

# Wildfire Safe Neighbors NEWS



## Your Fire Safe Council can help you prepare for a wildfire

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Large wildfires in California are increasing in size each year with greater devastation. The Butte Fire (76,067 acres) and Valley Fire (70,868 acres) of this summer illustrate the growing trend of catastrophic wildfires.

Are communities in the wildland urban areas preparing for wildfire? In Butte County the answer is yes. Many residents are doing the right thing by balancing wildfire risks on their property with appropriate landscaping, defensible space clearance and attention to building construction.

These residents participate in the Chipper Program and are engaged in community fire safe councils to help encourage others to take these positive steps.

There are now five nationally recognized "Firewise" communities in Butte County: Forest Ranch, Forbestown, Merry Mountain, Berry Creek and Yankee Hill/Concow. These communities are undertaking a variety of programs and projects to improve collaboration between CALFIRE, US Forest Service, other large landowners and residents.

The Butte County Fire Safe Council serves as a non-profit grass roots community organization to assist in building resiliency to wildfire across the landscape.

### ***Are you preparing for wildfire?***

Residents can request a free home visit from the Fire Safe Council in which native plants, fire wise landscaping, structure ignitability and evacuation preparedness are all discussed.

We encourage residents to get involved on their own

properties and in their communities to find out how call us at 530-877-0984.



*Lumpkin Fire, September 2015*



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# Our communities are preparing— but need you to join in the effort



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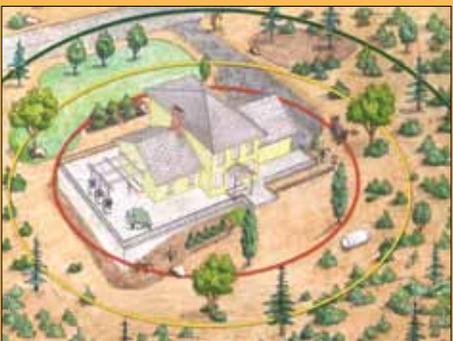
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### **Firewise Recognition**

*Offers communities ways to pay for ongoing projects and safety.*

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# Lumpkin Fire burns 1,042 acres

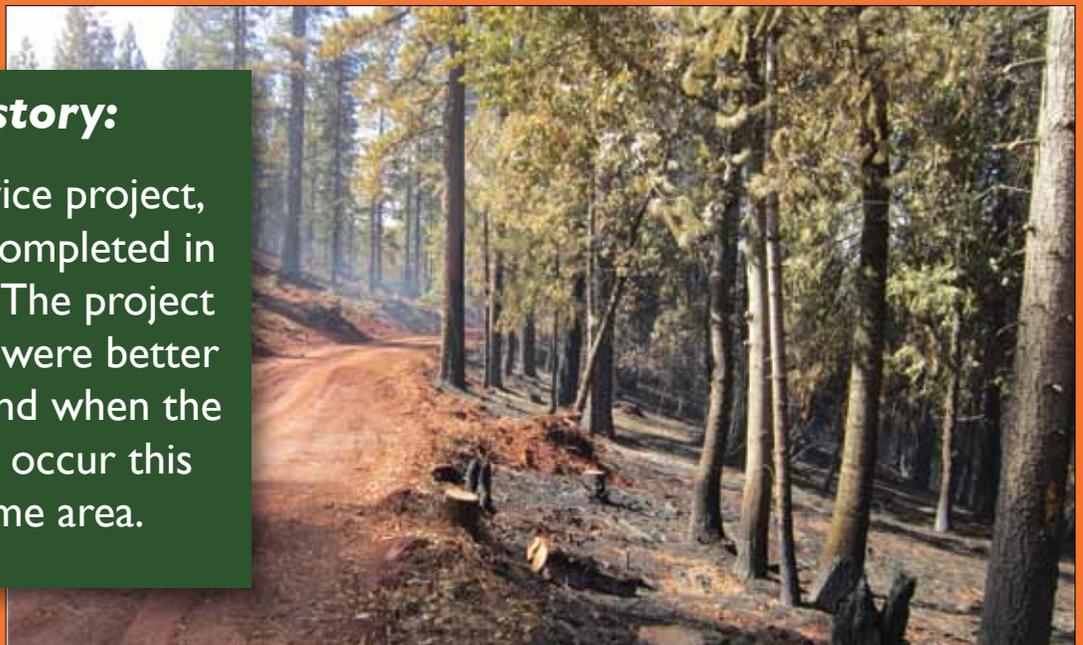
The fire began Sept. 11 in the area of Lumpkin, Forbestown and Robinson Mill Roads.

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## ***A success story:***

A US Forest Service project, SLAP JACK, was completed in the Lumpkin area. The project meant firefighters were better able to make a stand when the Lumpkin Fire did occur this year in the same area.





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**How do we prepare for wildfire?**