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Press Release

**WILDLAND FIRE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (WFAP)
A TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS WORKSHOP**

Hosted by the Butte County Fire Safe Council and California Climate Action Corps

What: A free, in-person workshop for interested Butte County community members and fire-safe leaders.

Where: Magalia Community Center
13917 South Park Dr, Magalia, CA 95954

When: Friday April 14th, 2023, from 9am-3pm

Why: A majority of Butte County is considered wildland-urban interface, with a higher wildfire risk to homes and communities. Butte County has a significant history of large fire occurrences. The [Butte County Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) states that since 2018, over 20,000 structures have been destroyed in Butte County, most notably from the Camp Fire. To address the growing need, homeowners must take responsibility and take steps to make their home more fire-safe through home hardening and defensible space, the basis of the WFAP training program.

About the Program: The WFAP was created as a joint effort by the U.S. Forest Service and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) to provide community members with training on how to properly conduct voluntary home assessments. Nationally, this is the first program targeted to volunteers that prepares them to evaluate a home and provide residents with personal recommendations. These volunteers can work in partnership with local and county Fire Safe Councils, as well as Firewise USA communities, to build fire-adapted communities. At the workshop, participants will hear from multiple guest speakers about creating and maintaining

fire-safe homes. We will review key online points from the modules and share ideas and experiences.

* Participants must complete 4 hours of online modules, prior to the in-person workshop. The course is free to register, and you do not need to become a NVFC member to access it. Participants will receive a certificate at the end of the online training to bring in-person for a signature.

Register for the WFAP course online here: <https://virtualclassroom.nvfc.org/wildfire>.
[How to Sign up for the Online Wildland Fire Assessment Program Component](#).

At the workshop, the group will be guided through two practice home assessments in Paradise and Magalia, and finish with a visit to the first-in-the-nation, *IBHS Wildfire Prepared Home*, in Paradise. This workshop is entirely educational. The recommendations from the assessors do not enforce county codes or get shared with anyone beyond the homeowner.

Registration is required and will open March 1st. Space is limited. Save the date and check our WFAP event page for updates: <https://buttefiresafe.net/event/wildland-fire-assessment-program-wfap-train-the-trainers-workshop/>

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