

Wildfire Safe Neighbors NEWS



Lessons learned and hope for the future

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The Camp Fire has been an immense tragedy which we will be recovering from for a very long time. However, in the midst of the struggles and impacts we are all experiencing, there is hope.

This hope is based on the success

stories resulting from forests that had received thinning and fuels reduction prior to the fire.

Although these areas still burned, the results included trees that remain alive, drinking water that was preserved, homes that were protected and roadways that were safer for evacuation.



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Please consider participating in your local fire safe council or the Butte County Fire Safe Council.

Here are some ways to get involved with your local fire safe council: Attending meetings, engaging with social media, volunteering to help with projects, spreading the word to neighbors or sharing a skill, passion or talent that is close to your heart.

Get involved in the councils in these communities:

Paradise Ridge

Yankee Hill

Forest Ranch

Cohasset

Berry Creek

Feather Falls

Forbestown

Lake Wyndotte/Oroville Foothills

Join us as a friend!

Your membership in Friends of Butte County Fire Safe Council means you are helping to make your community more fire safe and keeping our forests healthier.

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

Membership levels

\$35 individual (annual)

\$45 family (annual)

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

\$500 lifetime

Member benefits

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



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Your donation makes a difference

Avoid the ember

Protect your home and
These things really m

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Create a fire safe “moat” of



TREE SPACING

20-foot distance between
medium and large trees.

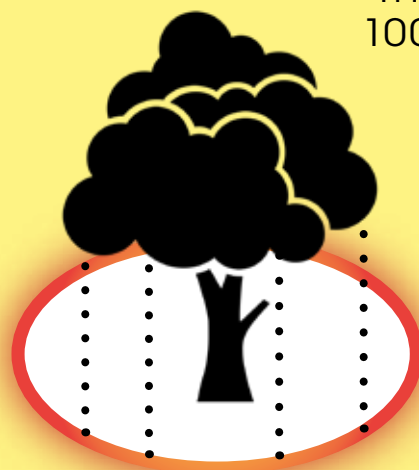


HOME & OUTBUILDINGS

The first five feet are key! Then
100 feet defensible space zone
and farther as needed.



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PROTECTION OF TREES:

Area extends to the drip line
of the tree's branches.

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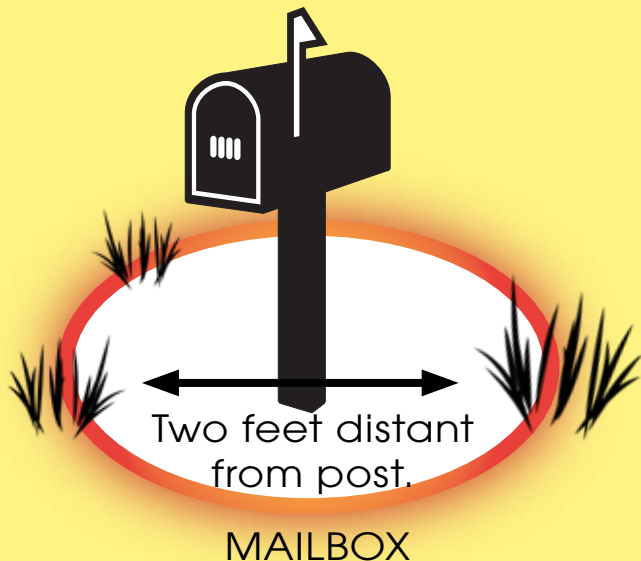
and land from embers.

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ssons our community learned...

f cleared area around these:

DRIVEWAYS & ROADS
Minimum 100 feet
from road center line.



WATCH THE DISTANCE
This structure caught fire in 2018
Camp Fire due to flammable
vegetation in the first five feet.

FORESTS CHANGE TO BRUSH FIELDS...



Concow in 2012, four years after the original 2008 Camp Fire.



Yankee Hill shown in 2006, 12 years after the Ralston Fire.



Yankee Hill, December 2018. The brush field reburned with high intensity.

*Funding is needed
for equipment
to address brush
regrowth!*



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SUCCESS at Paradise Lake!

Little Butte Creek Forest Health Project II
176-acre project
Completed Spring 2018
Funding: Sierra Nevada Conservancy and
US Forest Service



Photo below taken at the end of
November 2018, after the Camp Fire
came through the treated area. The
forest around Paradise Lake remains
green and drinking water is protected.



INSIDE: Important lessons learned from the Camp Fire