

20 SNOWTENT SHADED FUEL BREAK PROJECT

The second area identified by the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County as an addendum to the Columbia Hill project is the conversion of an additional 4 miles of roadway to shaded fuel break along North Bloomfield – Graniteville Road, tying the Columbia Hill project into the Graniteville Townsite Fuels Reduction. This stretch will complete a part of the North San Juan Coordinated Resources Management Plan with a shaded fuel break running from Bridgeport on the South Fork of the Yuba River to the town of Graniteville. The stretch of planned treatment area under the project is heavy timberlands with thick manzanita and suppressed conifer under story fuels.

Event 1: Establish Funding Sources: The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has secured funding for this project from the US Forest Service.

Event 2: Environmental Compliance: Fire Safe Council of Nevada County staff will be working with a privately contracted forester and CDF staff to complete environmental compliance for the project, which with the possible removal of timber, may involve the completion of and Emergency Fire Hazard Exemption. Environmental work is scheduled to begin in early summer of 2005.

Event 3: Treatment of non-Federal lands, approximately 4 miles, extending from Snowtent Springs to the town of Graniteville. This step is planned for the Summer of 2005, prior to winter snowfall.

21 SENIOR AND DISABLED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has identified a need to continue the Senior and Disabled Assistance Program to provide defensible space clearing for elderly and disabled Nevada County residents unable to physically and financially clear on their own. The program currently utilizes workers from the Nevada County Probation Department's Work Release Program with supervision and direction from FSCNC staff to complete the requested work and bring participants into compliance with current defensible space laws.

Event 1: Secure Funding for Program Continuation – This program is currently funded by a grant from the Allstate Foundation, however the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County is applying for additional grants to expand program operations.

Event 2: Senior Contacts and Clearing – The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County will meet on-site with Seniors to determine what work they would like completed and consequently schedule the clearing work with the Probation Department. This task will be ongoing from the current time period until funding is no longer available.