PROJECT NAME: HWY 44 FUELS REDUCTION

SIZE: 1,112 ACRES

PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:
12/19

LOCATION:
Along CA State HWY 44 from the intersection with Dersch Road east to the Lassen National Forest Boundary.

Summary: This project would create a landscape level shaded fuelbreak along HWY 44, within CALTRANS deeded ownership or right-of-way and on private property. The project will vary in width, based upon right-of-way widths and the willingness of landowners to cooperate, but will be 400 feet wide where CALTRANS owns 200 feet from centerline. The western part of the project will include the removal of brush and the limbing of trees up to 12 feet above ground. The central and east side of the project will include the removal and chipping of understory trees (less than 10 inches in diameter) and the thinning of overstory trees. This is a cooperative project with CALTRANS that will provide a safer community for residents along HWY 44 and make stopping a wildfire possible for firefighters. Additional benefits of the project are increased visibility to roadside hazards (livestock and wildlife) and increased solar exposure during the winter months, making roads less likely to be icy.

What communities or habitats will project protect? Shingletown, Viola, Inwood.