

# IMPACT REPORT



## Meet the Butte County Fire Safe Council!

We were formed in 1998 as a boots-on-the-ground 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to wildfire hazard education, mitigation, and recovery.

Our staff works in collaboration with volunteers and community members in leveraging county-wide partnerships for wildfire safety.



## The BCFSC Board

Our Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the local councils and representatives of many public and private stakeholders throughout Butte County.



## Our Vision

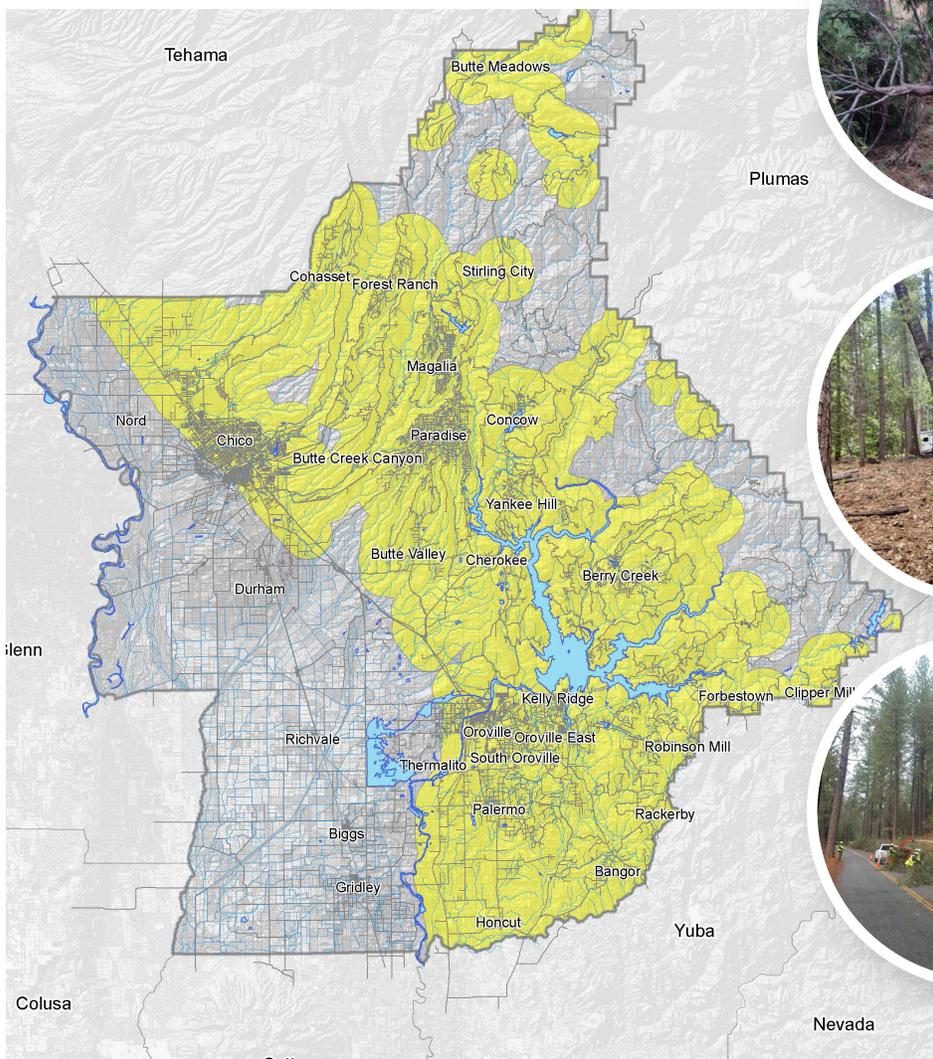
To create communities within a landscape that are resistant to the devastating impacts of wildland fires.

# WHERE WE WORK

The Butte County Fire Safe Council implements projects and provides wildfire safety services to residents county-wide through grants and community donations.

## What is the WUI?

The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) is an area with high wildfire risk, where housing and development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland areas. There are over 450,000 acres of WUI in Butte County, shown below in yellow.



HAZARD TREES REMOVED

**52,100**



ACRES OF FUELS REDUCTION

**8,600**



MILES OF ROADSIDE FUELS REDUCTION

**49**

# PROGRAMS

## Resident Assistance Program

Our no-cost Resident Assistance Program aids landowners in maintaining 100 feet of defensible space around their home, with an emphasis on supporting those in the WUI who qualify as elderly, disabled, or low income.

“The Fire Safe Council Fuels Crew helped create defensible space around my home and along the access road in Forest Ranch. They were very thorough and extra thoughtful. It was really impressive work and such a relief to know that my neighbors and I received this support.

–Caitlin Dalby, *Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council*”



HOMES ASSISTED

**1,700**



SERVED SINCE 2019

**1,800**

## Chipper Program

The Chipper Program assists landowners county-wide in reducing their wildfire risk by chipping hazardous fuels. Residents can sign up year-round for our no-cost service that broadcasts or piles chips, providing an alternative to burning or hauling brush.

“The Chipper Program has helped residents in Berry Creek with their defensible space and wildfire recovery. We’ve had over 120 participants in the program over the past three years.

–Denise Bethune, *Berry Creek Fire Safe Council*”

# YOU'RE INVITED

## OUR ANNUAL EVENTS:

### Adopt-a-Forest

Roll up your sleeves and meet us in the forest to participate in our fall volunteer work party, hosted in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. Learn how we can support healthy forests and work alongside staff and fellow volunteers on fuels reduction and wildfire resiliency projects.



### Paradise Grazing Festival

Beginning in 2021, the Paradise Grazing Festival is an educational and celebratory event for wildfire safety, community, and grazing. Join us to get up close with goats and learn how grazing is used to protect Butte communities from wildfire.



### Wildfire Safety Summit

Our December Summit is an opportunity to gather with partners and interested members of the public to share county-wide strategies and successes for wildfire safety from the year. Networking and lunch follow a morning of featured presentations and activities.



## Who is Wildfire Ready Raccoon?

Ready first came to life in 2009 as a friendly mascot spreading wildfire education and fun for all ages. He makes appearances at many community events, and can also be found on social media, sharing wildfire safety reminders and tips. Contact the BCFSC to request Ready Raccoon at your event.



# JOIN OUR MISSION

Working together we can make a difference! There isn't any one project, agency, or individual that can make a community fire-safe. It takes all of us to create a culture of living more safely with fire and supporting healthy forests and communities.

–Calli-Jane West, *Executive Director*



## Get Involved!

- ✓ Volunteer
- ✓ Become a Member
- ✓ Join your local fire safe council meetings
- ✓ Start a Firewise USA® community
- ✓ Attend one of our events
- ✓ Follow us on social media
- ✓ Prepare your property for wildfire

### BECOME A MEMBER

#### Your support is vital!

Your membership and donations directly support programs and services which make your community more fire-safe.

Visit [buttefiresafe.net](http://buttefiresafe.net) to learn how to become a member.

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Joe Cardoza is a standout leader and incredible asset to building fire-safe communities. Whether suiting up to carry on the legacy of Wildfire Ready Raccoon, leading his neighborhood Firewise USA community in Magalia, or supporting the Butte County Fire Safe Council at community events, Joe embodies the spirit of service and community. Joe's kindness and dedication are unmatched, and the Butte County Fire Safe Council is buoyed by his support.



# BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

## WHY

Your membership provides the funding to directly support programs and services in Butte County, better preparing our communities for wildfire. These programs include public safety education, preparedness training, forest health, and recovery from wildfire.

### Membership Benefits

- Wildfire Ready Sticker
- Member Newsletter
- Invites to Special Events and Tours



## HOW

Scan this QR code to learn more about becoming a member of the Butte County Fire Safe Council.

BCFSC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.



The Town of Paradise has undertaken many successful efforts for wildfire recovery including hazard tree removal, rebuilding support, and infrastructure improvements. The opportunity to partner with the BCFSC in grazing on the Ridge adds one more successful approach to mitigating the hazardous fuels in and around our community.

–Kevin Phillips, *Town Manager*

The Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council has partnered with the Butte County Fire Safe Council for 20 + years. As we work through wildfire recovery in Concow and Yankee Hill we appreciate the programs the BCFSC offers to the residents in our area.

–Brenda Rightmyer, *Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council*

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