

Sand Ridge Fire Safe Council *Newsletter*

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Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who sent in their volunteer hours and money spent log for the Sand Ridge Community Fire Wise renewal process. We more than met our minimal requirements and had 21 properties respond. They expect to issue our new certificate in a month or so, and I will send it out to everyone via email once it arrives. This will help us keep our Fire Wise insurance discount.

Get Your Free Home Assessment

Fall is finally here and folks are thinking about their next project to get ready for the next fire season. If you would like some guidance or just want another set of eyes on your place, We have 2 trained volunteers who are happy to come to your place to help you prioritize wildfire safety projects. Just send us an email and we will be happy to schedule a time!

Burn Season is Here

The summer burn ban has been lifted by Cal Fire. However, we have not had much rain yet and conditions can change rapidly. Make sure you check burn and air quality conditions before you burn. Also remember to get your Burn Permit before you burn.

Burn day info line: 530-621-5897

Community Work Days

Would you like to get a couple of neighbors together to clear along your road or to help out a neighbor's property? Hard work is more fun with friends. Reach out and we will see if we can get a group together.

Firewood For Sale

We have seasoned oak firewood for sale to help support our FSC.

- \$175 per half cord – Delivered
- \$150 per half cord – You pick up

Vent Material Available

We have screening for sale for vent retrofits! Two types available are:

- Wildfire Defense Mesh -- black powder coated stainless steel -- good for vents
- Bronze screen -- good for vents or larger screening projects

Other vent retrofit options are available locally at Diamond Pacific - Vulcan, Able Sheet Metal and possibly another brands.

Reminders

Don't forget to take advantage of the following programs to help you with your defensible space, offered by the El Dorado Fire Safe Council:

- Free Chipper Program
- Defensible Space Program
- Hazard Tree Removal Program

For more information about these programs and their requirements, please visit the El Dorado Fire Safe Council's website at **edcfiresafe.org**.

Upcoming Meeting Topics

We would love to hear from you on what you would like more information about for our upcoming meetings.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update

The Sand Ridge FSC submitted a list of items to Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for inclusion in the County-wide plan. Thank you to all who provided feedback via conversations, surveys, public meetings, and emails! Your insights are always appreciated!

The CWPP is a document that will help guide wildfire preparedness work within the County over the next few years. Items included in this document will find easier access to grant funding resources. We hope to see some benefits accrue to our community in the future due to these efforts. The County is now assembling the feedback they received this fall from throughout the County and will be producing a rough draft of the CWPP for public review by the first of the year. We will let you know when and how to participate in the review of this draft document when it is available.

A summary of the items submitted for the Sand Ridge area include...

- Work for roadside brush clearance along Hwy 49, Union Mine, Sand Ridge, and many of the privately owned roads in our community based on private land owner permission
- Implement improvements along Sand Ridge Road to make it safer for evacuations
- Design and implement strategic shaded fuel breaks throughout the Sand Ridge Community
- Develop water resources for fire fighting purposes across the community
- Repair private roads to maintain access and egress during a fire.
- Develop emergency evacuation route options
- Work with BLM and absentee owners to clear excess vegetation from properties
- Identify and combat human caused fire ignitions through education and resources
- Education and resources for homeowners to better prepare their properties for wildfire