

## **Mt. Veeder Fire Safe Council (MVFSC) Projects and Plans**

MVFSC projects are based on our completed Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that includes an assessment of the wildfire risks in our community. The identification and prioritization of the projects have been reviewed by agencies or people including Cal Fire. A few basic concepts are to:

1. Do work that will help to protect lives of civilians and emergency responders.
2. Ensure civilians can get out and emergency responders can get in on county and private roads.
3. Create Shaded Fuel Breaks\* on ridgelines, along and from roads to those ridgelines allowing CalFIRE to conduct offensive and defensive operations that will limit the spread, severity and size of Wildland fires to “compartments” in the Mayacamas watershed.

Grants were applied for and awarded to fund the projects that do not cost taxpayers or members of our community anything. Property owner support and permission is essential and appreciated by all those people involved in getting the work done.

### \*Shaded Fuel Break

1. A shaded fuel break is the process of selectively thinning and removing more flammable understory vegetation while leaving the majority of larger, more fire tolerant tree species in place. Typically, the tree canopy is thinned to reduce the potential for a crown fire to move through the canopy. The woody understory vegetation is likewise thinned out. The shade of the retained canopy helps reduce the potential for rapid re-growth of shrubs and sprouting hardwoods and can reduce erosion. It is Not clear cutting.

will include thinning, limbing, and bucking fallen trees. Pruning debris will be chipped and broadcast on site. This is the second of several projects that the MVFSC is undertaking in conjunction with the newly established Mayacamas Fire Safe Council.

The MVFSC is composed of volunteers who work hard to make our part of the Mayacamas mountain range a safer place to live, work and enjoy the beauty of our special place. Thank you for your support!