

MMU Fire Plan Collaborators

A collaborator or stakeholder is defined as any person, agency or organization with a particular interest - a stake - in fire safety and protection of assets from wildfires. The Madera-Mariposa-Merced-Ranger Unit has made a considerable attempt at involving stakeholders and many of their interests in the planning of the MMU Fire Plan. The process of identifying stakeholders and their interests is an ongoing process and will be evaluated continuously through the evolution of future fire management plans. It is the goal of the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit to participate with as many stakeholders as is possible and to continually update planning efforts involving stakeholder input.

Three primary stakeholder groups within MMU involve the two fire safe councils and the SWIFT group. The Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council and the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council are instrumental in bringing a conglomeration of stakeholders to “the table”. The councils shed light on many concerns within communities and expose information relating to the effectiveness of MMU’s fire safe efforts. The Unit is able to respond and adapt activities to address many of the concerns from the different stakeholders involved with the fire safe councils. Through the council’s diversity, agencies have been able to develop prefire and fire prevention projects that otherwise may never have developed. MMU, in cooperation with the fire safe councils, have experienced project successes many of which are mentioned throughout this fire plan. This list is dynamic. It includes the stakeholders at one point in time.

Primary Collaborators within MMU

Private

- Residents of the Communities of Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Mariposa County Fire Safe Council
- Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council
- North Fork Mono Rancheria
- Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians
- The Ponderosa Acres Homeowner Group
- The Lushmeadows Homeowners Group
- Greeley Hill Fire Safe Group
- Central Sierra Watershed Committee
- Oakhurst Action Council
- Yosemite/Sequoia Resource, Conservation & Development Council
- Sierra Nevada Alliance
- Merced County Fire Alliance

Federal

- U.S. Forest Service, Sierra National Forest
- U.S. Forest Service, Stanislaus National Forest
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- Bureau of Land Management, Folsom District
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Yosemite National Park, National Park Service
- Bureau Of Indian Affairs
- National Resource Conservation Service

State of California

- California Department Of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)
- California Highway Patrol
- California Department Of Transportation (Cal Trans)
- California Department of Fish and Game
- Mariposa Resource Conservation District
- Coarsegold Resource Conservation District
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Office of Emergency Services (OES)

County or Districts

- Madera County
- Madera County Fire Department
- Madera County Sheriffs Department
- Madera County Road Department
- Madera County Environmental Health
- Merced County
- Merced County Fire Department
- Merced County Sheriffs Department
- Merced County Road Department
- Merced Irrigation District
- Mariposa County
- Mariposa County Fire
- Mariposa County Sheriffs Department
- Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services
- Mariposa Public Utility District
- Madera City
- Atwater City
- Atwater City Fire
- San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District

MMU Fire Safe Councils

MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council (MFSC) was established in 1997. It is made up of property owners, businesses, residents, and agencies working together to reduce their vulnerability to the threat of wildfire within Mariposa County. The mission statement of the MFSC is, "...to preserve the Mariposa county's natural and manmade resources by mobilizing all Mariposans to make their homes, neighborhoods and communities fire safe." The efforts of the MFSC help get the word out to the homeowners of Mariposa communities on how to minimize the risk of fire in the Urban Interface. The MFSC has continued to focus on helping communities such as Midpines, LushMeadows, Ponderosa Basin, Hunters Valley, and Greeley Hill with projects like clearing brush, chipping, doing free home inspections and educating the residents about fire safety.

As a Non-profit organization, the MFSC is funded by grants. The MFSC has received grants from the Sierra National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, State of California (Cal Fire, Sierra Nevada Conservancy), Mariposa Resource Conservation District and Mariposa County.

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EASTERN MADERA COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

The Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council (EMCFSC) was established in 1997 by volunteers devoted to developing and implementing programs to protect area residents and property from wildfire. Many projects were completed under funding provided by National Fire Plan grants from the Bureau of Land Management through the California Fire Safe Council and the Sacramento Regional Foundation. Today the Eastern Madera Fire Safe Council continues its work through grants from the US Forest Service and other public agencies.

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SWIFT (SouthWest Interface Team)

“Since 1999, the Southwest Interface Team has continued to plan and implement wildfire protection activities within the 132,000 acre project area. Cooperatively planning and implementing a strategic fire defense system designed to reduce the threat of loss to life, property, and resources in the Southern Tuolumne & Northern Mariposa county wildland-urban interface (WUI)”.

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS (May 2008)

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| Fuel breaks Construction: | 49 miles |
| Mechanical Shredding: | 7,039 acres |
| Prescribed Burning: | 4,518 acres |
| Road Corridor Treatment: | 18.5 miles |
| Other Treatments: | |
| Animal Grazing | |
| Piling to Burn | |
| Hand Clearing | |
| Thinning/Other | 2,737 acres |
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| TOTALS: | 67.5 miles 14,294 acres |

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NORTH FORK MONO RANCHERIA

The North Fork Mono Rancheria has received grants for education and fuel reduction projects on tribal lands. The results of these grants can be seen from fuel reduction completed in and around the town of North Fork. The Rancheria also works with the Eastern Madera Fire Safe Council to reduce fuels in other areas of North Fork.

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Merced County Fire Alliance

The Merced County Fire Alliance was established in the spring of 2007 between Merced County Fire Department, Cal Fire, and the United States Fish and Wildlife of Los Banos. This group was created to facilitate the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the county of Merced. The 2007-2008 Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit Fire Management Plan will act as the Merced County CWPP.

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