

Fact Sheet on Grant Project: Fuel Reduction and Defensible Space in the Mosquito Fire Protection District

Recipient:	Mosquito Fire Safe Council (MFSC)
Fiscal Sponsor:	El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC)
Partners:	SCPOA, MFPD, MFA, MVFA
Grant Funds:	\$540,072
Matching Obligation:	\$190,000 [\$80,000 in cash contributions; \$110,000 in-kind]
Project Total:	\$730,072
Source of Grant:	California Fire Safe Council, using USDA Forest Service (USFS) funds
Duration of grant:	Funding ends on December 31, 2020.
Start of activities:	Signing date of USFS contract. No grant funds can be spent or matching efforts attributed before signing. Normally signing is expected within weeks of award; furlough of USFS personnel due to federal government shutdown has caused delay.

Project Summary:

Project has two main thrusts, each prioritized in the Mosquito Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP):

1. Fuel Reduction: hiring contractors with grant and SCPOA funds to create shaded fuel breaks in priority areas identified by the CWPP along the main access routes and at the head of steep canyons that can funnel fire into the community, as well as some dead tree removal; and
2. Strengthening defensible space: in-kind efforts led by residents, the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD), CAL FIRE, and local volunteers (individuals in each neighborhood and teams from MFSC, SCPOA, MVFA, MFPD, and MFA) to reduce fire risk around homes.

These will be supported by education and outreach activities; planning will include a forest management plan by SCPOA as well as updating the Mosquito CWPP within the county-level CWPP renewal process.

Participation Invited: sign up to show interest in volunteer efforts (separate sheets).

Defensible space evaluators: train with Cal Fire (March 20, 2019, 1-3 PM); help neighbors determine needs, access resources.

Owners / residents: Create and maintain defensible space around homes; keep record of time and tools used, areas mowed, trees felled, etc. A standardized record sheet will be developed and shared.

Log splitting and chipping teams: help yourselves and neighbors dispose of trees and branches.

Join MFSC: help with planning, organization, outreach, and CWPP renewal.

Further Information: MFSC website: <<https://mosquitofsc.org>>