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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report: Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan**

UC Berkeley has prepared a [Draft Environmental Impact Report \(Draft EIR\)](#) and [Appendices](#) for the Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan.

**Project Description:** The [Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan \(WVFMP\)](#) directs the treatment of vegetation that could become fire fuel within the UC Berkeley Hill Campus (or Plan Area) located east of the Campus Park. It serves as one component of UC Berkeley’s range of actions to substantially reduce wildfire risk and minimize the potential for harmful effects of wildfire on people, property, and natural resources within the Plan Area, as well as on adjacent public and private land and throughout the greater East Bay region.

The Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan (WVFMP) is proposed by UC Berkeley to treat vegetation that could become fire fuel within the Plan Area. The WVFMP includes implementation of four vegetation treatment types across the Hill Campus: 1) evacuation support treatments, 2) temporary refuge areas, 3) fuel break treatments, and 4) fire hazard reduction treatments. Five different vegetation treatment activities would be used to implement the four vegetation treatment types: 1) manual treatment, 2) mechanical treatment, 3) prescribed broadcast burning, 4) managed herbivory (livestock grazing), and 5) targeted ground application of herbicides. UC Berkeley would implement vegetation treatment activities on an average of 200 acres per year within the Plan Area. Up to 600 acres of the 800-acre Plan Area would be treated under the WVFMP because 200 acres are inaccessible or are not expected to carry fire, due to a lack of vegetative fuel.

UC Berkeley is also proposing nine Identified Treatment Projects comprising two fuel break projects, four temporary refuge areas, and three fire hazard reduction projects in the Plan Area. The four treatment types and five treatment activities are reviewed for use throughout the Plan Area at a programmatic level, and the nine Identified Treatment Projects are studied at a project level of detail in the EIR. The near-term implementation of the Identified Treatment Projects along with the longer-term implementation of treatment activities studied at a program level together comprise the proposed “project,” as defined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

**Public Comment:** UC Berkeley has prepared a [Notice of Availability](#) to inform interested agencies and the public of the availability of the Draft EIR, as well as the start and end dates of a review period during which comments on the Draft EIR and the Draft Wildland Vegetative

Fuel Management Plan (WVFMP) can be submitted. The review period is 45-days beginning August 14, 2020, and ending September 28, 2020. **Written comments via e-mail and mail can be provided no later than September 28, 2020.**

Mail comments to:  
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Please include "Draft EIR Comments: WVFMP" in the subject line.

**Public Session:** As a result of the expanding outbreak of COVID-19 and restrictions placed on in-person gatherings throughout the State of California, in consultation with UC Office of the President and the Office of General Counsel, UC Berkeley will host an online public session to receive comments on the Draft EIR and the Draft Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan (WVFMP), rather than an in-person event. The online public session will be hosted on the evening of Monday, September 14, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and conducted via a live video feed; there will not be an in-person session.

**To participate in the online public session, please submit your comments in advance but no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, via email to [planning@berkeley.edu](mailto:planning@berkeley.edu), with 1) Your first and last name, and 2) Write in your email that "I grant permission to UC Berkeley to read my comments aloud" as part of the online public session.**

There is a 500 word limit for all comments read aloud. While all comments received will be included in the public record, if you would like your comments read aloud, please submit a condensed version that is no more than 500 words. Depending on the volume of comments received (as is typical with all public hearings) because of time constraints, we may limit each person's comments read aloud on the live video stream to no more than two minutes to make sure all comments are heard.

On Monday, September 14, 2020, starting at 5:30 p.m., via live video feed, UC Berkeley will provide a brief presentation of the proposed project on the [Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan project page](#). Immediately following, staff will read aloud public comments received to date by persons granting permission to UC Berkeley to do so.

**Download:** [Notice of Availability \(PDF\)](#)

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