



Alpine Fire Safe Council

Newsletter

Providing community leadership, resources and a forum to improve wildfire preparedness and prevention in Eastern Alpine County.

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Your AFSC At Work

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

The AFSC applied for some grants in 2018, and have received approval. These grants will allow the Chipping Program to continue to assist Eastern Alpine residents to remove dead and overgrown vegetation. We are working to complete an agreement with the Washoe Tribe to assist with this program and keep resources local.

- ◇ Thank you to the County Small Business Administration Tobacco Fund for assisting to fund the 2019 Curbside Chipping Program!
- ◇ Thank you to CALfire for assisting to fund Fuels Reduction and Curbside Chipping!
- ◇ Your AFSC continues to pursue available grants as we attempt to improve the safety of our community.

PLEASE WATCH FOR YOUR 2019 CHIPPING FLYER IN THE MAIL SOON

The Fuels Reduction portion of the grant will fund several targeted projects:

1. Mesa Vista fuels break
2. Woodfords tribal allotment land fuels reduction
3. Shay Creek, west end fuels reduction

PLEASE LOOK FOR COMMUNITY MEETING DATES FOR FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

SENIOR DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM

Your AFSC is pursuing completion of a Senior Defensible Space Program. Further details to be announced.

WHAT HAPPENED IN PARADISE, SANTA ROSA & SONORA COULD HAPPEN HERE

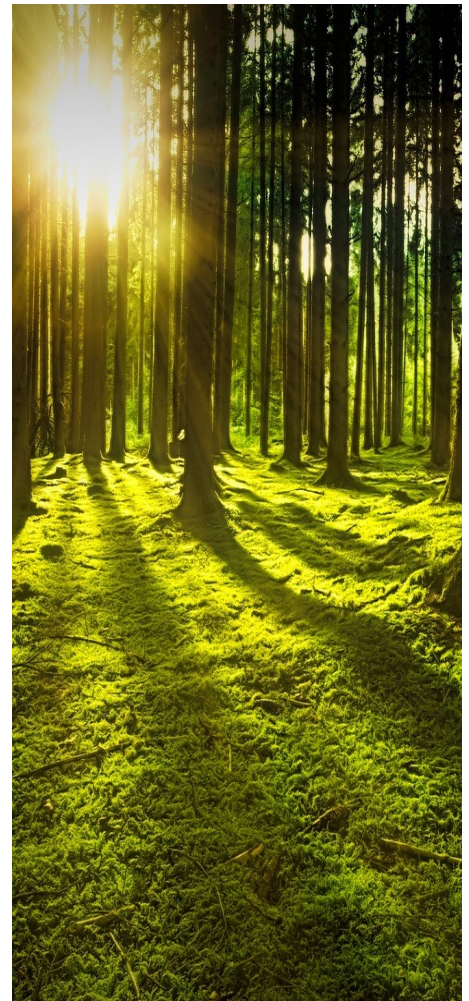
Your AFSC is doing what it can with limited resources, but *the safety of your family and community largely depends on YOU.*

1. Work with your neighbors to reduce vegetation and create defensible space between homes and buildings.
2. Store firewood a safe distance from your home.
3. Use under-eave covers and fire resistant roofing when re-roofing your home.
4. Observe open burning restrictions.
5. Help clear vegetation adjacent to access roads.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR FUELS REDUCTION

Your AFSC has partnered with the County, USFS, Watershed Group, CALfire, the Washoe Crew, CCC and others on a number of fuels reduction projects:

1. Marklee Village; 220+ acres on Pleasant Valley Road and Thornburg Canyon
2. Lower Manzanita; along the road for safety of first responders and residents
3. Laramie Street; remove overgrowth of vegetation near homes
4. Hawkside Circle; tree trimming and brush removal near Diamond Valley School
5. Diamond Valley School; removal of large vegetation overgrowth adjacent to school which would act as an Evacuation Center in event of an emergency
6. Along School Street up to the Museum
7. Along Diamond Valley Road
8. Along Crystal Springs Road
9. At the perimeter of the County Maintenance Yard



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USFS FUELS REDUCTION

USFS has completed several fuels reduction on their lands including Mesa Vista, Crystal Springs and along Hwy 88 to Emigrant Trail.

BLM FUELS REDUCTION

BLM has completed extensive fuels reduction on their lands around Indian Creek Reservoir.

ADJACENT LOT ORDINANCE

Has been recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors to provide a means for property owners to cooperate across property lines to create appropriate defensible space.



COMMUNITY WILDLAND PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP)

The CWPP has been recently updated and adopted by the Board of Supervisors to address county-wide needs for wildland fire protection. We urge you to review a copy available at :

www.alpinefiresafecouncil.org

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Defensible Space inspections are performed by CALfire to advise property owners of steps you can take to improve the fire safety of your property. Please welcome these inspectors to your property and do your best to carry out their recommendations for your own safety and that of your community and first responders.

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 ★ **EASTERN ALPINE FIRE & RESCUE** ★
 ★ We owe a great deal of gratitude to our Chief and ★
 ★ volunteers who donate huge amounts of time and ★
 ★ effort responding to all sorts of crises, including ★
 ★ medical emergencies, accidents, and rescues as ★
 ★ well as working to keep our community fire safe. ★
 ★ THANK YOU! ★
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Your AFSC At Work



DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF A TEAM DEDICATED TO KEEPING OUR LANDS AND COMMUNITY AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE IN THE EVENT OF WILD FIRE?

WE NEED YOU!

Your Alpine Fire Safe Council currently has openings for 3 new members. We meet every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November) on the 3rd Monday, 5:30pm at Markleeville Fire Station. Public is welcome.



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