

Amador Fire Safe Council Newsletter

June 2026

Ingress & Egress Roadside Brush Clearing



The CAL FIRE Pine Grove crew is working diligently in Amador Pines to clear brush and process downed material produced after the intense winter storms earlier this year. This work will greatly improve evacuation route safety in case of an emergency. AFSC is coordinating with community partners to plan future Ingress & Egress brushing projects on additional roads in the County.

Project proposals may be submitted online through the AFSC Project Proposal Application: under the section "Proposed Action", select the "Ingress/Egress Assistance" option.

This project is supported by CAL FIRE and with funding from PG&E 2026 Fuel Reduction and Fire Safety Projects.



AFSC Wins Nonprofit of the Year

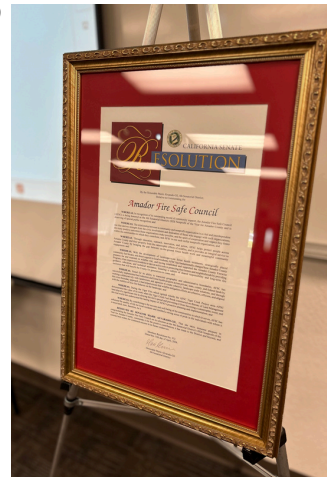


On June 17, 2026, the Amador Fire Safe Council was recognized as Amador County's 2026 Nonprofit of the Year by Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil. This year's theme, "Transforming Loss into Legacy," reflects the resilience and dedication of organizations making a lasting impact in their communities.

Amador County Supervisor Jeff Brown nominated AFSC, believing our work exemplifies this theme. Senator Alvarado-Gil agreed, recognizing our

team's commitment to helping individuals, families, and communities navigate wildfire risk through community-based projects, education, and innovative solutions.

You can read more about AFSC winning Amador County's nonprofit of the year on the Senator's website: [Amador Fire Safe Council as Amador County's 2026 Nonprofit of the Year](#).



Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break

Mastication work is complete on the Volcano Hills Community Fuel Break, a 7.5-mile, 270-acre shaded fuel break around the town of Volcano, extending towards Pioneer and Red Corral. Shaded fuel breaks are 100 to 400-foot-wide strips of land where forest understory vegetation, ladder fuels and tree density are reduced to allow wildland firefighters to more safely and effectively manage wildfire. AFSC continues to collaborate with institutional and community partners to expand and maintain a network of shaded fuel breaks to protect Amador County residents. This project is supported by CAL FIRE as part of the California Climate Investments Program.



Clay Substation Fuel Reduction



The Clay substation is a critical piece of infrastructure located near dense residential neighborhoods in Lone. To reduce its risk of damage from wildfire and its potential to exacerbate such an emergency, AFSC completed close to 20 acres of vegetative fuel reduction around the substation west of highway 124 in June. Encouraged by this work, AFSC is continuing to communicate with landowners in the vicinity to plan future fuels reduction projects. This project is supported with funding from PG&E 2026 Fuel Reduction and Fire Safety Projects.

Upcoming Fuel Break Project Proposal

Sutter Highlands Community Fuel Break

Residents of the Sutter Highlands area are encouraged to attend the upcoming town hall to learn about the proposed fuel break, including its purpose, benefits, and potential impacts. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

Fuel breaks are an important tool for reducing wildfire risk and helping protect communities. If your community has a fuel break project in mind, please complete a project proposal application on our website.



CWPP Field Day



During our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) field tours at the beginning of May, participants visited priority project areas, discussed community concerns, and explored practical strategies to reduce wildfire risk and protect what matters most. Together, we're turning plans into action!

Updates: Firewise Community Forums are BACK!

A big thank you to Kayla Dale from the Amador Fire Protection District for reviving this valuable community engagement opportunity for our Firewise Community Leads. If you're interested in joining our next meeting, reach out to Kayla for more information.

Board Meetings

AFSC Board Meetings take place every **3rd Wednesday** of the month. These meetings are open to the public and we encourage the community to attend, ask questions and get involved!

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: GSA Building, 12200-B Airport Rd.,
Jackson, CA 95642



AFSC's Newest Team Member

Cailin McLaughlin joins ARCD and AFSC as the new Outreach and Administration Coordinator. She holds degrees from Humboldt State University, CSU Fullerton and a graduate certificate from Colorado State University, with research experience in



animal behavior, small-scale agriculture, and community engagement. A Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Cailin served in Tanzania as a secondary school science teacher in the Kilimanjaro region. For the past several years, she has worked in the Central Sierra as part of the UC Cooperative Extension CalFresh Healthy Living program. Cailin is excited to join ARCD and AFSC and looks forward to continuing her service to the Amador County community. When she isn't at work, you can find her gardening at home or backpacking/hiking/fishing in the surrounding counties.

Project Proposal Applications

The AFSC actively pursues funding to bring resources into Amador County and develop projects that reduce wildfire risk. From community fuel breaks to ingress/egress vegetation removal, we welcome project ideas from residents. The AFSC Project Review Board evaluates proposals quarterly and, when approved, works with property owners, foresters, and contractors to implement projects through completion.

Have an idea? Submit a Project Proposal below:

Scan the QR code with your phone to submit a project proposal application.

