



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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Per Covid-19 restrictions and until such time Alpine County fully opens, AFSC will be meeting by Conference Call Only. Please contact 694-1879 for further information.

Your AFSC At Work

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Your AFSC is pleased to have completed several fuels reduction projects in 2020:

Title III funded projects:

- ◇ Alpine Village along Barber Road
- ◇ Upper Laramie St. private road fuels reduction for emergency equipment access to homes

CALfire Grant funded projects:

- ◇ Shay Creek along Shay Creek Road
- ◇ We are also using the last of our 2018 CALfire grant monies for a CEQA study to complete the vacant lot adjacent to Barber Road in Alpine Village

Read further about the AFSC accomplishments in 2020 on page 2 of this newsletter.

CALFIRE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Inspections are scheduled to begin in May 2021 in the communities of Mesa Vista, Alpine Village, Woodfords Community area (old Pony Express and Hwy 88 to Stateline), and Diamond Valley Road. The AFSC coordinates with CALfire annually to provide these inspections to Eastern Alpine County residents and property owners, to provide methods to maintain your defensible space. For more information on Defensible Space Clean Up contact the AFSC at 530-694-1879. In CA, all property owners are required to meet defensible space clean up requirements per PRC 4291. CALfire inspectors will inspect properties to determine it meets requirements of PRC 4291. Inspectors will leave a yellow inspection report, to inform you of any needs for continued clean up to meet the requirements. PRC 4291 requires a 30-ft perimeter cleared of vegetation around any inhabited residence (+) 70-ft intermittent clearing totaling 100 feet. The maintenance of your defensible space helps our volunteer firefighters and other firefighters defend your home, and can help to maintain fire insurance. Upon request, CALfire will perform individual inspections by calling (530) 708-2793.

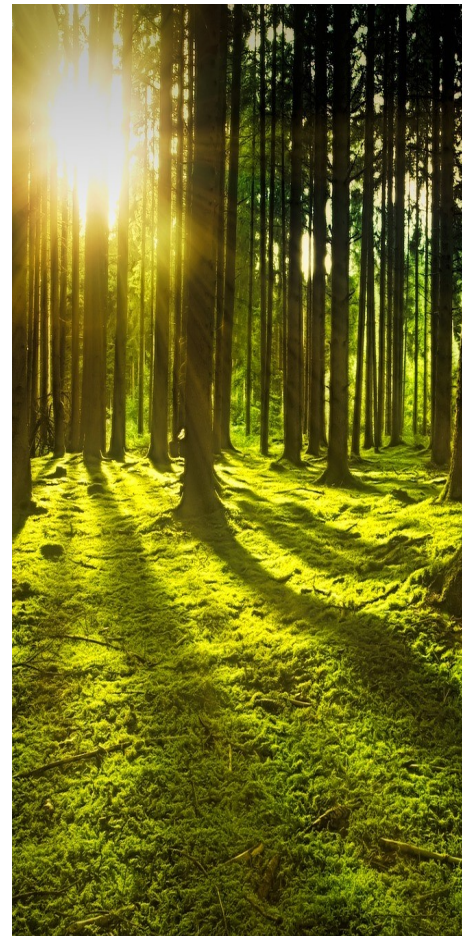
GREENS WASTE—HOW CAN YOU GET RID OF IT?

To assist property owners in their pursuit of Defensible Space Cleanup, removal of brush, dead and downed natural fuels, pine needles, pine cones, and other GREENS waste from your property, the County provides a FREE greens waste burn pile at Turtle Rock Park twice annually. The Spring burn pile opened 4/3/21 and will be open from 8am-4pm every Weds, Sat and Sun through 5/31/21. The burn pile is supported by the Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue Dept. and the Alpine Fire Safe Council. The Fire Department and AFSC urge residents to use the FREE burn pile instead of open burning. [Please make use of this FREE service!](#)

As a further assistance, the AFSC in conjunction with Douglas Disposal offers [FREE Greens Waste Vouchers](#) to Eastern Alpine County residents. These will be available from June through August (after the Spring Burn Pile closes and before the Fall Burn Pile opens). We have a total of 50 vouchers to give out. Please see our website for further information at www.alpinefiresafecouncil.org

FIRE INSURANCE

Due to the many county residents either losing their normal homeowner fire insurance carrier and/or being required to see alternative due to our zip code, the AFSC has contacted the CA Insurance Commissioner for assistance. This has become a major issue throughout the state including Fire Safe Councils and other interested groups seeking resolve. An initial "Contact the Insurance Commissioner" forum took place in Jan 2021, and another is planned in May. We have included the website for you to participate in this next forum: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0250-insurers/0500-legal-info/0300-workshop-insurers/>. You are invited to contact the AFSC through our website, leave your email address for us to keep you updated on the date for the next forum. www.alpinefiresafecouncil.org



More Access to the AFSC

You can reach us at:
Phone: (530) 694-1879

AFSC Website:
www.alpinefiresafecouncil.org

County Website (AFSC link):
www.alpinecountyca.gov

Your Alpine Fire Safe Council

- Kris Hartnett, Chair (Markleeville)
- Steve Yonker, Vice-Chair (Woodfords)
- Tom Sweeney, Treasurer (Woodfords)
- John Dion, FSC Member (Woodfords)
- Matt Tremayne, FSC Member (Markleeville)
- Mark Quillici, FSC Member (Woodfords)
- Terry Hughes, Fire Chief
(Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue)
- Teri McAlpin, Administrator

BURN PERMITS REQUIRED!

No property owner is exempt from having a permit to burn! These permits can be obtained from the USFS office at the Markleeville Guard Station at Turtle Rock Park Monday-Friday, or by calling 530-694-2142, or from the Carson Ranger District Office in Carson City.

GREENS WAST COLLECTION LOCATIONS

Bentley Agriculture: 1089 Stockyard Rd, Minden, NV. (775) 782-4513

Douglas County Waste Transfer Station:

Greens Waste Dump, Pine Nut Road, Gardnerville, NV.



REFLECTIVE SIGNS

This program was started by Ms. Shirley Taylor. In the past 2 years, it has experienced a decided participation increase. These signs provide first responders with an enhanced awareness of your address (it is a reflective sign with your address printed on it). Please consider purchasing one for your home or property. Please contact our website for a reflective sign application form.

www.alpinefiresafecouncil.org



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!



PROJECTS WORKED ON IN 2020/2021

Your AFSC has applied for a Green House Gas Grant through CALfire for further fuels reduction work. If awarded, the treatment area will be within the County Wildland Risk Mitigation Plan (WRMP) priority areas 1 & 2. west of Hwy 89 Woodfords, Marklee Village, and Hot Springs Road. The Hot Springs Road area will be to enhance entrance and exit. The project in these areas will be in two parts: Timber Harvest for Commercial timber sales, and understory fuels reduction. Other agency fuels reduction work included: USFS has been "pile burning" around Marklee Village and in Thornburg Canyon, during our long winter. They have plans to do more pile burning weather permitting, as well as hand crew work in the vicinity of the convergence of Musser/Jarvis Creek this year. AFSC would like to thank the USFS for the opportunity to work with them and for all they do to reduce the potential of wildland fire in Alpine County. Lastly, AFSC is applying to CALfire for a designated FIREWISE community in Eastern Alpine County.

Community Involvement



Your Alpine Fire Safe Council meets every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November) on the 3rd Monday, 5:30pm at the Markleeville Fire Station (when Covid-19 restrictions allow). **Public is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!**

Alpine County has enacted a new Ordinance for Short Term Rentals. The AFSC is prepared to assist property owners & renters with literature for "Living in a Wildland Fire Area", as well as defensible space requirements (PRC 4291). Contact us at www.alpinefiresafecouncil.org

Your AFSC is regularly invited to make presentations and distribute literature to community members on "Living in a Wildland Fire Area". We look forward to coming to you.

Do you want to get involved in the safety of your community in the event of a wildland fire? Consider joining the Alpine Fire Safe Council! Call 530-694-1879 for further information.



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