

PUBLIC NOTICE:
Bluebird Canyon and Park Avenue Fuel Modification Projects: Fuel Modification Zones 17/18 (Bluebird Canyon) and Fuel Modification Zone 22 (Park Avenue)

The City of Laguna Beach Fire Department proposes to conduct fuel management activities in two locations in the City of Laguna Beach, California: Bluebird Canyon and along Park Avenue. Fuel breaks, consisting of approximately 100-foot zones of cleared vegetation, are proposed to be established in Fuel Modification Zone (FMZ) 17 (Upper Bluebird Canyon) and FMZ 18 (South Bluebird Canyon) for a total of approximately 17.8 acres. Vegetation clearance for FMZ 22 (Park Avenue) would be 50 feet on either side of the roadway for a total of approximately 17.5 acres. These FMZs would provide defensible space from wildfires for residential areas and an evacuation roadway. FMZ 17 begins on the south side of Temple Hills Dr. east of San Remo Dr., heads east to Dorn Ct., then south along Zell Dr. and Bernard Ct. ending west of Sommet Du Monde. FMZ 18 includes three areas along Bluebird Canyon Dr.: (1) east of Summit Dr., (2) south of Bluebird Canyon Dr. and north of Rancho Laguna Rd., and (3) north of Summit Dr. and La Mirada St. FMZ 22 extends along Park Ave., west of Hidden Valley Canyon Road, ending east of Wendt Terrace and Temple Hills Dr. Vegetation would be removed using hand crews in FMZs 17 and 18 and primarily by hand crews in FMZ 22 with a small section at the east end treated through goat-grazing. Non-native invasive vegetation would be completely cleared, while sensitive native vegetation would be reduced by up to 50 percent within the FMZs. A qualified biologist would establish exclusion areas to avoid or minimize clearance of rare native plants. Initial vegetation clearing is expected to begin in July 2022 and would be maintained in perpetuity. Vegetation removal would occur during normal business hours from 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and federal holidays. For additional project information, please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/fire. See also contact information on reverse.

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