

## PARK BOULEVARD KEY HISTORIC STAND

### Reforestation Project – Phase 4



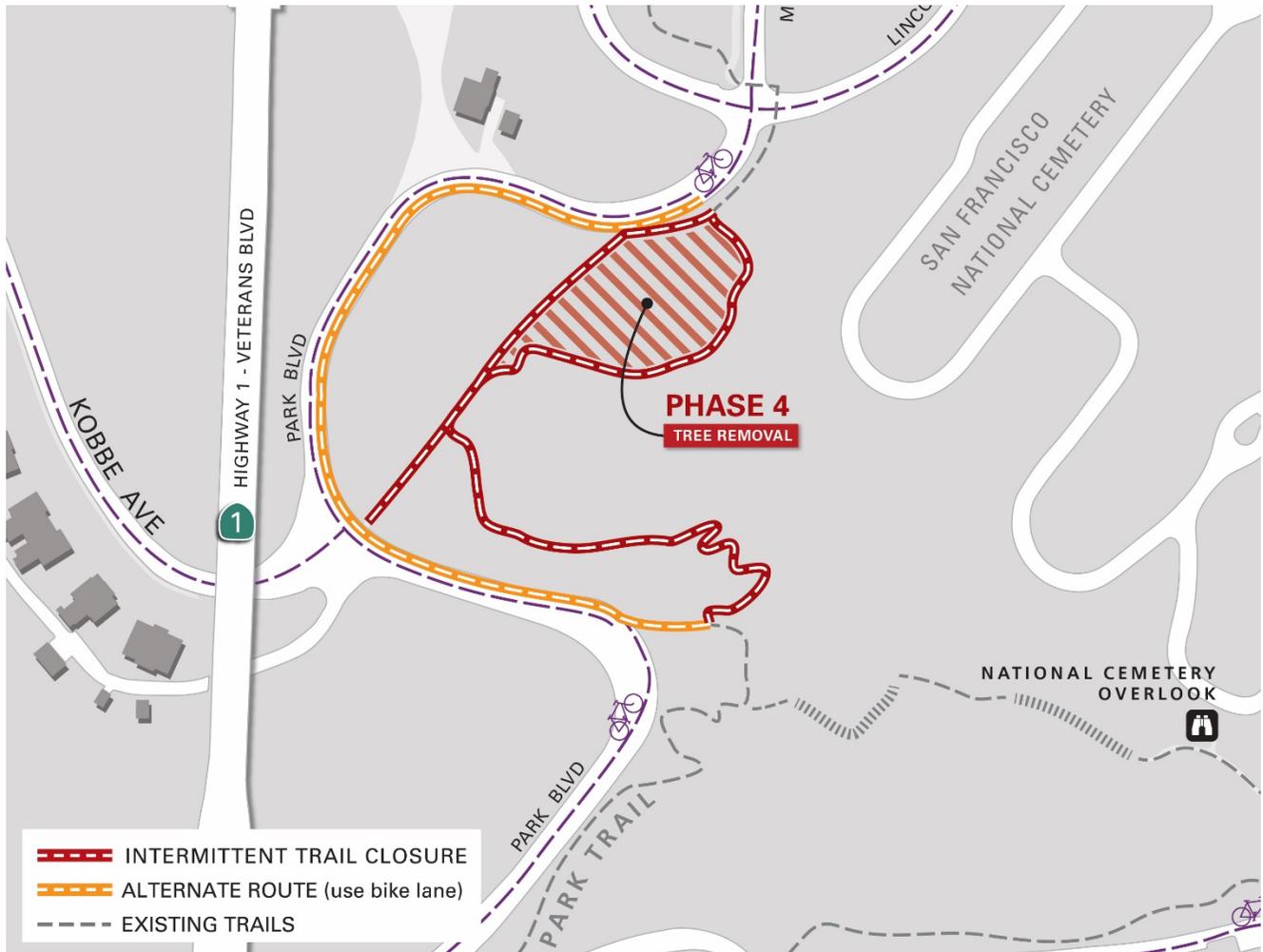
On Monday, August 12, we will begin the fourth phase of a multi-year project to improve the safety and health of the Presidio's historic forest along Park Boulevard just west of San Francisco National Cemetery. The site is known as the Park Boulevard Key Historic Stand.

Trees here were first planted by the US Army beginning in the 1880s and are among the oldest in the Presidio. They are at the end of their lifespan and are particularly vulnerable to fail, especially during winter storms.

To restore the forest, we are gradually removing dying trees and replanting them with young Monterey cypress in six phases. The first three phases were completed in 2016 through 2018.

This year, we are removing 70 rapidly declining cypress in the north east portion of the stand adjacent to Park Trail. This work will take approximately four weeks. Work hours will be weekdays 8 am to 4 pm. The section of the Park Trail that runs through the site will be closed during work hours but remain open during the evening and all day on weekends.

As the rains begin in December, we will replant the area with approximately 200 Monterey cypress trees. In doing so we will replicate the unique visual character of the stand that has made this part of the forest so beloved. We will continue reforestation in this historic stand through 2022.



### About Reforestation in the Presidio

The Presidio forest was first planted by the US Army beginning in the 1880s. Nearly 300-acres in size, its cypress, pine, eucalyptus, and redwood trees are loved by visitors and important to birds and other wildlife. The forest is also a big part of the reason why the Presidio is a National Historic Landmark District.

Given the forest's age, many trees are reaching the end of their life and need to be replanted. The Presidio Trust forestry team cares for our existing trees and is also gradually replanting areas where cypress and pine trees are in decline. Since 2003, 40+ acres of 5,000+ young trees have been planted in the Presidio.

Our reforestation has contributed to an uptick in bird diversity, a clear indication of a sustainable ecosystem. Dying trees also often get a second life in the park, repurposed as benches, fencing, and even artworks like [Andy Goldsworthy's Spire](#), [Wood Line](#), and [Tree Fall](#), viewed by thousands of visitors each year.

We invite the public to get involved by participating in a [volunteer tree care program](#). From 2007 to 2019, approximately 2,195 volunteers contributed over 13,116 hours taking care of young trees.

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