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CAL FIRE/Butte County distributes evacuation plans

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire mailed updated Wildland Evacuation Plans to various communities in Butte County in late June. These plans provide residents with community-specific information they need to "Get Ready, Set and Go" during any type of emergency.

The plans were developed jointly by CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire, Butte County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, local public safety agencies and Fire Safe Councils.

The plans cover the communities of Berry Creek, Forest Ranch, Butte Meadows, Cohasset, Lower Paradise, the Town of Paradise, Upper Ridge/Magalia, Butte Creek Canyon, Butte Valley, Forbestown, Feather Falls and Clipper Mills.

In addition to receiving these evacua-

tion plans in the mail, residents can access and download an electronic version of the document at www.buttecounty.net/oem/ DisasterPreparedness.

"Now is the time for residents to review their plans, follow the steps to prepare their families, and be ready to evacuate in the event of an emergency," says Division Chief David Hawks.

This project was funded through a State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund (SRAFPF) Grant and a grant from the Discovery Shop in Chico to the Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council.

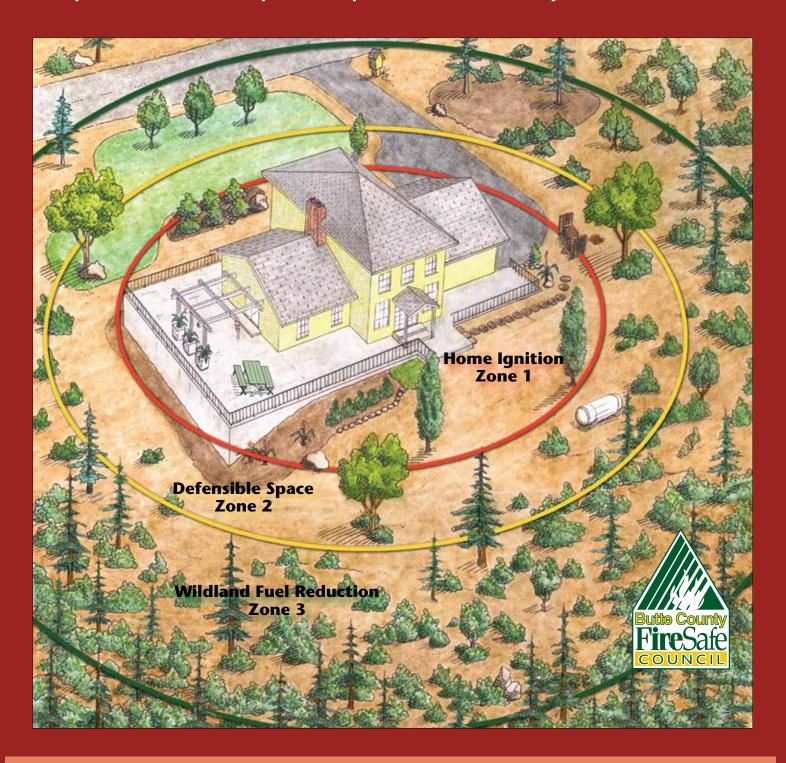




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Do you have defensible space?

Our thanks to the Butte County Sheriff's office for helping create defensible space for residents in partnership with the Butte County Fire Safe Council.



Call the Butte County Fire Safe Council, a community non-profit organization, for information about our defensible space home visit program. 530/877-0984

Dying trees—caused by bark beetles—are a growing fire hazard

Bark beetle infestations statewide have killed trees—and those trees are a growing fire hazard risk.

The Tree Mortality Task Force includes state and federal agencies, local governments, utilities, and various stakeholders that will coordinate emergency protective actions and monitor ongoing conditions to address the vast tree mortality resulting from four years of unprecedented drought and the resulting bark beetle infestations across large regions of California.

Find information at this link about how you can deal with bark beetle infestation throughout the year: www.PrepareForBarkBeetle.org



Millions of trees in California are dead due to bark beetle infestation.

PG&E supports Chipper Program in its time of need; thank you!

The Chipper Program has been a critical tool for Butte County residents in creating defensible space and preparing their homes and properties for wildfire for over a decade.

The program operates in winter and spring months (November – June each year) and is dependent upon grant funding. However, this was the first year the program's grant funding was unable to

last through the operating season.

PG&E stepped forward and saved the day—providing funding to help the many county residents who were on a waiting list in hopes that the program would help them.

This support is part of PG&E's Fire Hazard Reduction Program, helping to fund 43 local Fire Safe Councils and other

501(c)3 projects in 21 counties.

Projects include fuel reduction, shaded fuel breaks, emergency access and chipping programs. This is the fourth consecutive year PG&E has funded local Fire Safe Council projects to help residents protect their homes, communities and the environment from wildfire.

Thank you PG&E!





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