



Amador Fire Safe Council

Amador County, California

MARCH 2024

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Ostrum Road **Before**



Ostrum Road **After**

AFSC Assists County Roads with Ingress/Egress Vegetation Clearing

The Amador Fire Safe council has contracted with three separate contractors to assist County Roads with vegetation clearing on 19 different roads throughout Amador County.

Smith Grinding completed their contract with a total of 13.5 miles on Fiddletown Road, all 6.28 miles on Hale Road, all 5.2 miles of Tyler Road, 1.62 miles of Shake Ridge Road (from Pine Gulch Road to Oneto Road), and all .5 miles of Pine Gulch Road. - *Total of 27.1 acres*

Nate's Tree Service finished 1.93 miles on West Clinton Road, 1.49 miles on East Clinton Road, 1.59 miles on Spagnoli Mine Road and 1.94 miles on Irishtown Road. They are currently working on the main stem of Clinton Road down from Irishtown toward Tabeaud Road. They will then treat 1 mile of Irish Hill Road, all 4.28 miles of Butte Mountain Road, and .81 miles of Coal Mine Road (from the intersection of Campo Seco and the entrance to Harrah's Resort). - *Total of 13.04 acres*

COMMUNITY PROJECTS cont.

Mountain Enterprises has completed work on .64 miles of Steiner Road, all 2.35 miles of Ostrum Road, all 2.18 miles of Lawrence Road, and all 1.3 miles of Upton Road. They are currently working on Sutter Creek - Volcano Road , with portions of Ridge Road to follow.

Ridge Road- Ingress/egress work on Ridge Road between Hamricks Grade and the Y (Upper Ridge and Climax Rd.) is going require our contractor, Mountain Enterprises, to have traffic control with one lane closed April 1st through the 5th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

The area between Hammricks Grade and the New York Ranch Rd. is in dire need of brush clearing. Once the work is done, the area will be much safer if we happen to get any wildfire ignitions along Ridge Road.

UPPER RANCHERIA FUEL BREAK



The Upper Rancheria Fuel Break project has become a reality through the active participation of the Upper Rancheria Firewise community and the Quartz Mountain East Firewise community. (cont.)

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Big kudos need to be sent out to Ralph Meier and Julie Harris for leading these two organizations. Their tireless work has made the Upper Rancheria Fuel Break project a model for all future Firewise communities to build community fuel breaks in Amador County. This project is a 100-400 foot wide (topography dependent) fuel break along a prominent ridge in the Rancheria Creek watershed, with one additional leg of the fuel break angling south, and nearly reaching a fork of Rancheria Creek. The width of the treatment area is impacted by overly steep slopes and rock-strewn areas. A small section at the far western boundary of the Upper Rancheria Fuel Break project will be treated by hand with a lop and scatter treatment technique, if mechanical mastication is not possible in this area. All told, it has been determined that once completed, the fuel break will protect at least 546 habitable structures in the immediate vicinity. Work has started on the fuel break as of this month and is expected to conclude by Summer 2024.

This is a very exciting project for Amador County, the AFSC, and all of our Firewise communities.

ARCD NO-COST CHIPPING

It's that time of year again! The Amador County Resource Conservation District is offering their FREE Chipping Program to residents of Amador County. This service has proven very effective, assisting many neighborhoods and residents in clearing their property of hazardous vegetation without the need for burning. The process to apply is simple:

- Go to the ARCD's website to read the Chipping Program specifications to ensure compliance and prompt, seamless service:



www.AmadorRCD.org/roadside-and-neighborhood-chipping

- Once your piles have been placed appropriately, complete the form located through the "Request Chipping" link at the bottom of the page.
- ARCD's Chipping Contractor will be out to take care of your material within 2-3 weeks, sometimes sooner, depending on the season and number of applicants- no need to be home for the job to get done!

If you're interested in scheduling a Neighborhood Chipping Day for your neighborhood, please contact:
MEGAN WATTS: (209) 214-9727 or megan@amadorrcd.org

Upcoming Events:

CA Dept of Insurance
 Workshop
 Catastrophe Modeling and
 Ratemaking

April 23rd - 2:00-5:00pm

Spring Firewise Forum
 April 24th - 6:00pm

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break
 Maintenance Tailgate
 May 9th - 10:00a-12:00pm
 May 13th - 4:00-6:00pm

Visit our website for more info:
amadorfiresafe.org/hot-topics

The AFSC has funding to treat Private Roads! Fill out a Project Proposal Form here:



amadorfiresafe.org/project-proposals

AFSC Board Meetings

The Amador Fire Safe Council Board Meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Time:
 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Location:
 Volcano Communications
 Tech Center
 19888 Church St. Pine Grove