



Calaveras County

Butte Fire Recovery

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Butte Fire Recovery-Burnt Tree Removal

UPDATE

The Calaveras County Department of Public Works expects tree removal to begin tentatively early to mid-November. The delay is due to the determination of federally listed endangered species “the Red Legged Frog” or critical habitat “the Valley elderberry beetle and the lone manzanita, in the burn area where burnt trees are to be removed. Additionally the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has determined that there are sites within the burn area that are of cultural or historical importance.

In order for the County to be fully reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and CAL OES, they must comply with all Federal requirements.

The County will amend the existing contract with Tetra Tech Inc. to add additional monitoring staff to fulfill all FEMA requirements.

Once FEMA issues the final NEPA determination, which is expected later this month, then tree removal will begin.