

The Wildfire Round-up

May 2023

Newsletter

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Aukum Fairplay Fire Safe Council meets MONTHLY, the third Wednesday of the month. Meeting time is 7-8:30pm in person at the Pioneer Community Center or by Zoom. For Zoom request, send an email to info@affsc.org.

CAL FIRE residential burn permits are required May 1, 2023. Burn permits must now be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

REFLECTIVE Residential address sign—Emergency address signs “If we Can't find you ., we can't help you!”. For information email your request to <https://www.affsc.org/address-signs>.

South County Fuel Reduction Grant Right of Entry Forms In The Mail!

The AFFSC is one of four local Fire Safe Councils who were successful in securing a Fuel Reduction Grant from CAL FIRE. This grant, totaling over \$2 million, funds fuels reduction along designated primary and second[1]ary evaluation routes, and two fuel reduction projects, one in Outingdale. The El Dorado County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is managing the project and is currently working the environmental review process. The roadside fuels reduction project will thin or remove existing brush and remove small trees to create a fire-resistant defensible break along evacuation routes in the area. Property owners who are in the project area were sent Right of Entry forms in March to allow the RCD to perform work along roadways on private property. These forms must be returned before work can begin! The current schedule anticipates work beginning this fall. So watch your mailbox for your Right of Entry form! Any questions can be sent to Info@affsc.org.

SMOKECHASERS FESTIVAL, Saturday May 20th, 2023 at the Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth. Fire education, food, and live entertainment. For more information and tickets go to <https://www.smokechasersevent.com/>

Wildfires continue to increase in frequency and intensity across California, resulting in hundreds of thousands of acres burned and thousands of homes destroyed each year. El Dorado County has experienced this firsthand with the devastating King and Caldor Fires during the last decade. Recognizing the wildfire threat to people, infrastructure, and natural resources, the Board of Supervisors updated the County Strategic Plan in 2022 to support the creation and maintenance of fire-adapted communities through a countywide wildfire protection strategy. The Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience was established to lead this effort and coordinate the planning and implementation of wildfire mitigation activities across jurisdictions and land ownerships.

Wildfire Strategy Workshop

Wednesday May 17, 2023—1:30 to 3:30 pm
El Dorado Irrigation District Headquarters
2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667

FREE Chipping Service for 6 hours, 2 times per year. The West Slope of El Dorado County received grant funding to provide residents with this service. You must register on line by clicking the “Request for Chipping” link. Go to <https://www.edcfiresafe.org/chipper-program/>, for more information.

Defensible Space— It's that perfect time of year again to focus on Defensible Space and protecting your home from wildfire! In April, the Aukum Fairplay Fire Safe Council Defensible Space Evaluators attended training to ensure we are up-to-date with current defensible space laws and requirements, as well as home hardening techniques to you improve the chances of you surviving a wildfire. Our evaluators have been educated in the low-cost retrofits of your home, which include covering your vents with flame ember vents that automatically close during a fire, blocking spaces between your roof covering and sheathing with non-combustible materials, and replacing your screened in porches with non-flammable screens. Most importantly if first responders can't find your house or can't get to your house, they can't save your house. We can also provide information on available programs available, including programs to help seniors, veterans, and low-income families with defensible space clearing. Email info@affsc.org to sign up for a free Defensible Space and Home Hardening Evaluation today!