UCSF Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve

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Mount Sutro Update

UCSF is committed to maintaining a safe environment for our faculty, staff, students, neighbors, patients and visitors, as well as for UCSF structures and neighboring structures.
Mount Sutro Update

August/Sept. 2013: Urgent fire safety measures

- Two site visits by the San Francisco Fire Department.
- SFFD determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance for structures was required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.
- These measures were exempt from CEQA and separate from the proposed 2010 Mount Sutro Management Project.
Urgent
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- Provided 100 feet of defensible space near structures and water tanks.
- Removed trees less than 6 inches in stem diameter, thinned shrubs and removed non-woody perennial plants.
- Work areas included: Aldea Housing Complex, Surge/Woods Buildings, Water Tanks, Christopher/Crestmont Drives, Johnstone Drive, Koret Way.
- Less than 1,000 total trees removed in a total area of approximately 12 acres.
Urgent Fire Safety Measures

Before

UCSF Surge Building

After
Urgent Fire Safety Measures

Before

UCSF Aldea Housing

After
Urgent Fire Safety Measures

Before

Crestmont Drive

After
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• Reduce fire hazards near developed areas adjoining the Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve

• 25 acres to be treated in four project areas and approximately 3,700 trees removed.

• Reserve totals 61 acres.
Proposed Hazard Reduction Measures

Fire Management Area South (17 Acres)

Thin the forest by removing trees less than 10” in stem diameter.

Remove all vines on tree trunks up to 10’ in height.

Prune branches as needed to remove fire ladders and hazards.

Shrubs would be thinned and perennial plants would be mowed.

Cut materials to be chipped and spread onsite.
Proposed Hazard Reduction Measures

Fire Management Area West (4 Acres)

Thin the forest by removing trees less than 6” in stem diameter.

Remove all vines on tree trunks up to 10’ in height.

Prune branches as needed to remove fire ladders and hazards.

Shrubs would be thinned and perennial plants would be mowed.

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Proposed Hazard Reduction Measures

Fire Management Area North (4 Acres)

- Thin the forest by removing trees less than 10” in stem diameter.
- Remove all vines on tree trunks up to 10’ in height.
- Prune branches as needed to remove fire ladders and hazards.
- Shrubs would be thinned and perennial plants would be mowed.
- Cut materials to be chipped and spread onsite.
Proposed Hazard Reduction Measures

Medical Center Way Clearance

Clear 25-foot roadside areas along Medical Center Way, from Johnstone Drive to the Environmental Health & Safety building.