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Background on the BLM 'Hazardous Fuels Reduction Variance Permit'

BLM recognizes that flammable vegetation on its lands can be a fire hazard to neighboring private lands. To mitigate this hazard, BLM issues 'Hazardous Fuels Reduction Variance Permits' to property owners who share boundaries with BLM. This permit authorizes the owner to clear 100' of flammable vegetation on the BLM side of the fence at his/her expense. BLM will specify the fuels reduction treatment and maintenance on its property.

In early 2010, three property owners in Glencoe applied to BLM for permits. In response, BLM completed an environmental assessment in the spring of 2010. During the summer, crews from BLM and CHIPS constructed shaded fire breaks by removing underbrush and ladder fuels. Slash was cut and stacked into 4'x4'x8' piles that will be burnt by BLM in March, 2011. The treated areas look like a park! You can view these shaded Fuel Breaks on BLM land at two sites along Hwy 26, just west of Humbug Creek Farm and just west of Three Cent Flat Road.

There is no guarantee that BLM will construct the perimeter fuel breaks in 2011. There is talk that BLM will contract crews from AmeriCorps to do this work at no expense to you! A second possibility is that all Variance Permits are lumped together and the work contracted through the Foothill Fire Safe Counsel to local fuel removal companies. The worse case scenario is that BLM simply issues the permit for you to clear on their side of the fence.

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Hazardous Fuels Reduction Variance Request

Contact Information

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

DATE: _____

Official use

RCVD: _____

C: _____ SV: _____

County Calaveras Your Parcel APN # _____

Phone No. 1 _____ Home Work

Phone No. 2 _____ Home Work

When May we Contact You? Day Night Other: _____

Is Your home within 100' of the BLM property line? _____

Signature