

## UCSF Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve



November 21, 2013



# Agenda

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- 1. Meeting Purpose & Background
- 2. Mount Sutro Mgmt Project Update

Daniel lacofano Principal MIG Consulting

Barbara J. French Vice Chancellor University Relations

3. Proposed Hazard Reduction Measures

**Draft Environmental Impact Report Update** 

Kent Julin Principal Arborscience

Kevin Beauchamp Director Physical Planning Campus Planning

**Daniel lacofano** 

6. Adjourn General Meeting

#### 7. Information Stations

• Fire Safety on Mount Sutro

Feedback/Q&A (Speaker Cards)

- Environmental Review Process
- Managing Mount Sutro

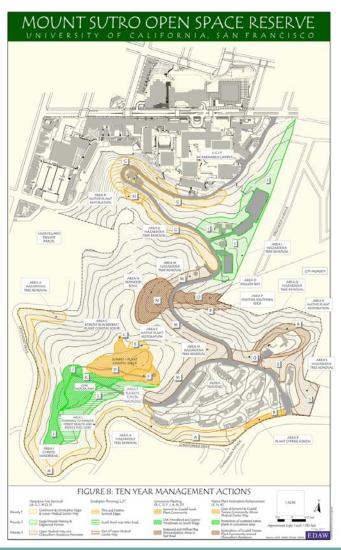
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# Mount Sutro Community Planning Process Recap: 2000-2001

Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve Management Plan was developed with substantial involvement from members of the community.





# Mount Sutro Community Planning Process Recap: 2009-2010

UCSF sought community input for potential forest management demonstration projects as recommended in the 2001 Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve Management Plan

- Four community meetings (including four agenda planning sessions) and two walking tours
- November 2010: UCSF released the Community Planning Process Summary Report
- January 2010: Environmental Impact Report Scoping meeting
- Feb 2013: Public hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Report.





# **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.





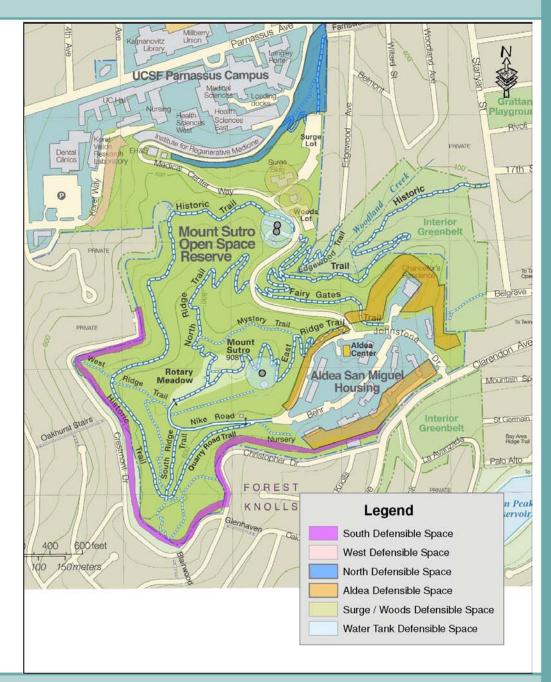
# **Mount Sutro Update**

### 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 extra hazardous fire conditions.
- These measures were exempt from CEQA and separate from the proposed 2010 Mount Sutro Management Project.









- 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.





Before

### **UCSF Surge Building**



After





Before

#### **UCSF Aldea Housing**



#### After





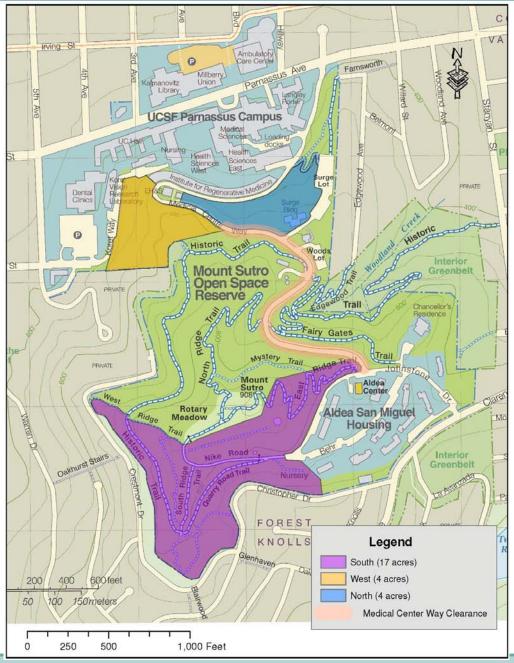
#### Before

#### **Crestmont Drive**



#### After







- 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.



### 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.



### 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.

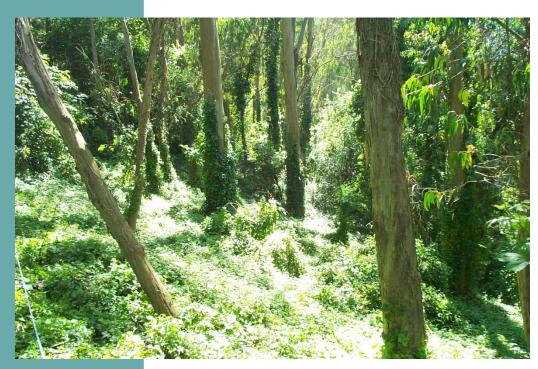
Prune branches as needed to remove fire ladders and hazards.

Shrubs would be thinned and perennial plants would be mowed.

Cut materials to be chipped and spread onsite.



### **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.

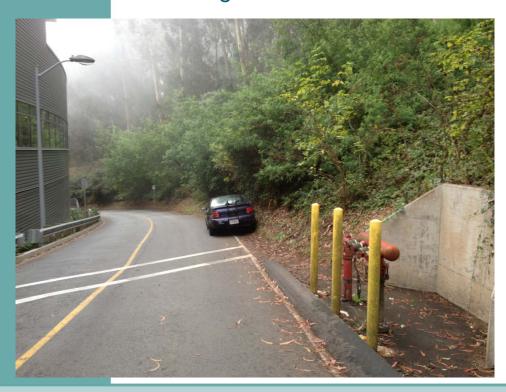
Shrubs would be thinned and perennial plants would be mowed.

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### **Medical Center Way Clearance**

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







- One-month approximate time to implement hazard reduction measures.
- **Regrowth control: mechanical treatment** 
  - Stumps would be covered with plastic and stapled at time of cutting.
  - Shrub re-sprouts would be mechanically cut with hand tools.
  - <u>Herbicides will not be used to control regrowth</u>.



# **Draft Environmental Impact Report**

- Draft EIR will be revised to reflect modified project
- Revised chapters of the Draft EIR will be published and recirculated for public comment for 45 days (February 2014)
- Another public hearing to receive verbal comments on the revised Draft EIR chapters will be held (March 2014)
- Written responses to comments on the original Draft EIR and revised chapters will be completed and published
- Final EIR certification (May/June 2014)
- Project approval sought following Final EIR certification





### Feedback/Q-and-A





# **Information Stations**

• Fire Safety on Mount Sutro



Environmental Review Process

Managing Mount Sutro





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