



MROSD Wildland Fire Resiliency Program



• Program Goals & Objective

To allow for increased and environmentally sensitive vegetation management. The Program is designed to protect natural and cultural resources, expand landscape-level ecological resilience to changing climate and fire risk conditions, and facilitate ecologically sensitive wildland fire response and training while enhancing public safety and education.



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✿ Prioritization Process

1. Areas that enhance and facilitate fire suppression activities (e.g., fire management locations, disclines) and ingress/egress safety for fire responding agencies, their personnel, and fire suppression equipment;
2. Adjacent to or near existing or planned fuel treatment areas as identified by fire agencies;
3. Identified by state or local fire management agency professional staff as important areas for fuels treatment;
4. Within 10 to 25 feet (depending on flame length) of primary Midpen-designated emergency access roads accessible by a Wildland Type 3 fire engine;
5. Within 100 feet from existing Midpen structures;
6. Within 200 feet from emergency response infrastructure (communications tower, fire station, medivac location, water tank);
7. Within 200 feet from a state or local fire management agency-designated expanded fire response/fire monitoring clearing zone (parking area, staging area, landing zone);
8. Within 200 feet of Midpen employee -identified sensitive resources or other Midpen High Value Asset that would benefit from and/or respond favorably to treatment or may be at risk of loss in the event of a wildland fire;
9. Within 200 feet of a state or local fire agency-designated Midpen evacuation route; and
10. Within 300 feet from target hazards (school, hospital, nursing home).



Open Space Nearby Portola Valley Managed by MROSD & Other Agencies

MROSD

- Windy Hill
- Coal Creek
- Russian Ridge
- Thornewood
- La Honda

City of Palo Alto:

- Foothills Park
- Arastradero

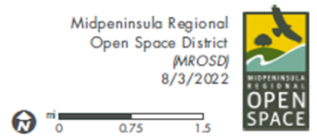
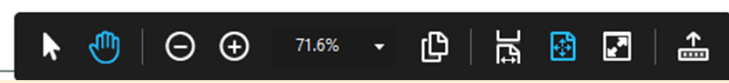
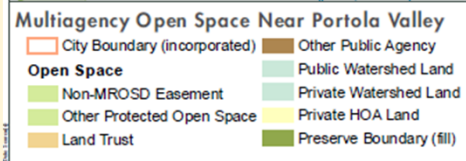
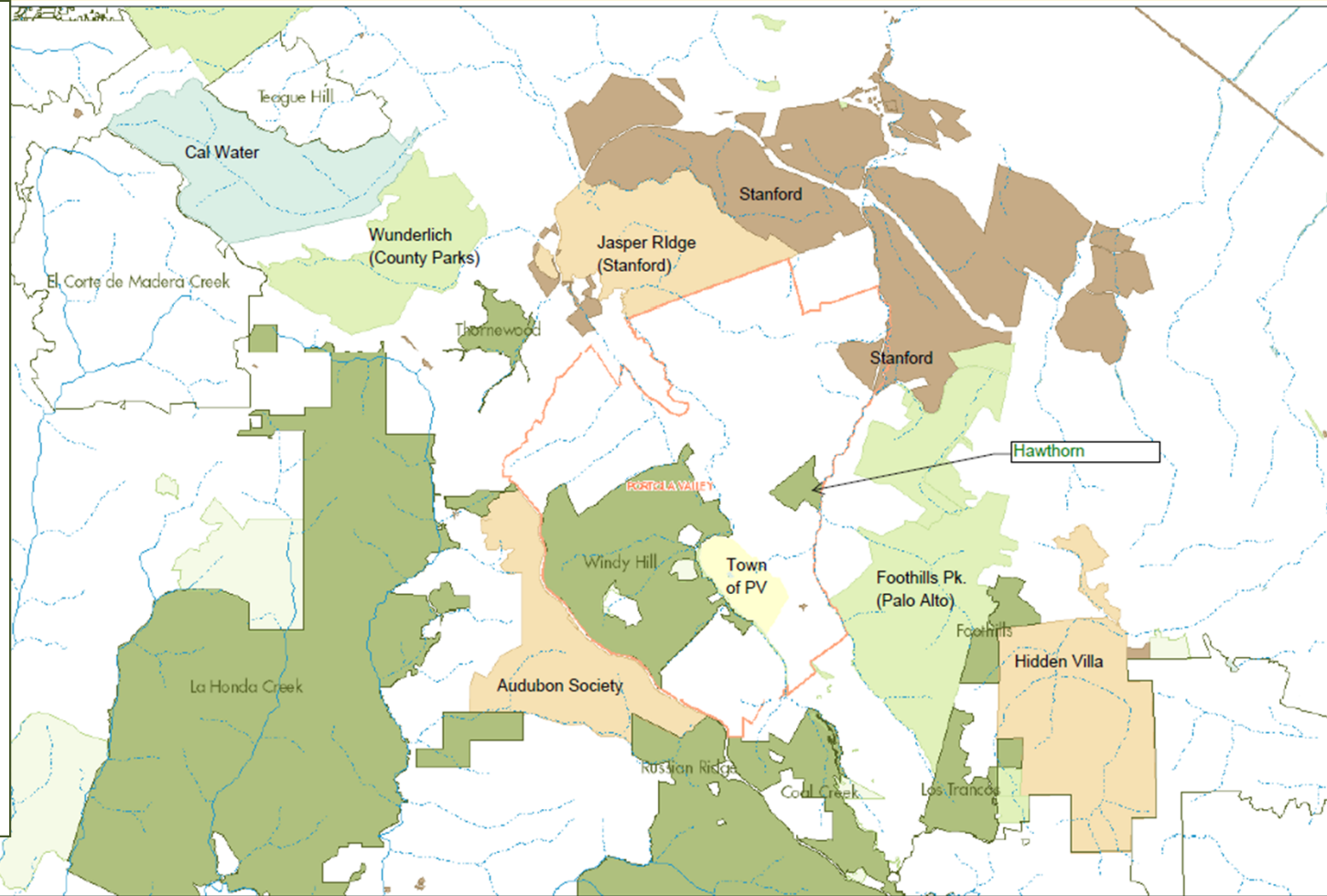
Town of Portola Valley:

- Willowbrook

Stanford University:

- Jasper Ridge
- University Property

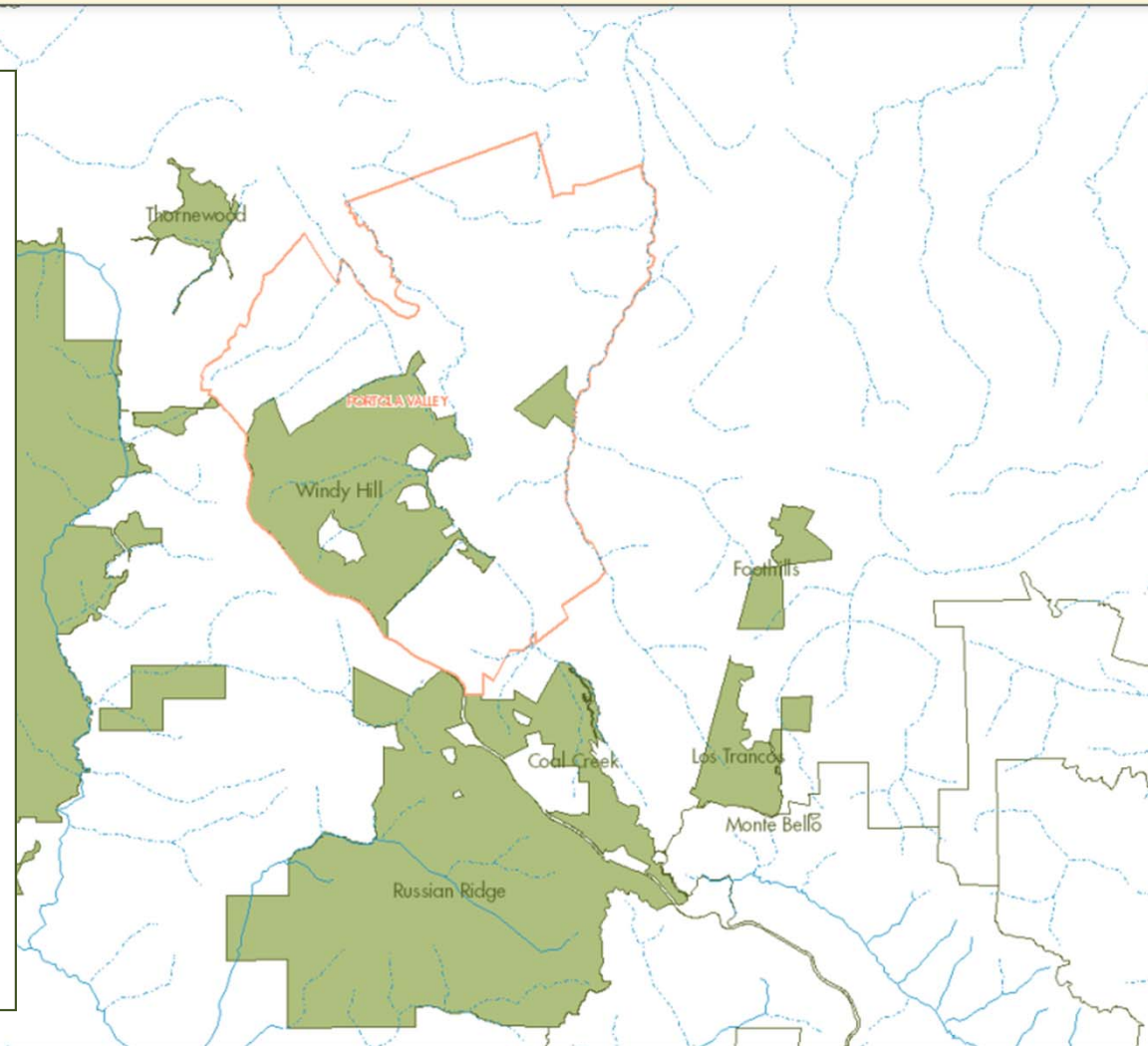
Audubon Society





MROSD Projects in Progress & Recently Completed in & adjacent to Portola Valley

 Recently Enhanced Fire Management near PV (Current SCC Grant):

- ⌚ Windy Hill
- Russian Ridge
- ⌚ Thornewood
- ⌚ Los Trancos/
Monte Bello
- ⌚ Coal Creek Prop 68
grant in 2020



Midpen Open Space Near Portola Valley

-  City Boundary (incorporated)
-  Preserve Boundary (fill)



Planning - Resource Protection

- Biological
- Botanical
- Cultural
- Archeological





Bring in people and equipment to go to work





Thornewood Escape Route - Before





Thornewood Escape Route - After





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🌿 Work in Windy Hill





Monte Bello and Los Trancos parking lots





Los Trancos Lot - Before and After





Monte Bello Lot - Before and After





Other Fuel Reduction Work on District Lands nearby Portola Valley

📍 Parking area safety zones:

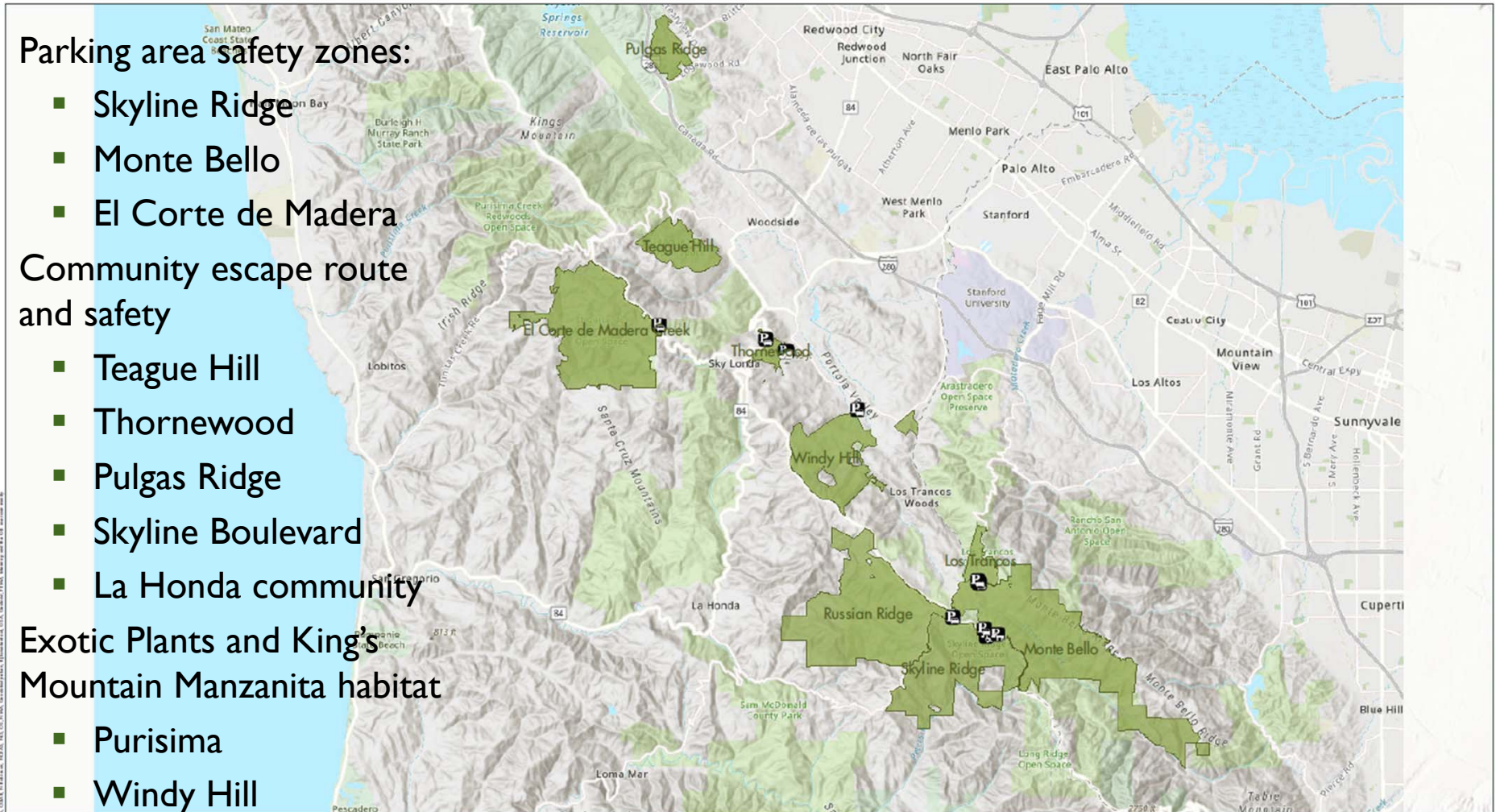
- Skyline Ridge
- Monte Bello
- El Corte de Madera

📍 Community escape route and safety

- Teague Hill
- Thornewood
- Pulgas Ridge
- Skyline Boulevard
- La Honda community

📍 Exotic Plants and King's Mountain Manzanita habitat

- Purisima
- Windy Hill
- Teague Hill



Wildland Fire Treatment Areas - '21 SCC Grant

- Teague Hill

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD)
2/23/2022

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While the District strives to use the best available digital data, these data do not represent a legal survey and are merely a graphic illustration of geographic features.

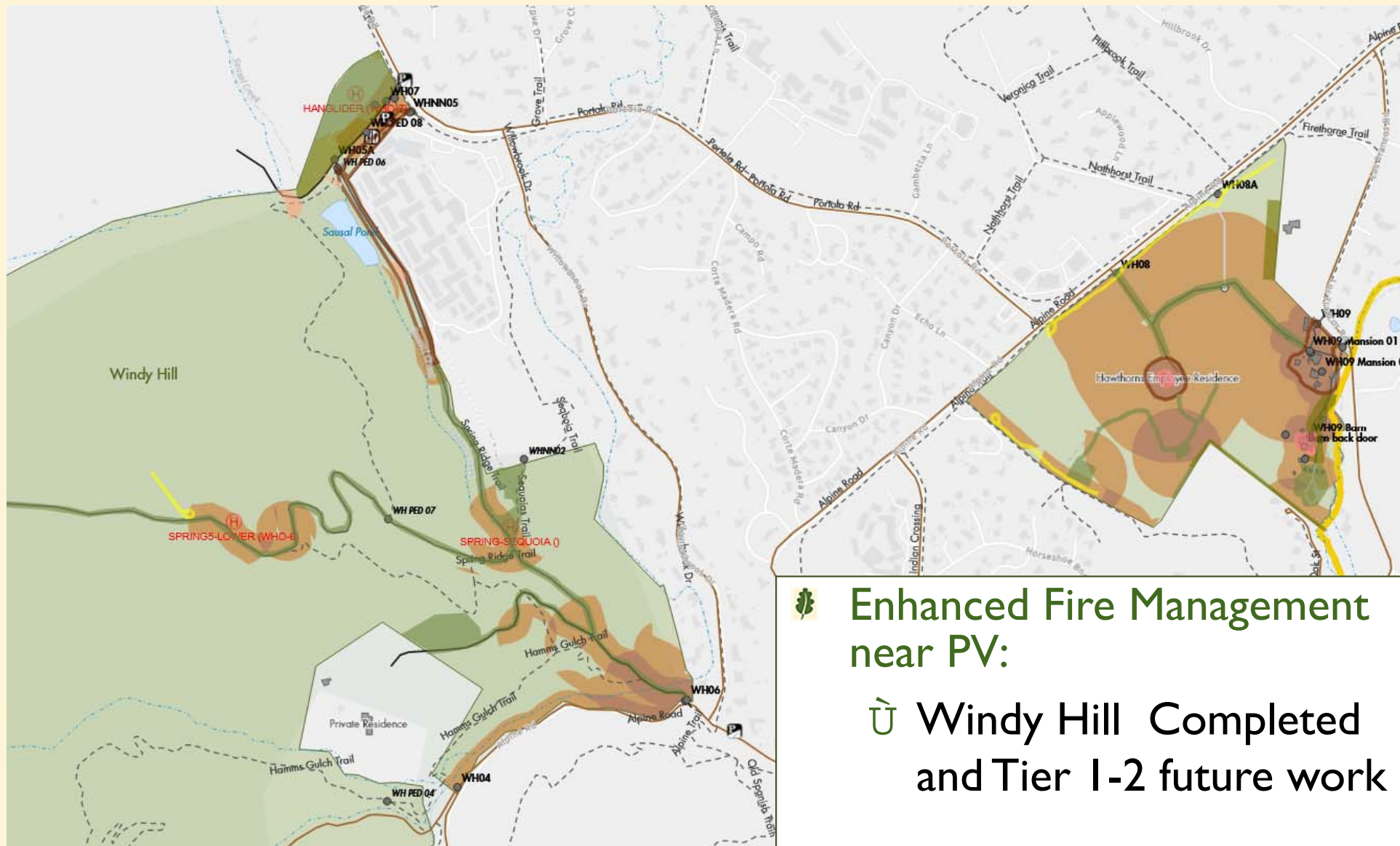


Projects Planned near Portola Valley

- ✿ State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) Wildfire Resilience Grant to aid in about 200 (total) ac. of fuel management
 - ↳ Windy Hill
 - Hawthorn
 - Willowbrook and Alpine Road
 - ↳ Russian Ridge/Skyline Ridge
 - Alpine Road
 - ↳ Additional staff to coordinate and implement fuel reduction projects District-wide

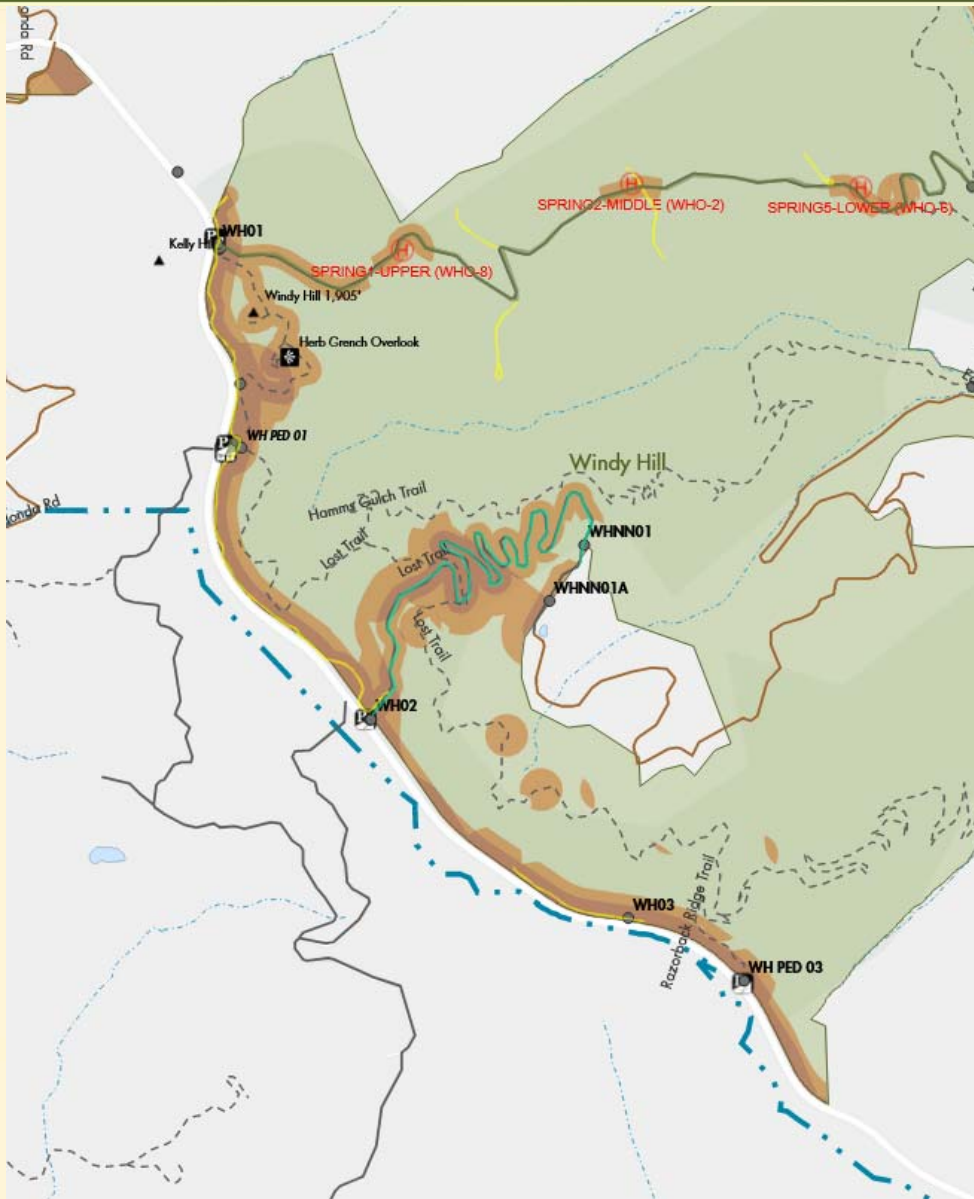



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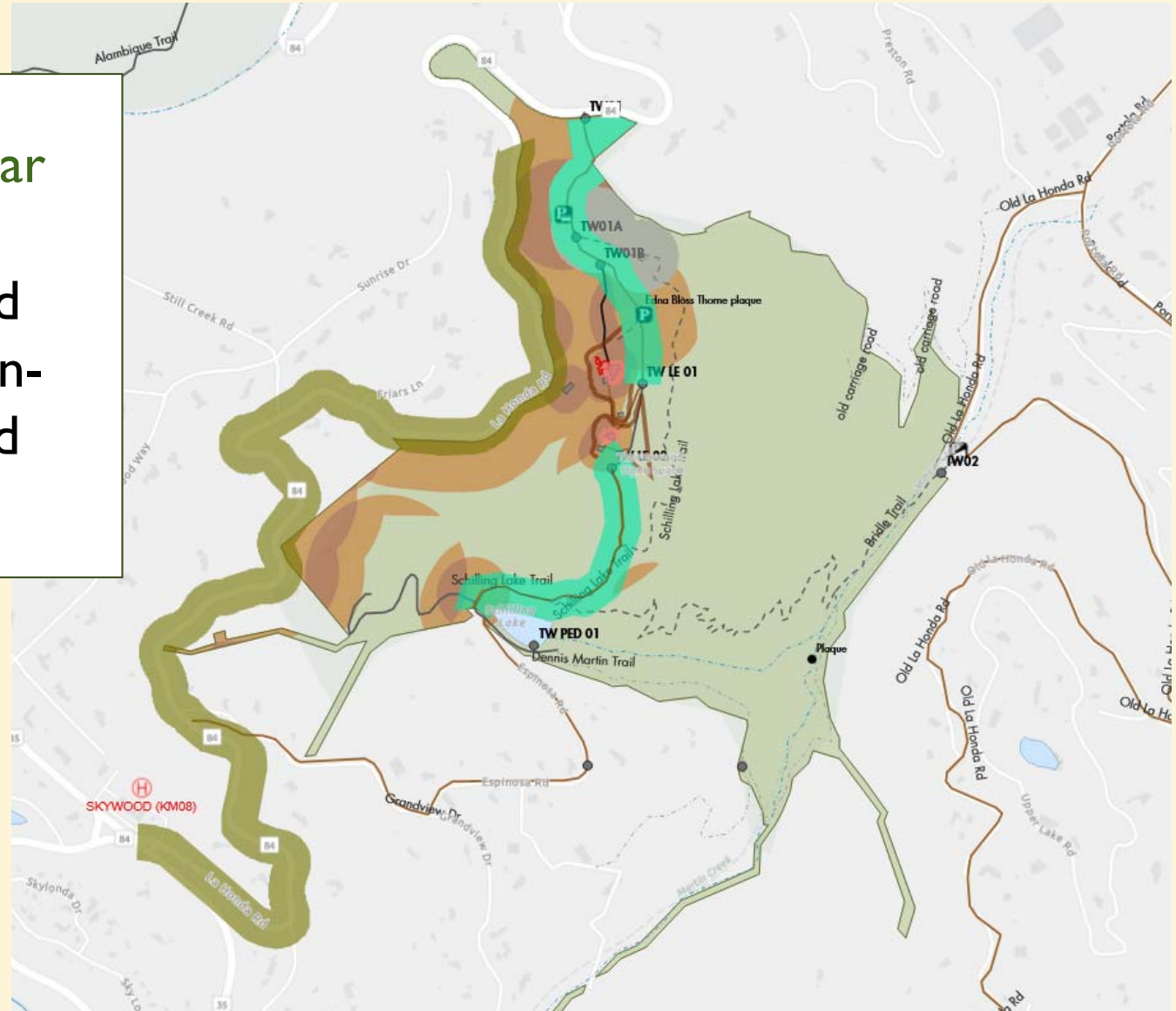
- Windy Hill completed, in-progress, and Tier 1-2



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Future projects and input

- Town requests/recommendations – prefer recommendations are routed through Woodside Fire District
- Midpen annual request to Woodside Fire District for their recommendations – Don Bullard has requested additional work along Alpine Road, Skyline Boulevard, interior roads, and along Hawthorn property.
- Prescribed fire plan EIR under development District-wide. Planning to have environmental paperwork cleared in 2023 with ability to start to implement prescribed fire as a landscape-scale management and training tool. Can participate in EIR development via Midpen website.