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## January 2022 Newsletter

As we close out the first month of the New Year, MCFSC wishes everyone a safe and happy 2022!

Get the latest news from Mendocino County Fire Safe Council in our January Newsletter and consider supporting MCFSC today by becoming a member.

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## Stay Up to Date with MCFSC

### MCFSC Welcomes Emily Tecchio to the Team!

Emily hails from New York City and graduated from Louisiana State University with an interdisciplinary degree focused on environmental science and coastal studies. She moved to Mendocino County seven years ago, but has been visiting her grandparents in Philo since she was born. Her passion for all things Mendocino has developed over the past four years through her work as a Field Representative for Assemblymember Jim Wood. Representing his forefront legislation on home hardening and defensible space has influenced her desire to work for MCFSC, enhancing our community's fire preparedness and resiliency. She is excited to be the new County Coordinator and is looking forward to collaborating with NFSCs. You can get in touch with her at [emily@firesafemendocino.com](mailto:emily@firesafemendocino.com).



*The County Coordinators Grant is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program putting Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at [www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov).*

### Ukiah Valley Fire Fuels Reduction Accomplishments

This winter, MCFSC wrapped up a multi-year fuels reduction project delivering over 205 acres of fuel reduction work in prime strategic locations surrounding the Ukiah Valley and along key ingress/egress routes in the area. Shaded fuel breaks were completed on over 21 miles of key access roads, totaling about 103 acres. Additionally, the project completed four strategic off-road 200-foot wide shaded fuel breaks around Ukiah totaling over 102 acres. It also provided 80 community chipper days, which processed roughly 256 tons of material. Finally the project completed 20 miles of environmental review work to set up future clearing work on Orr Springs Road.

The project was funded by Cal Dept of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)'s California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program.



*Before and after photos showing roadside fuel reductions on key ingress/egress routes in areas surrounding the Ukiah Valley.*

## Neighborhood Fire Safe Council News

### MCFSC Announces Micro-Grant Program

MCFSC is launching a Micro-Grant funding opportunity to support Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils (NFSCs) and fire agencies in achieving their fire safety goals throughout Mendocino County. NFSCs and local fire agencies are key to advancing wildfire preparedness and resiliency throughout the County. With this grant opportunity, MCFSC hopes to stimulate neighborhood involvement, improve coordination within and between communities, and build capacity for NFSCs and fire agencies.

Individual grant proposals will be considered between **\$2,000 - \$6,000**. Eligible entities *must be a MCFSC-affiliated Neighborhood Fire Safe Council or a fire agency operating within Mendocino County.*

*This funding opportunity was made possible by the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council and its members and donors, with special thanks to Factory Pipe, LLC for their funding contribution towards this program.*

[Visit Micro-Grant Webpage to Learn More](#)

## More From MCFSC

### Residential Property Insurance Discounts for Fire-Hardened Homes

Several California insurance companies are currently providing discounts for both individual residences engaging in home-hardening & defensible-space activities and communitywide discounts for Firewise or Shelter-in-Place communities. Discounts vary by provider. Visit the link below for more information.

[Insurers Currently Offering Discounts](#)

## 'Tis the Season: Install your Reflective Address Sign this Winter!

Did you know California code requires addresses to be marked by reflective signs visible from both directions on the roadway? Reflective signs allow firefighters and other first responders to locate your home in an emergency - even under dark or smoky conditions. Take care of this vital safety improvement while the ground is soft and signs are easy to install.

You can get your green-and-white, double-sided address sign from MCFSC for a donation of \$20. Click the button below for more information and to place your order today.

[Visit the MCFSC Website to Place an Order](#)

## Listen & Learn

["Return of the Urban Fire Storm"- What lessons can we learn from Colorado's December 30th Fire?](#)

[Holy Goats - Fire-fuels reduction, spiritual connection, and youth leadership opportunities wrapped up in one fuzzy package](#)

["What the Infrastructure Bill Means for Wildland Firefighters" - Listen to episode 22 of the Life With Fire podcast](#)

## Upcoming Events



The Fourth (Mostly) Annual Homebrew Festival has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Anderson Valley Brewing Company in Boonville. This Mendocino County Fire Safe Council fundraiser also has a concurrent Wildfire Safety Expo which will feature tons of information, service providers, and local first responders. There will be live music, kids' activities, and food available for purchase. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information and tickets!



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