



Introduction

We invite you to join us for a community meeting focused on the Aldercroft Heights and Lupin Lodge Project which we aim to kick off in Fall 2024. This meeting is an opportunity for residents to ask questions and share concerns. Our project managers and contractors will be on hand to provide answers and insights.

The meeting will be held via Zoom for one hour, on **Tuesday October 29, 2024 at 5:00pm**. We look forward to your participation! Here is the meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86288249603?pwd=xa35vJS1gyD1fOcbcBXXZwT4pZf3.1>

If you would prefer to meet in person, all Aldercroft Heights residents are invited to attend the broadcast of the zoom meeting at Lupin Lodge. It will be hosted in their restaurant, and there is parking on site. Plan to arrive 15 min before the scheduled meeting time to ensure adequate time for check in and parking. Please be sure to bring a photo ID.

The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (SCCFSC), San Jose Water Company (SJW), and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) have joined forces to form the Los Gatos Watershed Collaborative. This partnership aims to implement forest health treatments on approximately 840 acres in the Los Gatos Creek Watershed, focusing on 36 acres in this bid. These treatments will thin underbrush and remove dead or dying trees to improve forest health and fire resilience. Our long-term goal is to promote a diverse and thriving forest ecosystem. This project is funded through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Health Grant Program.

Project Treatments

Our treatment activities will focus on hands-on techniques to improve forest health. This includes:

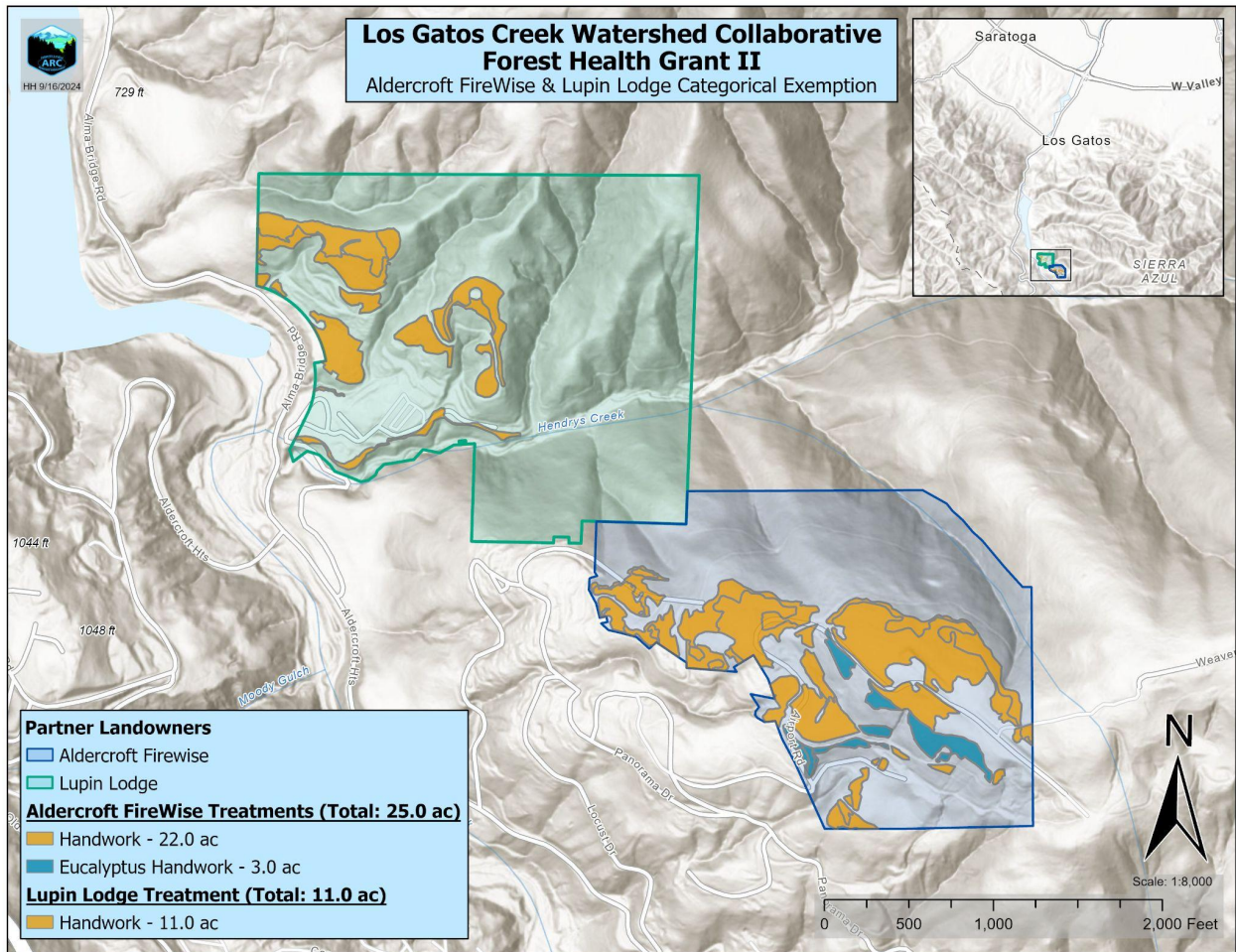
- **Handwork with Chainsaws:** Crews will use chainsaws to cut and drag material to a chipper, working within 75 feet of existing roads.
- **Thinning Understory Vegetation:** We'll selectively thin dense areas of understory plants and remove live trees that are less than 8 inches in diameter, as well as dead, dying, and diseased trees up to 12 inches in diameter.
- **Care for Existing Roots:** Understory vegetation, brush, and shrubs will be cut while keeping root systems intact to encourage regrowth.



- **Wildlife Habitat:** A diverse mosaic of understory will be preserved to support local wildlife.

This approach not only enhances forest health but also promotes a resilient ecosystem.

A map of the project area is below:



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