Learn More & Get Involved! · Summer 2020

# Wildfire Safe NEWS Neighbors

## Help make your neighborhood safer through education and being prepared



In her role as Executive Director of the Butte County Fire Safe Council for the past 15 years, Calli-Jane DeAnda helps the organization fulfill its mission to "Provide wildfire safety education, mitigation and recovery" by working with a fantastic team of staff, volunteers, board members and community partners.

#### Firewise USA

Firewise USA® is a voluntary program that provides a framework to help neighbors get organized, find direction and take action to increase the "ignition resistance" of their homes and neighborhoods.

#### What role can community members take?

You can help your neighborhood become a Firewise USA community by helping to coordinate the efforts needed to complete the requirements. Here at Butte County Fire Safe Council we are ready and eager to help you and your neighbors explore the possibility.

#### What communities in our area have become Firewise USA?

You are not alone in your desire to help create a Firewise community around you. Neighbors across Butte County await you

to join them or add to these neighborhoods with Firewise recognition: Yankee Hill/Concow, Berry Creek, Troy Estates (Magalia), Paradise, Forest Ranch, Merry Mountain Village (Clipper Mills), and Forbestown.

#### How can I get involved?

It is easy! Just contact the Butte County Fire Safe Council at 530-877-0984 and our staff will help you get started in the process.



### Join us as a friend!



#### What we do

#### **Healthy Forests**

- Chipper Program
- Forest Thinning Projects
- Project Tours

#### Firesafe Neighbors

- Local Fire Safe Councils
- Weed Wrench Loans
- Presentations

#### **Prepared Community Members**

- Youth Programs
- Evacuation Plans
- Home Visits

#### **Member benefits**

- ~Window sticker
- ~Membership card
- ~Invitation to community tours and events
- ~Informative newsletter

#### **Membership levels**

\$35 individual (annual)

\$45 family (annual)

\$125 sponsor, church/business/club (annual)

\$500 lifetime

Use the enclosed envelope to make a donation. Call 530/877-0984 to make a credit card donation or go to ButteFireSafe.net

## No-Cost Chipper Service For Fire Hazard Reduction Available now!

- I. Go online to ButteFireSafe.net to request Chipper Program service.
- 2. The Chipper Program operates from the end of fire season, typically in November, through May 15.
- 3. How to stack rows for the Chipper Program:
- Stack cut brush and limbs in a row within five feet of the road or driveway edge. Stack with the ends facing toward the road or driveway.
- Rows should be stacked no more than four feet high.
- Keep mud, rocks, roots and rootballs out of the rows.
- Keep poison oak out of the rows.
- Locate the rows so the truck and chipper can easily access them; no off-road locations allowed. Rows should look like the photo at right.
- 4. Please note that the chipped material will be broadcast in the area, not hauled away.
- 5. The Chipper Program does not provide chipping for orchard material or timber harvest material.
- 6. Limbs up to eight inches and not more than 10 feet in length may be chipped.



Cut ends must face the same direction, pointing toward the driveway or road that the chipper will use to access the piles.

New: Online Requests

ww.ButteFireSafe.net

The BCFSC is not obligated to perform this service and the BCFSC is not liable for its failure to perform this service or for the negligent performance of this service.



Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the California Climate Investments Program.



### What is new?

Butte County Fire Safe Council continues to improve wildfire resilience throughout the county while still working to keep the community members we interact with, our staff and volunteers safe as we serve in this time of the coronavirus.

Look for fuel reduction projects throughout the wildland urban interface communities of Butte County, including:

Forbestown
Berry Creek
Paradise
Magalia
Forest Ranch
Big Chico Creek
Cohasset



### Wildfire grazing coming to Paradise Ridge!

Grazing for wildfire safety will be taking place on the Paradise Ridge in the upcoming months! To learn more, call Butte County Fire Safe Council at 530.877.0984



## Yes—there are ways you can help "doom the broom"!

Check out the many resources for effectively getting rid of this flammable weed. Go to ButteFireSafe.net and look under the "Resources" section.

## Fuel reduction along roads is vital, too

This fuels reduction project in Forest Ranch, along Doe Mill Ridge Road, helped in the previously overgrown forested areas. Safe ingress and egress—especially during emergencies—is key for local residents and fuel reduction, done properly, makes a big difference.



## Sign up online for no-cost chipper service! See page 2 for details.



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#### "Before and after" photos from projects throughout the county



## MERRY MOUNTAIN / CLIPPER MILLS AREA Forbestown grant



**COUTOLENC ROAD AREA** *Paradise Ridge grant* 

