



## Press Release: Events Lookback

# Butte County Fire Safe Celebrated 25 Years

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As the winter season comes into view, the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) celebrates our organizational milestone of 25 years with impactful community and volunteer-oriented events throughout the month of October.

With a focus on community initiatives and volunteer engagement, BCFSC hosted and/or supported seven wonderful events last month across the county.

### **Clipper Mills Rib Cook-Off and Yankee Hill Swap Meet - Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

In addition to voting on pork ribs at the fundraiser, the BCFSC toured three forest health project sites to demonstrate successes in reducing hazardous fuels in the Clipper Mills area. Simultaneously, BCFSC mascot, Wildfire Ready Raccoon, was spotted at the swap meet fundraiser for Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council, that totaled \$2,500.

### **Paradise - Johnny Appleseed Days - Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Wildfire Ready Raccoon returned to Paradise to make an appearance at Johnny Appleseed Days to host "Are You Smarter Than a Raccoon?" and dance with kids and friends to his theme song.

### **Oroville - "Wilder Than Wild" Film Screening - Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

The award-winning documentary "Wilder Than Wild" was screened at the Oroville State Theatre. Taylor Nilsson made his debut as the newly appointed Executive Director of the BCFSC and appeared on a discussion panel alongside prior Executive Director Calli-Jane West, Wolfy Rougle, and Chip Fowler, before drawing the curtains on a special night.

### **Paradise - U-Pick Apple Fundraiser at Noble Orchards – Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

An apple a day does not keep Ready away. Numerous community members came out to Noble Orchards to pick gala and granny smith apples, generating \$1,130 to benefit the BCFSC.

### **Paradise/Magalia - Adopt a Forest/Make a Difference Day - Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Broom was removed from three different sites on Friday as 100 volunteers could be seen along McNab Cypress Grove, Coutolenc Park, and Paradise Lake pulling invasive and non-native weeds. Volunteers also pruned oaks, removed trash, and raked fuels away from tree bases.

### **Chico - Butte County Climate Action Day - Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

We led an invasive species removal event at the Campfire Council Ring in Lower Bidwell Park. 108 volunteers gathered to cut and pile invasive Himalayan blackberry, ultimately benefiting the health, wildfire safety, and aesthetic of the historic Chico Park.

### ***What is Next for the Butte County Fire Safe Council?***

Wrapping up a month of non-stop action, the BCFSC encourages you to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildfire Safety Summit on December 6<sup>th</sup>!

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