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Butte County Fire Safe Council Partners with California Conservation Corps for Three Critical Fuels Reduction Projects

Butte County, CA – The Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) is excited to announce its collaboration with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) on three vital fuel reduction projects aimed at enhancing wildfire resilience in Butte County. These projects, spanning Chico, Paradise, and Stirling City, highlight BCFSC’s commitment to reducing wildfire risks and ensuring community safety.

Project Locations and Objectives

1. Little Chico Creek, Chico

In partnership with the City of Chico, a 1.86-acre area along Little Chico Creek at Forest Avenue will reduce fuels by removing dead and dying vegetation. This effort is part of an ongoing initiative to protect urban spaces and nearby neighborhoods from wildfire threats while maintaining ecological health.

2. Paradise High School, Paradise

The Paradise Unified School District is collaborating with BCFSC to address wildfire risks on the 2.24-acre area behind the ball fields at Paradise High School. This project will enhance the safety of students, staff, and surrounding residents by creating defensible space and reducing hazardous vegetation.

3. Brakebill Elementary, Stirling City

Also with the Paradise Unified School District, this 2-acre project will take place at Brakebill Elementary in Stirling City. It aims to protect this educational facility and its community by mitigating potential wildfire fuel sources.

Why Fuel Reduction Matters

Wildfires remain a significant threat to Butte County’s landscapes and communities. These projects, each tailored to local needs, will reduce flammable vegetation, create defensible spaces, and promote the long-term resilience of these critical areas. By working with the CCC, BCFSC leverages skilled labor and sustainable practices to protect lives and property.

Community Impact

These projects reflect BCFSC’s holistic approach to wildfire preparedness. "Partnering with local agencies and the CCC allows us to implement proactive measures that directly benefit our communities," said Jim Houtman, Director of Forest Health of BCFSC. “Our goal is to foster safety and sustainability across Butte County.”

About Butte County Fire Safe Council

The Butte County Fire Safe Council is a 501©3 non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Butte County’s people, property, and natural resources from wildfire through education, projects, and partnerships. BCFSC’s efforts focus on creating fire-adapted communities equipped to face California’s evolving wildfire challenges.



CCC members assist the BCFSC with fuels reduction in Little Chico Creek, July 2023.