

# Wildfire Safe Neighbors NEWS



## Forest Health Project completed



*George Barber is Manager for Paradise Irrigation District. PID provides water for residents of*

*the Town of Paradise. The district collects water for purification very near the targeted area for the Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project and collaborated closely with Butte County Fire Safe Council and other agencies to plan and execute the project.*

The hard work is just about finished on the Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project which reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire in Magalia as well as protects the water quality for Paradise residents for years to come.

The project encompasses a 60-acre forested area on the Upper Ridge. This acreage is very near where Paradise Irrigation District collects its water for supplying the residents of the Town of Paradise so reducing wildfire risk here helps residents throughout the area.

The project's goal is to reduce wildfire risk by thinning thick brush and small trees (those eight inches in diameter or smaller) through hand-cutting. The area includes dense chaparral as well as overstocked trees.

The Butte County Fire Safe Council was instrumental in pursuing, receiving and administering the grant to fund the

project from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

The vegetation from the project was both chipped and pile burned. Chipping was used whenever possible to reduce smoke however some areas of the project are so steep that brush can't be hauled to a chipper and must be pile burned.

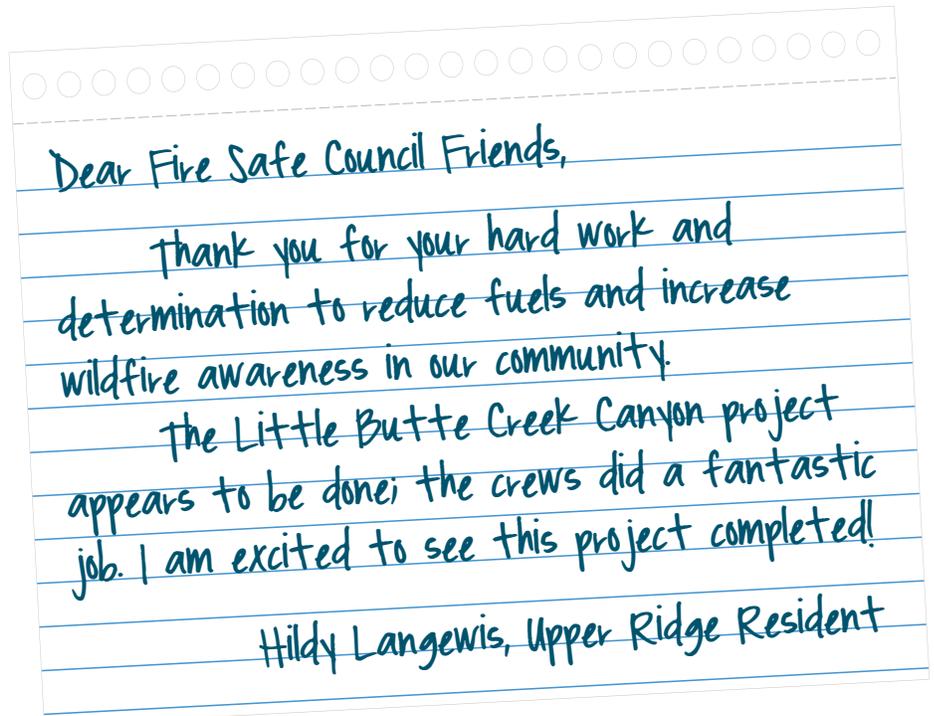
A smoke management plan was obtained from Butte County Air Quality Management District and all burning was conducted within Air Quality regulations.

Butte County Fire Safe Council, a non-profit organization and Paradise Irrigation District have successfully partnered and received grants from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and US Forest Service.



It has taken five years of planning to design and apply for these project grants. Partners have included US Forest Service Plumas National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and Cal-Fire.

**For more information, contact Butte County Fire Safe Council at 877-0984.**





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