

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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Until Further Notice, AFSC will be meeting by Conference Call Only. Please contact 694-1879 for further information.

Your AFSC At Work

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

The AFSC has been working hard over the past year. Our achievements include:

- ♦ Fuels Reduction and Defensible Space Projects
- Fire Safety Awareness in the community
- ♦ Education and Outreach to community members
- Grants and Grant Funding Usage
- Increased membership for the Alpine Fire Safe Council

PLEASE LOOK FOR COMMUNITY MEETING DATES FOR FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

CALFIRE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Inspections are scheduled to begin in May 2020 in the communities of The Mesa, River Ranch, River Meadows (Chambers Lane), Markleeville, Marklee Village, and Shay Creek. These inspections are unannounced. CALfire Inspectors will inspect your property to determine if your property meets the 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. Defensible space is required of all property owners per PRC 4291. Its requirements are a 30-foot perimeter cleared of vegetation around any inhabited residents (+) 70 feet intermittent clearing, totaling 100 feet. The maintenance of your Defensible Space helps our local volunteer firefighters and other firefighters defend your home. For more information on Defensible Space Clean Up contact the AFSC at 530-694-1879.

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, pin needles, pine cones, and other GREENS waste from your property, the County provides a FREE greens waste burn pile at Turtle Rock Part twice annually. The Spring burn pile will open 4/18/20 and will be open from 8am-4pm every Weds, Sat and Sun through Memorial Day Weekend. The burn pile is supported by the Eastern Alpine Fire & Rescue Dept. and the Alpine Fire Safe Council. 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. Please see our website for further information at www.alpinefiresafecouncil.org

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.

- 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.



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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.

Douglas County Waste Transfer Station - Greens Waste

Dump, Pine Nut Road, Gardnerville, NV.



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AFSC is coordinating a fuels reduction project with the Homeowner's Assoc. to remove vegetation overgrowth along Shay Creek Rd. The intent of the project is to enhance entrance into and egress from Shay Creek during a Wildland Fire event. This project will be completed in Spring/Summer 2020.

SHAY CREEK PROJECT

🕁 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 COMPLETED THIS PAST YEAR

Your AFSC, in conjunction with Liberty Utilities and coordination with the County, has completed tree removal along Hot Springs Rd. Liberty Utilities performed this removal at no charge. All of the downed trees were cut and stacked by the County for resident pick-up. 20 trees of varying diameters (12"-24") were removed. This project was completed to further the County interest to make Hot Springs Rd. a more adaptable exit corridor for evacuation during a Wildland Fire event. A Woodfords Tribal Allotment land fuels project was completed through a CALfire grant. This work was done by the Washoe Crew as a contractor to AFSC, to abate overgrowth on this property and to enhance Diamond Valley Rd. as a corridor for emergency vehicles as well as better access to the Emergency Evacuation Center (Diamond Valley School). An upper Laramie St. fuels abatement project was done by our contractor the Washoe Crew in conjunction with the property owners to abate fuels overgrowth for an enhanced evacuation route as well.



Community Involvement

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

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.



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