



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?

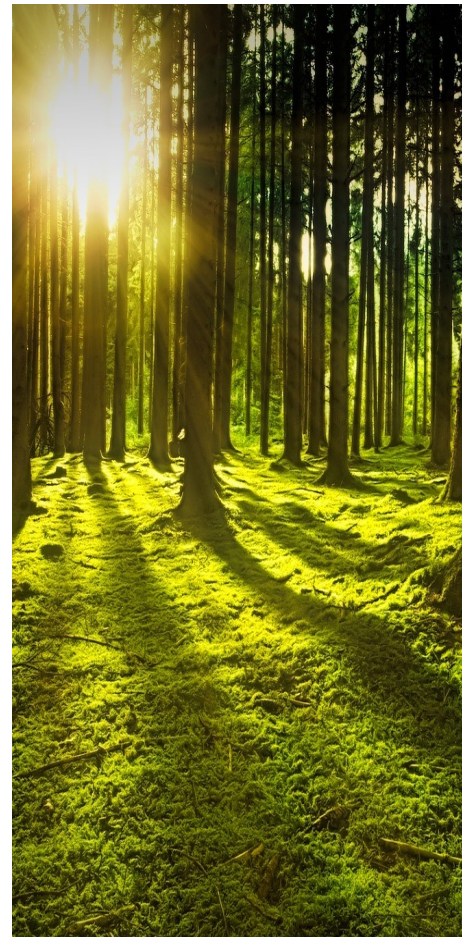
To assist property owners in their pursuit of Defensible Space Cleanup removal of brush, dead and downed natural fuels, pin needles, pine cones, and other GREENS waste from your property, the County provides a FREE greens waste burn pile at Turtle Rock Part twice annually. The Spring burn pile will open 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.*

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.



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