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**Butte Creek Canyon Overlay Zone Development Standards Effective May 24, 2018**

PLEASE CONTACT THE **PLANNING DIVISION**: [dsplanning@buttecounty.net](mailto:dsplanning@buttecounty.net) or 530.552.3701 to speak with a land use planner on the following development standards if your proposed development is located within the Butte Creek Canyon Overlay Zone.

The Butte Creek Canyon (-BCC) Overlay Zone preserves and protects the uniquely valuable qualities of Butte Creek Canyon, which is a significant resource of Butte County. The purpose of the –BCC Overlay Zone is to facilitate the protection and preservation of the scenic resource and the historical and ecological foundation of Butte Creek Canyon, including the survival of endangered wild salmon, steelhead and other sensitive plants and animals such as the East Tehama Deer herd, preservation of historical sites and ecological preserves, and the optimum balance of recreation and residential use.

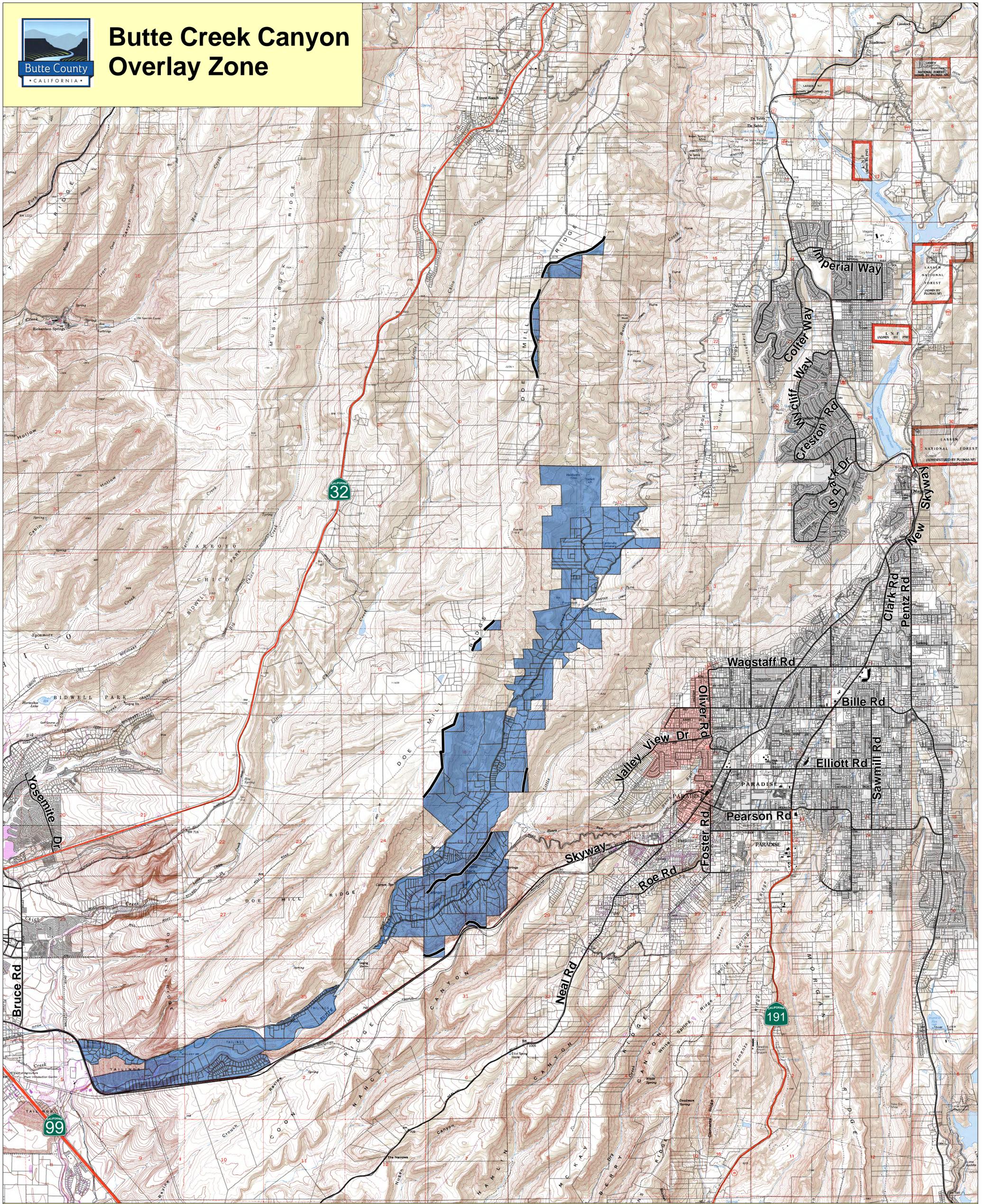
Development Standard		Butte Creek Canyon Overlay
1.	<b>Development Limitation on Slopes &gt; 15 percent</b>	Administrative relief if no site under 15 percent slope is available.
2.	<b>Limitation on Vegetation Removal outside of Development Area</b>	Allowances for defensible space, fuel breaks, diseased, dying, dead, or hazard tree removal, public utilities, non-native plant removal, trails, AG grading.
3.	<b>Clustered Development pursuant to Zoning Ordinance (Article 18)</b>	Prohibited.
4.	<b>Ridgeline Development Setback (100-150 ft.)</b>	Some alternative building design standards allow development in setback.
5.	<b>Historic, Cultural, and Arch. site records review for building permits and discretionary permits</b>	Applies for selected important sites.
6.	<b>Heavy Equipment Storage (Screening and Setback from County Roads)</b>	100-foot setback and screening from County roads in FR and RR zones.
7.	<b>Outdoor Lighting (shielding)</b>	Applies to all Butte Creek Canyon Overlay.
8.	<b>Restriction on Rezones allowing additional parcels</b>	Restricted unless amended by Board of Supervisors.
9.	<b>Maximum Developed Impervious Surface Limitation</b>	15 percent of a parcel’s size for parcels 1-acre or larger; separate standards for parcels of less than 1-acre.
10.	<b>Vegetative Buffer from Streams</b>	100 feet from top of bank.
11.	<b>Septic System and Chemical Toilet Setback from Streams</b>	200 feet from top of bank <sup>[1]</sup>

12.	<b>Erosion Control</b>	<p>Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for all building permits, Erosion, and sediment control plans shall not be required for public utilities, residential additions that are less than 25 percent of the size of the original structure, or permitted accessory uses and structures defined under Butte County Code Section 24-156. (some exceptions for accessory structures and additions), by Reg. Civil Eng.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driveways require 2-inches of aggregate base</li> <li>• No soil disturbance during rainy season (Nov 15 - Apr 1)</li> <li>• Clearing completed between April 1 - Nov 15 shall be re-vegetated and stabilized by Dec 1.</li> </ul>
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**[1] Septic System Setback Allowances:** A 100-foot septic system setback may be allowed for new development if it is determined by the Local Enforcement Agency that water quality can be maintained. Repair or replacement of a septic system on existing development that does not comply with the 200-foot setback may be allowed if it is determined by the Local Enforcement Agency that water quality can be maintained.



# Butte Creek Canyon Overlay Zone



Butte Creek Overlay Zone Parcel Designated Ridgelines Highway Primary Route

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Miles

