I trust you are all safe and secure, and dealing with the extended Covid-19 situation AFFSC has carried on our work of making our community more wildfire safe, by regular Zoom meetings and email and other communications. The fire risk does not go away even though our attention is focused on other things for now. In driving around the AFFSC area I am impressed by the number of residences that have taken active measures to reduce wildfire risk, including limbing up and thinning of trees, mowing or weed eating of grasses, and weed eating along roadways. Well done!

Check our website at www.affsc.org to see updates on a variety of matters and information resources for wildfire protection.

**AFFSC Survey** – We just mailed out to all “Postal Customers” a short Survey on wildfire issues to you, along with an AFFSC Information Flyer, and a CALFIRE “Homeowners Checklist” to help you make your home safer from wildfire. The Survey is available online at our website as well. The Survey required a good deal of effort and expense in printing and mailing. Please fill this out and return to us. This will help us and Pioneer Fire better prepare to help you in an emergency.

**Community Wildfire Protection Plan** – A draft CWPP has been prepared, identifying 11 major projects in the AFFSC area for wildfire vegetation work on the ground. These projects include a shaded fuel break project for Outingdale, and 10 projects addressing roadway vegetation management to provide far better roadway access both in and out during an emergency. The CWPP provides a sound basis for AFFSC to pursue grants for field work. **We are seeking additional volunteers to help plan and pursue grants – please contact us to help. This is an important time for key folks to step up.**

**Residential Address Signs** –AFFSC is making residential address signs that meet Pioneer Fire and CALFIRE requirements of reflective sign with 4 inch numbers. These are so important for emergency personnel to be able to find you quickly in an emergency, night or day. Our risk assessment work in AFFSC identified that most address signs do not meet standards, and are hard to read by emergency personnel. Check our website to purchase a sign.

**PG&E** - PG&E has done significant removal of hazard trees in our area in their Enhanced Vegetation Program. That work is now nearing budget limits, so the focus is clean up of work done already.

**Defensible Space Evaluations** - Our Defensible Space Evaluations are continuing. Contact us through our website to get an evaluation of the defensible space around your home and structures. These are folks trained by CALFIRE for this work. They will be in teams of two, traveling in separate vehicles, look at only the outside of your
property, and maintain social distance. They will send an electronic copy of the evaluation to you, or a paper copy if needed. This will help you better prepare your home for wildfire season.

**El Dorado County Vegetation Management Ordinance (VMO) –**
[https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement/](https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement/)

EDC has started VMO inspection in two discrete areas near Georgetown and Pollock Pines. Very positive feedback has been received from those property owners inspected. You can see the new Ordinance at the website as well as complaint forms.

**Insurance Webinar** – United Policyholders, a California Nonprofit helping on homeowner insurance issues, had a webinar yesterday with some excellent advice and resources for folks with wildfire insurance issues. AFFSC will post the recorded webinar on our website as soon as it is available.

**Remember to Send in Monthly Timesheets!** – The timesheets are on our website with instructions. These are for any sort of defensible space or vegetation management work you are doing on your property or house. These hours help us as “match” for grants and help us maintain our Firewise USA rating.

**What Can You Do Now to Reduce Wildfire Risk?** – Some simple initial steps can significantly start reducing your wildfire risk, such as:

- □ Removing vegetation and combustible items from the five foot zone around the house, to reduce risk of flying embers igniting the house.
- □ Start to limb up trees within 100 feet of the house.

Just a little work here and there can make a real difference.

We are here to help you on wildfire safety. We will get through this current challenge.

Take care, and stay safe and healthy.

**John Hess**

**Chair, AFFSC**

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