



## El Dorado County

### MISSION

“Protect the people of El Dorado County and their property from the effects of catastrophic wildfire through education, cooperation, innovation, and action.”

### What is the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council?

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (“Council”) was formed in September 2001 and became an official California non-profit, Public Benefit Corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in April 2002.

We are supported through volunteer activities, private contributions, and federal, state and local grant funding that is used to provide defensible space programs and services to the residents of El Dorado County.

Today in 2012, there are 15 active Satellite Fire Safe Councils (“Satellites”) across the west slope of El Dorado County (“County”) with new Satellites forming. More than 150 dedicated individuals that include private residents and citizens, public and private sector organizations continue to work together to make the County more fire safe in response to wildfire.

Education and community outreach is the Council’s top priority with the focus on creating county-wide awareness about defensible space and the risks of living within a Wildland Urban Interface (“WUI”).

Over the decades, people have chosen to move into the County for its beauty, forests, wildland environment, natural resources and rural atmosphere. The outcome is many residents have chosen to build homes within the WUI with little or no knowledge of what is required when living with the real threat of catastrophic wildfire.

The message we share provides information and resources that assist residents to protect their homes and properties by creating the necessary defensible space which is their individual responsibility.

U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, California Department of Forestry, CAL FIRE, State of California Air Quality Management District, and Title III grant funding is used to implement fire fuel reduction projects throughout the County.

Satellites develop local community action plans (“CAPs”) and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (“CWPPs”) that are strategies and activities that protect people and their assets.

Ongoing residential programs include FREE services for chipping, green waste dumpsters for community clean-up events, and defensible space assistance for disabled seniors.

Our goal is simple... to create fire safe and defensible space awareness about the role and responsibility each of us has for our property and to our community. We are all in this together because wildfire does not recognize property lines or community boundaries.

When choosing to live in the WUI, wildfires are a fact of life, and it is not IF, but WHEN, will we become involved in a wildfire.

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# 2001-2012 Projects

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- BLM/CBWP
- CALFIRE Prop 40
- In-Kind Matching
- CDF/WUI
- Public/Private/Local
- Title III
- USFS

