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GRAZING GOATS TO CLEAR FIRE HAZARD NEAR THE SAN BRUNO JAIL

A herd of hungry goats will dine on brush, poison oak and weeds near County Jail #5 in San Bruno for about two months this summer in an ongoing effort to reduce the threat of wildfires in the area.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department contracted with nonprofit goat sanctuary City Grazing to do the job, which will begin August 1. The goats will be on the slope between Longview Drive and Moreland Drive munching away on overgrowth. A City Grazing work crew also will be onsite to reinforce existing fencing behind houses on Longview.

A walking path between Moreland and Skyline College also will be closed intermittently when the goats graze close to the path.

"Wildfires pose an ongoing threat to our communities," Sheriff Vicki Hennessy said. "The San Francisco Sheriff's Department is part of the San Bruno community and we are committed to helping manage the fire risk and protect residents, homes, schools and businesses near this area."

Goat grazing is beneficial for the environment because the goats can clear growth in areas that people or mowers can't reach easily, such as slopes. Additionally, the feeding dissuades invasive weeds from growing because the goats eat the seeds and in turn aids native plant growth.

City Grazing offers sustainable land management services via goat grazing, providing fire hazard reduction, encouraging native plant growth, and creating soil enrichment. Most herd members are former dairy goats, which are enjoying retirement as grazing animals. When the goats are not on the job, they live in San Francisco's Bayview District.

If residents find any problems with the fencing or goats, contact City Grazing at 415-341-6604 or 415-964-9731, or email at goats@citygrazing.org.