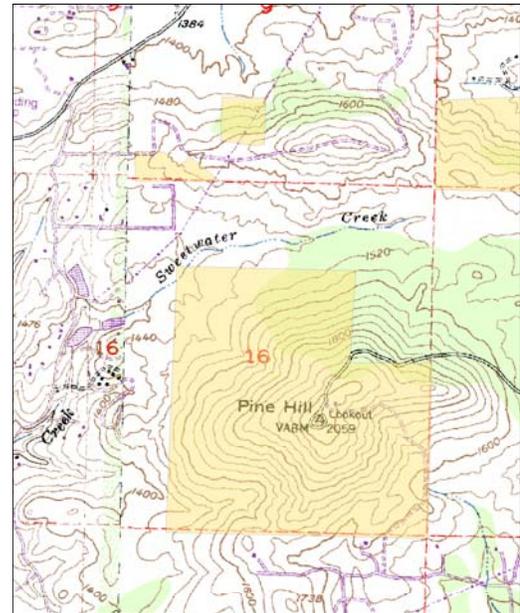
Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank You!

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Cameron Park Unit



Fair View and Pine Hill Parcels

Pile burning would occur within 100' of parcel boundaries within constructed fuel break at the 360-acre parcel of the Cameron Park Unit. The Fair View and Pine Hill Parcels may have pile burning occurring throughout the parcels.