



Calaveras County *Butte Fire Recovery*

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BUTTE FIRE RECOVERY-HAZARD TREE REMOVAL

Right of Entry

On June 14, 2016 Tetra Tech on the County's behalf, sent out a letter to property owners who have hazard trees along County roads in the Butte Fire area. The letter was a request that a Right of Entry permit (ROE) be signed and returned to the County Public Works Department so that dead and dying trees on their property that pose a threat to the traveling public can be evaluated and marked by an arborist and ultimately removed.

The tree removal program is co funded by Federal Emergency Management Public Assistance Act (FEMA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with no out of pocket cost to the property owner. However under FEMA rules if they have insurance they must seek recovery from any benefits within their coverage. **A property owner cannot receive duplicate benefits.**

194 Right of Entry Permits have been accepted as of September 1, 2016. Of those 129 have been signed and approved to be surveyed. 29 are waiting for additional information and the remainder is taking care of the hazard trees on their own.

Private Property owners that choose not to have their hazardous trees removed remain liable for damage caused by hazardous trees falling onto County Roads.

To date 6,014 trees have been marked for removal.

If you have received a letter asking you to sign an ROE please sign and return to the Calaveras Public Works Department. **If you have any questions about the program, feel free to call the Hazard Tree Hot Line at (209)754-6767**