



UNIVERSITY INCIDENT

Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Report

Fire Year 2024



THE UNIVERSITY INCIDENT

On November 14, 2024, around 4:00 a.m., the Ventura County Fire Department received a report of a vegetation fire on the hillside off Portero Road. Several resources reached the incident at Broome Ranch and extinguished the flames. Suppression action included direct mobile attack along the fire perimeter. The fire scorched about 15 acres.

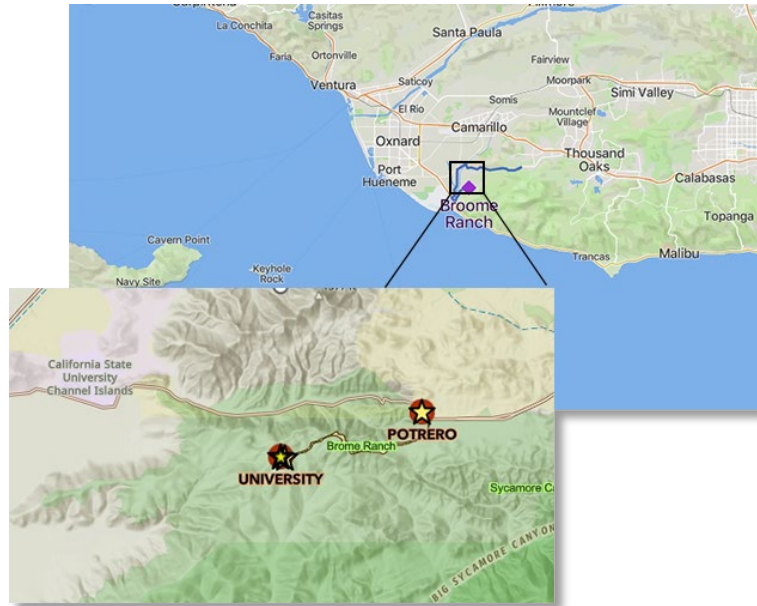


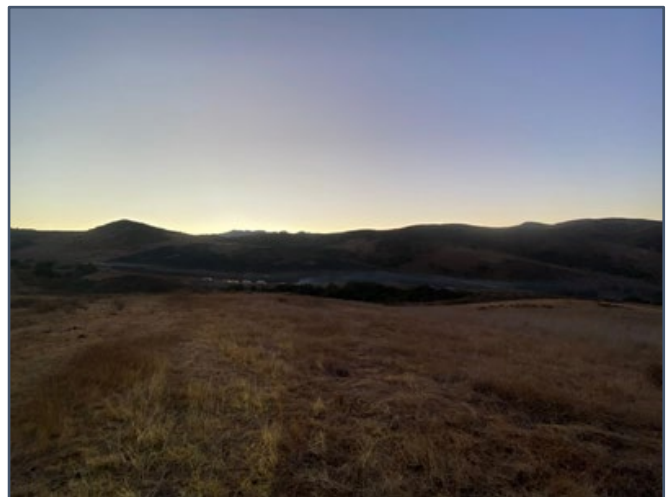
Figure 1. highlights the location of the fire and the nearby area of the fuel reduction project in southeastern Ventura County.



EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BROME RANCH ROAD PROJECT

The Broome Ranch Road Project is located in Ventura County and managed by Ventura County Fire Department (VNC). It is part of CAL FIRE’s Fire Plan Program treatment activity occurred from April 1, 2020, to May 20, 2020. Crews treated about 17 acres and utilized wildfire management techniques like mechanical thinning and lopping and scattering. The treatment provided fire crews with safe ingress and egress to access the fire incident.

Figure 2. This is a view from Potrero Road looking south. (date: November 14, 2024)





LESSONS LEARNED **BROME RANCH ROAD PROJECT**

The treatment did slow the rate of spread and reduce the fire's intensity. It also aided the firefighter's efforts to safely access the wildfire incident. Its positive effect was that it assisted with egress and ingress during operations allowing firefighters to contain the fire to 15 acres. The treatment allowed the firefighters to access the fire safely and then extinguish the fire using a direct mobile attack.

