Oak to Timberline Fire Safe Council
Serving the Foothill and Mountain Communities east of the Friant-Kern Canal and south of the Kings River in Fresno County
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Pinehurst/Miramonte Ingress/Egress Fuel Break

What is it? How will it work? What should you do and when?

The window of opportunity to protect your community is now!

Please fill out a landowner agreement online ASAP at:

oaktotimberline.org

Click under "Grants" tab, then choose PMIE.

Or, please return this agreement on paper to:

Oak to Timberline Fire Safe Council,

PO Box 762, Yokuts Valley, CA. 93675

Description of the Brookside Fuel Break:

- In September of 2022, Oak to Timberline received approval for a grant of up to $860,250 from CalFire to create a 45 square mile shaded fuel break, known as the Pinehurst/Miramonte Ingress/Egress Fuel Break (PMIE). The project directly ties into two shaded fuel breaks now in progress and will create roadside fuel breaks to improve ingress/egress. The fuel breaks will diminish the intensity and slow the spread of a wildfire's progress and reduce the risk of human-caused roadside ignition of wildfires. The project Influence Zone covers about 45 square miles. The project has roughly 1,000 residents and 600 habitable and community structures. The project will run from September 2022 through March of 2026.
- The PMIE Fuel Break will run for 30 feet along either side of the road (see attached map).
- A shaded fuel break is exactly that: *shaded*. Removed brush is generally chipped or masticated into the soil to speed decay into mulch, which improves soil, water retention, and general forest health, and trees are left to provide shade.
- Oak to Timberline will contract with Licensed Timber Operators (LTO) to perform the work. On private lands, they will be prepared to thin and remove, masticate, or chip brush; fell small trees, and limb up larger trees to prevent fuel spread into the canopy. On Federal Land, hand crews with chainsaws will thin brush, remove small trees, and pile debris for later burning.
- OTFSC will also contract with a Registered Forest Professional (RPF) who will complete an environmental study to meet the mandated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.
- Landowners are now individually giving their consent to making this project a reality. As work begins, your questions and concerns are vital to the success of the project.

Oak to Timberline's commitment to landowners and our service area:

Oak to Timberline wants to cooperate with landowners in a spirit of mutual respect. The PMIE Fuel Break will be most effective if as many landowners as possible participate. Therefore, OTFSC wants to work with you to achieve the following goals:

- create a zone along the road where wildfire's advance is slowed
- remove brush and dead trees so that homes and properties, and the neighborhood as a whole, are safer
- clear alongside roads so emergency vehicles can get in and out, and evacuations can proceed smoothly

How work on the PMIE Fuel Break will proceed:

- ***Please visit our website, oaktotimberline.org, then click on "Grants," then click on PMIE to fill out the Landowner agreement online, or fill out the enclosed Landowner Agreement and the Request for Landowner Information to Oak to Timberline Fire Safe Council, PO Box 762, Yokuts Valley, CA 93675. We cannot work where we do not have permission. If you have any questions, please call at (559) 731-1802***
- ***In order to begin work on Pinehurst/Miramonte Ingress/Egress grant, we need to receive the Land Owner Agreement ASAP. The quickest way to get it to us is online. Please respond within 7 days of this notice.***
- Although the goal is to create a 30-foot wide roadside fuel break, OTFSC will work with landowners individually, especially when the work is near homes and buildings.
- If you wish, you may hire our contractor to work outside of the 200 ft. wide path while his equipment is nearby.
- OTFSC's contractor cannot cut trees into firewood size, but logs can be left and bucked into 8' lengths.
- OTFSC contractors cannot work around power lines.

This community and wildfire safety improvement is *free of charge* to all landowners within the project boundary. An OTFSC Project Manager or Contractor will meet with you to discuss your individual concerns; please contact us for a phone consultation or on-site appointment.

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