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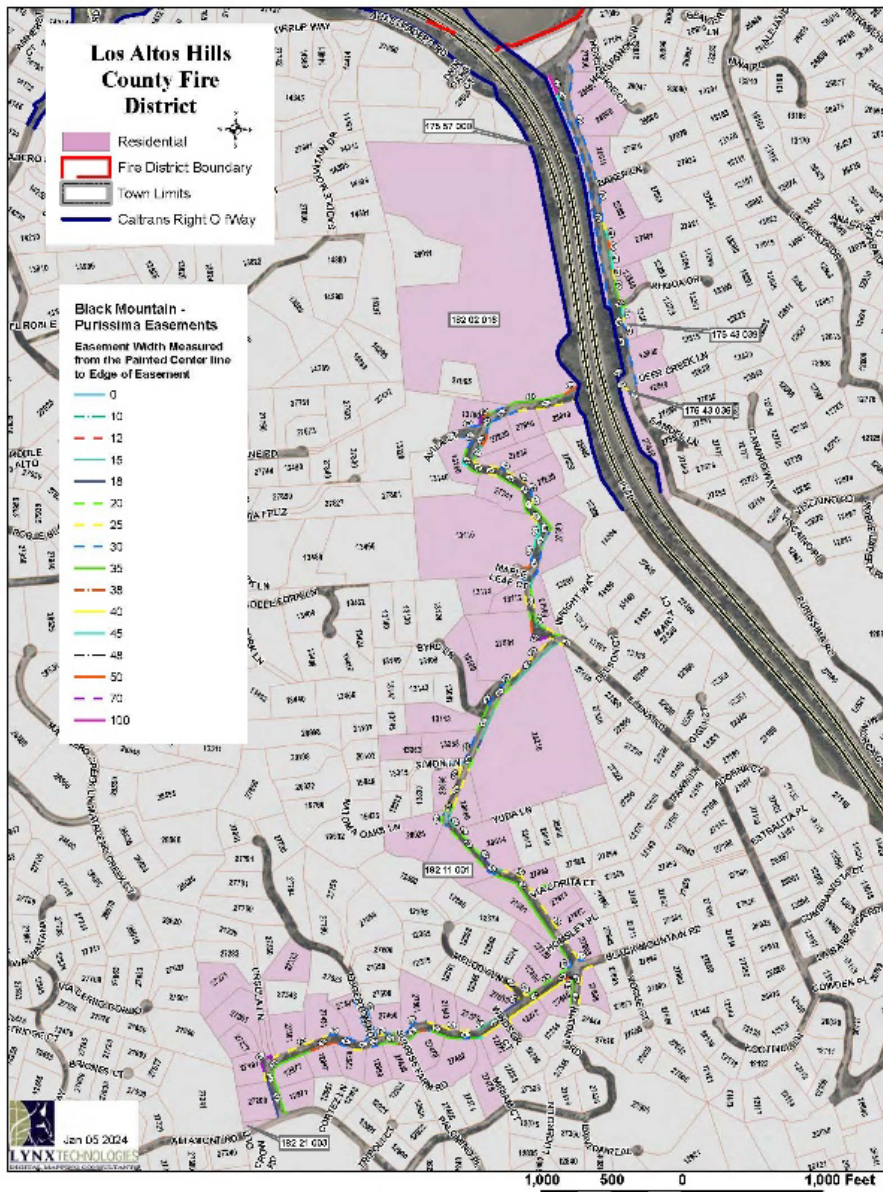
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Black Mountain Purissima Road Evacuation Route Project: vegetation management work begins April 6, 2026



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council, Los Altos Hills County Fire District, in collaboration with Caltrans, Santa Clara County Fire Department, the Town of Los Altos Hills, and other partners, are providing notice about the Black Mountain-Purissima Road Evacuation Route Project.

The goals of this project are to trim woody vegetation, prune trees, clear dead material and remove roadside trash to reduce wildfire risks and impacts of weather events. This project will provide evacuation routes during a wildfire or disaster, improve visibility, and travel safety, and reduce the spread of roadside fire ignition from vehicles or other sources. The hazardous vegetation removal along the roadway evacuation routes provides safer ingress and egress for first responders and the public in the event of wildfire or other disasters.



This project will treat four (4) roads along the evacuation route. These include Black Mountain Road, Elena Road, Natoma Road, and Purissima Road.

The north end of the project is located at the intersection of Purissima Road and Arastradero Road (37.3869819, -122.1524598) and the south end of the project is located at the intersection of Black Mountain Road and Altamont Road (37.3661612, -122.1587736). This project will treat the following roads:

- Black Mountain Road: from Natoma (37.3692138, -122.1516249) to Altamont Road (37.3661612, -122.1587736). Approximately 0.5 linear miles, 1 treated mile.
- Elena Road: from Purissima (37.3807238, -122.1505259) to Natoma Road (37.3756413, -122.1521703). Approximately 0.6 linear miles, 1.2 treated miles.
- Natoma Road: from Elena (37.3756413, -122.1521703) to Black Mountain Road (37.3692138, -122.1516249). Approximately 0.6 linear miles, 1.2 treated miles.

- Purissima Road: from Arastradero (37.3869819, -122.1524598) to Elena Road (37.3807238, -122.1505259). Approximately 0.5 linear miles, 1 treated mile.

Total treatment: 2.2 linear miles, 4.4 treated miles. This project will treat four roads along the evacuation route. These include Black Mountain, Natoma, Elena, and Purissima Roads.

Traffic Information

Traffic control will be in place for the duration of the Black Mountain Purissima Evacuation Route Project. This will consist of a rolling lane closure of 1/4 to 1/2 mile in length that moves as the vegetation crews proceed along the roadside. The streets are never completely closed and multiple streets will not be affected at the same time. Cars wait a few minutes at one end to use one lane then the traffic flow is reversed and those who waited a few minutes at the other end are released. This is all well marked and performed by a licensed traffic control contractor with a multiple person crew. The project is scheduled for April 6, 2026 to April 17, 2026. Work will occur Mondays through Fridays, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and is dependent on weather conditions and holidays.

Motorists should expect delays and allow extra time for travel in these neighborhoods.

Please exercise caution when passing through the work zone. It is crucial that residents stay outside the designated "cone zone" and comply with lane closure instructions at all times to ensure the safety of everyone—residents, crews, and property.

Resident Participation

Residents are encouraged to participate in the ROE (Right of Entry) opportunity to have additional brush and vegetation removed from their property that abuts the roadway during the project. Residents should look for the information packet that will be mailed to their residence or check www.lahcfd.org for additional information.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from residents about evacuation routes are answered by the District Project Team in one minute video clips www.lahcfd.org/faqs/

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District appreciates your patience during the project implementation and your support of evacuation routes for life and property safety.

Additional Project details are here: [Black Mountain-Purissima Road Evacuation Route Maintenance - Los Altos Hills County Fire District](#) and electronic ROE participation forms can be found at: [Black Mountain-Purissima Road ER Maintenance – The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council](#)

To see the District-wide network of connected Evacuation Routes please visit our interactive map at [Map of the District - Los Altos Hills County Fire District](#)

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