

### June 8 event features info, resources for Ridge residents

The Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council will be presenting Fire on the Ridge, Saving the Ridge" on June 8 at the PPPOA Recreation Hall at 6 PM.

In 2008, wildfires threatened our communities and resulted in thousands of ridge residents being evacuated from their homes. We all know that living in our



beautiful community has risks. Each and every one of us have a responsibility for the safety of our family and community.

The Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council formed in 2015 to

address these issues at a community level. Working with the Butte County Fire Safe Council and our many partners, much has been done to reduce the risk from wildfire.

#### Join in this community effort for wildfire preparedness by getting the tools you need to be safer from wildfire!

When attending this community meeting, you'll have the chance to win an emergency preparedness "go bag," pick up free community maps and get expert advice on how to keep you and your family safe from wildfire.

You will learn about projects that affect you directly and indirectly and how planning for wildfire on the Upper Ridge is a model that we hope to use in other parts of Butte County. Some of the projects that will be presented include:

- The development of a Forest Management Plan for Magalia that spans multiple ownerships and areas.
- The Magalia Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project. This project includes land in the PPPOA and on adjoining private property. This is scheduled to begin this fall.

- **Fuel reduction** along Centerville Road and Nimshew Road being completed by Butte County Public Works scheduled for later this year.
- Vent Replacement Program. Up to 40 homes in the lower Paradise, Coutolenc Road and Nimshew Road areas may apply for free installation of fire resistive eave and gable vents as part of a grant funded demonstration project.
- Fuel reduction planning for the Bureau of Land Management and Paradise Unified School District parcels in Magalia.

Work on Paradise Irrigation District land in the **Little Butte Creek drainage** between Magalia Reservoir and Paradise Lake.

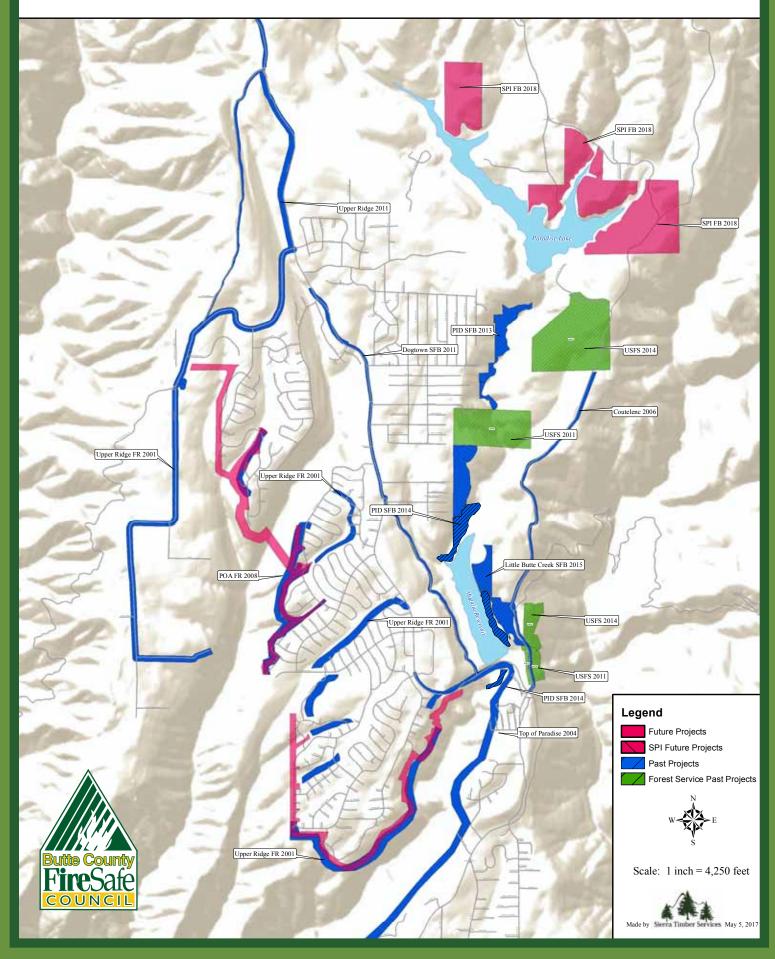
Maps will be available for residents showing the projects and representatives from the following agencies will be there; Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council, Butte County Fire Safe Council, CAL FIRE, Butte County Public Works, Paradise Irrigation District, US Forest Service, California Conservation Core, and other community organizations will discuss past, current and future projects that will address your safety.

Call 530-877-0984 for more information.



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### Magalia Fuel Reduction Past and Future Projects



# Having the best intentions sometimes doesn't turn out to create the best result...



Know the type of vegetation you're cutting when you're doing defensible space fuel reduction on your property.

The homeowner at left cut off Toyon at ground level—and it grew back as a thick bush rather than a tree.

Additionally, Scotch Broom must be cut back only during certain times of year—otherwise it causes the plants to spread even more.

Your Butte County Fire Safe Council has lots of information about what to do to create defensible space at your home the right way the first time.

Go to www.buttefiresafe.net or call 530-877-0984.

## A bit about our neighbor: Butte Fire Center



"The year I spent in the Corps changed my life and has affected me to this day. I found out who I was and pushed myself to the limit every day!"

#### Hard work. Low pay. Miserable conditions. And more!

The Butte Fire Center, located in Magalia, is the home for 60 members. When not on active Type 1 fire crew duty, members perform community service and receive education and training.



Membership is open to men and women from ages 18 to 25.



Members have training and leadership opportunities--and scholarships!

'Know someone who might make a good corpsmember? Call the Butte Fire Center 530-327-6252





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