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Public Meeting Announced for Michigan Bluff Vegetation and Fuels Project *USFS to Discuss Proposed Project to Address Fuels Reduction and Forest Health*

FORESTHILL, Calif. – The U.S. Forest Service will host a community meeting in Foresthill to discuss project proposals that will address the forest health condition and build-up of woody fuels around the community of Michigan Bluff. The meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Foresthill Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 24601 Harrison Street in Foresthill.

Overcrowded forests, combined with drought conditions, have contributed to increasing levels of tree mortality from bark beetle attacks. Currently, in the Michigan Bluff area, there are numerous groups of beetle-killed trees intermixed with live trees that are highly susceptible to further attacks. Local roads have encroaching dense woody vegetation that would be unsafe for public and emergency personnel ingress and egress in the event of a wildfire. The Tahoe National Forest's American River Ranger District is developing a project to address tree mortality and increase forest resiliency, with an emphasis on fuels reduction and community protection.

The Forest Service's proposed Michigan Bluff Community Protection Project, would treat up to 3,000 acres using a combination of mastication and prescribed burning on 1,783 acres, conifer thinning on 925 acres, hazard tree removal on 8.9 miles of roads and creation of roadside fuel-breaks on 4.3 miles of roads. The project would emphasize fuels reduction and community protection in proximity to Michigan Bluff.

The Forest Service is seeking public input for treatments on these National Forest System lands. The meeting is an opportunity to collaborate and discuss options and concerns. For more



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