



Butte County Fire Safe Council
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November 5th, 2018

Dear Property Owner,

Your property is eligible to have hazardous fuels reduction work completed at no cost to you through a grant received by the Butte County Fire Safe Council, a non-profit community organization. These grant funds are available for select properties in the communities of Forbestown, Berry Creek, Forest Ranch, Magalia and Paradise, therefore you may receive more than one letter.

The grant project will reduce wildfire threat by thinning small overstocked trees and brush to create a healthy forest (see enclosed photos). The benefits of this work include:

- Reduce hazardous fuels in order to reduce the impact of wildfire
- Provide firefighters with strategic opportunities to protect homes and communities
- Improved protection of life and property

Work will be completed by professional contractors, CAL FIRE crews or fuels reduction crews. Vegetation may be chipped, masticated or pile burned depending on access and time of year the project takes place. The grant is funded by CAL FIRE and has a few key steps:

- Registered Professional Forester will review the project area – This will take place from January to May of 2019.
- Butte County Fire Safe Council staff will meet with you to discuss the project – This will take place between January and May 2019.
- Fuel Reduction Thinning – This is estimated to take place between November of 2019 and June of 2021.

Your participation on this project is completely voluntary. Please return the enclosed permission form as soon as possible but no later than **December 15th, 2018**. This is the only opportunity to be a part of the project. We will not be able to add participants into the project later. If you have questions or concerns please contact our office at 530-877-0984 or firesafe@buttefiresafe.net.

Sincerely,

Calli-Jane DeAnda Executive Director

Landowner Agreement - Fuel Reduction Project

Landowner Parcel(s): APN# _____

Funded By: A grant from CAL FIRE awarded to the Butte County Fire Safe Council
Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Alternative Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Ownership of Property _____ The Landowner warrants that he/she is the owner of record of the property identified in this agreement. Notice shall be provided to Butte County Fire Safe Council by Landowner prior to the Landowner ceasing to have a legal interest in the property that is to receive the improvements under this Agreement, and such transfer will constitute a voluntary termination of the contract by Landowner.

Term of Agreement: Work shall begin upon execution, and be completed prior to June 2021.

Sales of Logs: There will be NO SALE of marketable timber. (ie: firewood, timber).

Chips: Chips produced by a hand fed chipper unit will be broadcast onto the ground.

Pile Burning: Vegetation cut may be piled and burned on site where agreed upon.

Mastication: Trees and brush 10 inches or smaller may be masticated where agreed upon.

Hold Harmless Provision: Butte County Fire Safe Council will hold harmless the Owner of the property described above from any damage or injury to persons working on Owner's behalf on said property in connection with the fuel reduction project on said property. The Owner is not liable to Butte County Fire Safe Council in any way for any persons or contractors who may or will be doing the fuel reduction work.

No Employee/Agent Relationship (created by this contract): The Butte County Fire Safe Council, and each and every employee, agent or independent contractor of Butte County Fire Safe Council, shall not be for any purpose an employee of the Landowner. The Butte County Fire Safe Council shall perform its works as an independent contractor.

Termination: Either party may terminate this contract upon ten (10) working days with written notice to either party.

Authority and Execution: All parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, estates or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(s), person(s), estate(s) or firms(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. In addition, by their signature below, the parties acknowledge that they understand and agree to all provisions of this contract.

Landowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Butte County Fire Safe Council:

Project Monitor Designee 530/877-0984 _____ Date: _____