

OV-5 SOUTH RIDGE FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT FACT SHEET



PROJECT AREA

100 acres along the South Ridge between Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows, wholly within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and fully within property owned by Everline Resort.

TREATMENT PRESCRIPTION

Mechanical thinning and mastication. The prescription calls for select removal of timber up to 30" in diameter and mastication of approximately 75% of surface fuels, reducing stand density to less than half of its current condition.

OPERATIONS

Operations will be underway for approximately 3 months between September 2026 and October 2027. All hauling, chipping, and equipment operations are limited to 6:00 AM–7:00 PM.

BENEFITS

By decreasing the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels, this project reduces potential wildfire severity, establishing safer conditions for the public and emergency personnel during an incident. The treated area creates a shaded fuel break along the ridge, giving firefighters a safer location from which to defend against a fire. Positioned on the ridge between the two communities, the project helps protect homes and other structures in both Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows and protects Olympic Valley from wildfire approaching from the prevailing-wind direction. Reducing white fir in favor of native pine species will also increase resilience to future disturbances such as fire, insects, disease, and drought.

LANDSCAPE CONNECTION

OV-5 complements residential defensible space efforts and ties into larger-scale fuel treatments across the landscape, including the adjacent ~700-acre U.S. Forest Service / National Forest Foundation Alpine Meadows Fuel Reduction Project, and other projects being implemented by OVPSD, Placer County, Palisades Tahoe Resort, and private landowners.

TRAIL AND PROJECT AREA CLOSURES

The project is on private property, and the area will be CLOSED for the duration of the project. Adjacent USFS land is also CLOSED through January 31, 2027 under USFS Forest Order No. 17-26-08, for the related NFF/USFS Alpine Meadows Fuel Reduction Project. A small portion of the Western States Trail lies within the project site; the contractor will work to minimize trail impacts and fully repair trails after operations. Informational signs will be posted at trail entrances, with the contractor posting additional warning signage during active operations. Please respect closure signage and stay out of the project area during operations.

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COST ≈ \$500,000

