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April 2022 Newsletter

Fire season is coming. MCFSC is preparing—are you? Find out what fire-preparedness activities are taking place in your community and how you can get involved.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

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Homebrew Festival & Wildfire Safety Expo is Less than a Month Away!!

The Mendocino County Fire Safety Council is proud to present the 4th Annual Mendocino County Homebrew Fest and the 1st Annual Mendocino County Wildfire Safety Expo, two concurrent events happening at the **Anderson Valley Brewing Company in Boonville on Saturday, May 21 from 3-6 pm.**

There will be food for purchase, live music, several great raffles, and dozens of homebrewers, vendors, and local government offices. The Anderson Valley, Hopland, and Ukiah fire departments will be out in force with trucks and tenders to show off. There will even be goats!

Both events are fully outdoors. The Wildfire Safety Expo is kid-friendly and free for all to attend. The Homebrew Festival is a ticketed 21+ event and is a benefit for the MCFSC. Tickets are more expensive at the door, so get yours in advance.

Get your Tickets Here!!

Get more info about the vendors at the [Homebrew Festival Website](#).

Questions about PG&E Enhanced Vegetation Management Program? MCFSC is here to help.

MCFSC is collaborating with PG&E to help residents better understand and successfully interact with PG&E's vegetation-management programs. To this end, a new webpage has launched on the MCFSC website, including a schedule of planned Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM) work and corresponding maps. Additionally, find answers to common issues residents have experienced during encounters with the EVM program.

[Check out the webpage here.](#)

Stay Current with Fire Science & Technology News

A new webpage has launched on the MCFSC site, highlighting recent developments in wildland fire science. The page will be updated as research, technology, and analysis become available that may influence the future of wildfire preparedness.

Read More

Science Spotlight: Dry Forests and Wildland Fires of the Inland Northwest USA

Contrasting the landscape ecology of the pre-settlement and modern eras.



The image above showing a resilient ponderosa pine forest under a high frequency, low severity fire regime (A), and a less resilient system selectively logged for large diameter trees and under a low frequency, high severity fire regime (B).

This paper, published in the Journal of Forest Ecology & Management, explains how landscape ecology is simultaneously maintained by and influences the fire regime. In a review of historic landscape ecology in dry Northwestern forests, this paper highlights changes to vegetative communities post-settlement and how those changes will affect future management decisions. Looking back at historic communities, management decisions, and the resulting change in structure, the authors point to an uncertain future for restoration and management.

Dive into the modeling of historic vs. current ecosystem structure and fire severity prediction with this technical read.

[Access the full report here.](#)

Neighborhood Fire Safe Council News

Calling for Team Rubicon Project Requests

[Team Rubicon](#) is coming to Mendocino County to work for you! Their efforts will support roadside clearance projects, individual defensible space work, and shaded fuel break work. If you or someone in your community has project ideas, please submit them online on the MCFSC [Team Rubicon Work Request Webpage](#). For more information about Team Rubicon, please reach out to Eric Hart with Ridgewood Fire Safe Council at eric@oakhart.net

When submitting a request include as many details as possible about the number of houses served, type and density of fuels included in the project, and any other relevant information.

Submit Work Request Here

Fire Safety Micro-Grant Update

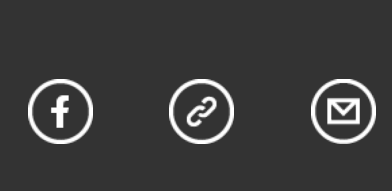
Congratulations to Micro-Grant Awardees!
MCFSC was able to award \$50,000 to 11 Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils and local fire agencies around the county. We will be reporting on the successes and lessons learned from those projects in future issues of our monthly newsletter.

Listen & Learn



Animal owners, check out this video from Fire Safe Marin on how to safely evacuate livestock and horses during a wildfire.

Fire Ecology Chats (podcast) from the Association of Fire Ecology - Assessing the Role of Short-term Weather Forecasting in Fire Manager Tactical Decision Making



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