



**Santa Clara County FireSafe Council**  
*Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect  
 their homes, communities and environment from wildfires*

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**La Paloma Wildfire Safety & Evacuation Route Project Permission Form**  
**RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT**

Property Street Address "Property"		Start Date:	End Date:
		06/03/2024	06/14/2024
Property cross street or other location identifier:		APN:	
Property Legal Owner Name(s):			
Owner Representative Name (if applicable):		Owner Representative Title: (eg. Tenant, Property Manager, CEO, etc)	
Owner/representative mailing address if different:			
Owner/representative phone number:		Owner/representative email address:	
Resident names (if different):			
Resident phone number:		Resident email address:	
FireSafe Council Project Name/Phase			
La Paloma Evacuation Route			
Santa Clara County FireSafe Council Project Manager:			
Zaid Ortiz			
Manager phone number:		Manager email address:	
(408) 679 - 5307		zortiz@sccfiresafe.org	

For mutual benefit, I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Owner/Owner's Representative ("Owner"), hereby permit the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, and their officers, directors, employees, designees, agencies, agents,

representatives, contractors, subcontractors, and volunteers (“SCCFSC” and “District”), to enter the Owner’s Property located at the above-referenced address for those purposes described below.

**1) Right of Entry**—Permission is hereby granted and Owner hereby grants to SCCFSC and District a right of entry (“Permit”) to enter upon the Property for the purpose(s) specified below. Permit authorizes SCCFSC and District to access **only** the following checked locations (*please check the boxes next to the areas which you, “owner”, grant SCCFSC and District permission to access to perform Hazardous Fuels Reduction work*):

- All outdoor areas on entire Property
- Any roads, driveways, or paths where Owner holds title or easements
- Front yard    Backyard    Outbuildings
- House/Residence    Other = As needed and limited to proposed project areas in scope

**2) Purpose** – SCCFSC is the project manager and is leading this cooperative wildfire public safety effort with support from the District. Permit is granted for the purposes of (*please check the appropriate box to indicate if you would like to review work on your property prior to start date (Box 1) or if we can perform the treatment as detailed in the Scope of Work (Box 2)*):

- Project planning and marking only. Please return for final approval to perform work.
- Planning and performing HFR treatments as specified in attached Scope of Work. Scope of Work with details for this permit is attached and incorporated by reference herein.

**3) Acknowledgement of Availability of Education & Information Materials** – Owner has received the following materials, which are all part of this Permit.

- In-person walk-through is available for a verbal explanation of SCCFSC’s process for planning and implementing HFR projects.
- Project Scope of Work (below)
- Project Page: <https://sccfiresafe.org/> (under “Projects” tab)

**4) Limitations** – It is fully understood that this Permit does not create any obligation on the SCCFSC or the District to perform any HFR treatment or other work. Owner retains full responsibility for maintaining defensible space around structures as required by law. SCCFSC and District projects may be canceled at any time due to weather, lack of funding, or for any other reason.

**5) Agreement to Indemnify, Defend, and Hold Harmless.** By participating in this service, Owner agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Los Altos Hills County Fire District and Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and both of their elective or appointive boards, officers, employees, agents, contractors and volunteers (collectively “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all claims, liabilities, suits, demands, losses, costs and expenses, including, but not limited to reasonable attorneys’ fees and all legal expenses and fees incurred through appeal, and all interest thereon, accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or any other legal entities on account of any damages or losses to property or persons, including injuries or death, or economic losses, arising out of the activities authorized by this Permit, except to the extent that said damages or losses are the result of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Parties. Additionally, Owner

shall release and discharge SCCFSC and District against any and all claims, charges or costs of any kind, whether in law or equity, which arise out of or are in any way related to this Permit.

**6) Authority.** Owner represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to execute and fully perform its obligations under this Permit, without the need for any further action, and that the person(s) executing this Permit on behalf of the Owner is/are the duly designated agents of Owner and are authorized to do so, and that fee title to the Property vests solely in Owners. This is the parties' entire agreement regarding the Permit.

**7) Signatures – IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** Owner and SCCFSC have executed this Permit:  
*Electronic Signatures. The parties agree that this Right of Entry Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signatures and that the signatures appearing on this Right of Entry are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability and admissibility.*

By: Owner/Representative (print name)	Owner/Representative Signature
I CERTIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OR THAT I HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SIGN A RIGHT OF ENTRY ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNER:	
Print Name:	✕
APN:	
By: SCCFSC authorized representative (print name)	SCCFSC Signature:
	✕
Date:	

Additional Notes:

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Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**SCOPE OF WORK**

In general, Hazardous Fuel Reduction treatment may include, but is not limited to:

Work within 30-50 feet of roads and driveways:

- Remove small trees under 8" diameter; leave stumps in the ground.
- Remove dead trees; leave wood/logs over 8" diameter that cannot be chipped on site.
- Remove tree limbs under 3" diameter a minimum of 8 feet above grade or three times the height of any remaining undergrowth fuel layer, whichever is higher. For small trees, remove branches from the lower 2/3 of the tree, or up to 8 feet, whichever is less.
- Remove any dead woody vegetation.
- Remove shrubs (ladder fuels) under and next to trees; cut off branches above the ground; leave root systems intact.
- Selectively remove some shrubs and smaller trees to create spacing between tree canopies or shrub groups. Break up continuous vegetation into smaller groupings.
- Chip material generated by above activities; chips will be left on the property at a location acceptable to the property owner and the FireSafe Council contractor.

**Project site:**

The La Paloma Road Evacuation Route Project in Los Altos Hills, California, provides an important egress route for a significant portion of the western area of the Los Altos Hills Community in the event of a wildfire evacuation. To secure the integrity of this route, Los Altos Hills County Fire District and Santa Clara County FireSafe Council propose a roadside treatment of hazardous fuels. The La Paloma Road evacuation route project will treat three roads along the evacuation route. These include Purisima Road, La Paloma Road, and West Wind Way. The total treatment of the project is approximately 1.6 miles in length which equates to 3.2 miles of treatment when accounting for both sides of the route.

**Goals for this project:**

The goals of this project are to trim woody vegetation, prune trees, clear dead material and clear any hazard trees that may fall onto the roads. This project will provide an effective evacuation route during a wildfire, improve visibility and travel safety, and reduce the risk of roadside fire ignition.

**Additional Resources:**

EMBER AWARE: <https://sccfiresafe.org/resources/>  
READY! SET! GO!: <https://sccfiresafe.org/resources/>