

Butte Unit
Fire Management Plan
2005

BUTTE COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL www.buttefiresafe.org

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The mission of the Butte County Fire Safe Council is to preserve Butte County's natural and manmade resources by mobilizing all Butte County citizens to make their home, neighborhoods, and communities fire safe.

Purpose Statement

The Butte County Fire Safe Council was formed in an effort to bring stakeholders, including federal, state and local fire agencies, private enterprise and citizens, together in order to address fire safe issues throughout Butte County. Another important role of the County Fire Safe Council is to serve as a parent organization for the many community fire safe councils throughout Butte County. In this capacity the County Fire Safe Council assists with the coordination of projects between communities, provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas, addresses county-wide fire safe information and education, such as the defensible space modeling for homeowners and 6th grade fire safe school programs, as well as county wide fuel reduction efforts such as the community chipper program. A developing role of the Butte County Fire Safe Council, once the council receives 501C3 (tax exempt) status, will be to channel pre-fire management grant funding for the county and community fire safe councils.

The first meeting of the Butte County Fire Safe Council was held in March of 1998; by May of that year the mission statement and organizational goals were developed. The council's first grant, totaling \$9,477 through the Forest Stewardship program, was awarded to the Paradise Volunteer Firefighters in order to complete roadside fuel removal along Honey Run Rd. Since that time the Butte County Fire Safe Council has had many key events including the following:

Major Accomplishments

- ✓ August 1998 - Applied for Proposition 204 Grant (was not granted)
 - ✓ October 1998 - Letter sent to the Butte County Board of Directors supporting an RCD.
 - ✓ March 1999 - FEMA Grant for \$130,000 issued to CDF for fuel break in Forest Ranch.
 - ✓ May 1999 - Received \$200 from Butte County OES to purchase 20 copies of video "In The Zone."
 - ✓ August 1999 – Hosted a Fire Safe Faire @ the Paradise Pines Property Owners (POA) facility in Magalia during a period of extreme fire activity (Butte Lightning Complex) Doe Mill fire, funded by a NRCS EQIP grant.
 - ✓ Sent letter to the USDA Forest Service in support of the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act Project.
 - ✓ AB2766 - Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grant received by the Town of Paradise in conjunction with Paradise Solid Waste to collect yard waste material in the Paradise area and be taken to the landfill to use for cover.
 - ✓ June 1999 - Newspaper Insert "Living with Fire in the Foothills of Butte County" sent out with local newspapers, in addition to 6,000 copies to each Battalion.
- Donations provided by

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- PG&E \$1,000
 - Butte County OES \$1,000
 - Forest Ranch Community Association \$235
 - CDF Coins for Conservation \$200
- ✓ March 2000 – Forest Ranch awarded CDF Fuel Load Reduction Grant of \$25,000 to have CCC crew work on three demo sites on brush, oak-woodland, and conifer fuel types.
 - ✓ July 2000 – Received \$30,000 from Butte County Air Pollution Control to purchase a chipper to be used for community chipping programs.
 - ✓ Farmers Insurance agent Bill Phillips donated \$750.00 for educational programs for urban interface communities to promote hazard reduction around residences.
 - ✓ September 2000 - Wildland Urban Interface Grants Awarded to Paradise Pines for community shaded fuel breaks \$175,000.
 - ✓ January 2001- Communities at risk identified.
 - ✓ October 2001 – Community Chipper Program begins, Contractor hired.
 - ✓ February 2002 – Hired executive Coordinator for the FSC, Brenda Rightmyer
 - ✓ April 2002 – Application for 501C3 status for the FSC filed.
 - ✓ Spring 2003 – Butte County Fire Safe Council web site established.
www.ButteFireSafe.org and FSC hosts National Firewise Workshop.
 - ✓ Spring 2004 – Completed brochures, Homeowner’s guide to “Firewise Landscaping in Butte County” & began a fire safe media campaign, slogan “It’s a Clear Choice.”

2003 Annual Goals

1. Broaden outreach to other groups and stakeholders.
 - Red Cross
 - Communities in Southern Butte County.
 - Nurseries & Landscapers
 - Watershed Groups
 - County Public Works
 - Insurance Industry
2. Hold a fundraising event.
3. Hazard reduction around residences.
 - Develop and promote a major campaign to ensure residential compliance with PRC-4291 and other defensible space regulations on a county-wide basis.
 - Pilot program in the Upper Paradise Ridge and Town of Paradise in 2003
 - Use POA’s “Share the Responsibility” program in 2003
 - County-wide defensible space program in 2004
 - Develop incentives to aid homeowners with compliance
4. Shaded Fuel Break Maintenance.
 - Research methods and costs
 - Set goals for maintaining all existing and planned fuel reduction project sites
5. Continue to promote “One Stop Shopping” concept for grants.
6. Develop or locate a “Fire Danger Rating” system for individual parcels.
7. Promote Fire Wise landscaping via local nurseries and home improvement stores.
 - Develop kiosks or displays
 - Provide workshops
8. Recruit volunteers for Butte County Fire Safe Council projects & programs.
 - Youth participation
 - Dooryard visits

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- Clerical & support
- Internships or work study
- 9. Complete the Butte County Fire Safe Council office.
 - Exterior paint
 - Driveway repair
 - Yard work

Butte Fire Safe Council Members

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Kieran O'Leary	Sierra Pacific Industries	Stephen Ertle	Air Quality Management District
Hue Dang	Natural Resource Conservation Service	David Pittman	City of Oroville Fire Department
John Gulserian	OES, Butte County	Rick Case	Plumas National Forest
Jim Broshears, Chairperson	Paradise Fire Department	Andrea Carter	Bureau of Land Management Redding
Brenda Rightmyer	Executive Coordinator BFSC	Mary Ellen Largent	Forest Ranch Preservation Alliance
Wayne Wilson	CDF – Butte Unit	Dennis Nay	Berry Creek Fire Safe Council
Mike Santuccio	CDF – Butte Unit	Pia Sevelius	Butte County Water & Resource Conserv.
Ed Chombeau	POA Greenbelt	Tom McAdams	Butte Creek Canyon & Volunteer Fire Dept
Bert and Marilyn Coffman	Cohasset Community Association	David Hawks	CDF – Butte Unit Pre-Fire Engineer
Rob Velatch	Natural Resource Conservation Service	Susie Heffernan	Yankee Hill Fire Council & NVDAG
Kim Yamaguchi	Butte County Supervisor District	Jean Christ	Protect our Watershed & Sierra Club
Glenn Nader	University of California	Peter L. Mann	POA, Paradise Pines
Lisa Dillabo	Assemblyman Sam Aanestad's Office	Stephen Sayer	Paradise FSC & Sierra Club
Keith Dunn, Field Rep.	Congressman Herger's Office	Frank Stewart	Quincy Library Group Forester
Jim Wills	Firestorm W.F.S.	Don Steele	POA-Greenbelt
Henri Brachais	CDF – Butte Unit	Bill Orthel	CDF – Butte Unit
Patty Call	North Valley Foundation	William Johnson	Butte Creek Watershed Conservancy
Madelyn Henry	Stirling City	Ed Miller	Forest Ranch Preservation Alliance
Jason Larrabee	Congressman Dolittle's Staff	Mike Crump	Butte County Public Works
Jim Brobeck	Cohasset Community & Sierra Club	Darrel Wilson	URCC
Matt Willis	Firestorm W.F.S.	Brooks Henderson	USFS, Plumas NF