

# **Amador Fire Safe Council**

Amador County, California

**JUNE 2023** 

### **Projects of Note**

Private Roads - Ingress/Egress Vegetation Clearing

The Amador Fire Safe Council is working with our contractor, as well as local Firewise communities, to finish the first round of Ingress/Egress projects on private roads throughout Amador County. At the start of the year, we had 13 projects submitted and approved. As of this month, half of those projects have been completed, including Running Gold, Surrey Junction, Giannini Ranch Road, Oak Hill Lane, Sandra Lane, and Gold Creek Trail. The weather Amador County experienced this year took its toll on our community, creating an abundance of clean up for the residents and local contractors alike. Unfortunately, the snowfall and heavy rains were also the cause of late project starts. The AFSC remains full steam ahead implementing and completing current group of private road projects, with more to come for 2023.

## **Project Specifics**

Further information regarding current projects is available in the Board Packets located on our website, within the Coordinators Report. Board Packets are provided every month for our monthly Board Meetings. You may request a packet be emailed every month by signing up for our mailing lists on our website.

# Volcano Communications Fuel Break Maintenance

Since 2002, Volcano Communications has maintained a shaded fuel break around its Pine Grove corporate offices and Central They maintain Office facilities. existing fuel break every 3-5 years to insure new growth does not become a hazard. With the extreme 2023 rains and snow, a large amount of new vegetation growth is anticipated in that fuel break and they are taking steps to mitigate that growth. In addition, they are enlarging the fuel break to add additional protection to property owned by Volcano Communications to further protect our facilities, as well as portions of the town of Pine Grove. Volcano Communications is a strong supporter of the Amador Fire Safe Council and participates in its programs as well as supporting its outreach efforts.

#### **Firewise**

As most of you know, the Firewise USA program has grown immensely within our county, and continues to do so every day. The benefit to participating in this program not only make individual neighborhoods safer from the threat of fire, but the county as a whole. The AFSC strongly encourages Amador County residents to learn about the Firewise program and to reach out with any questions or requests for assistance in creating Firewise communities. (cont.)

Examining Catastrophe
Modeling and Insurance
workshop hosted by the
State of California
Department of Insurance

Date: July 13th, 2023

Time: 1:00pm Link to workshop:

https://us06web.zoom.us/web inar/register/WN\_aMGujtfRS 5GWqZ1EIfMH0g

The Department of Insurance is offering a virtual workshop to increase public participation and improve the quality of any

regulations that the Commissioner ultimately adopts. Interested parties are invited to attend the virtual meeting and offer comment, if

they so choose. The Department of Insurance seeks public, academic and stakeholder expertise regarding the legal challenges of incorporating catastrophe models in rate approval. Risk management tools, such as catastrophe models, have been a part of previous public testimony and continuing to address climate-intensified wildfire risks to California communities is a high priority for the State of California.

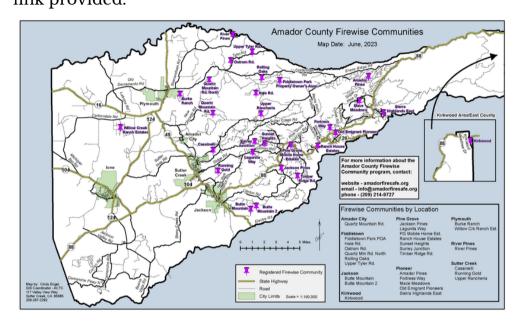
Please visit the AFSC <u>'Hot Topics'</u> webpage for more information

#### Firewise (cont.)

In partnership with Amador Fire, the AFSC has initiated a "Firewise Resource" meeting to educate residents and assist them through the application process of becoming Firewise. This meeting also outlines the resources available to Firewise communities, offered by both the AFSC and Amador Fire. For more information, please visit the AFSC website's Firewise USA program page using the QR link provided.







#### **Upcoming Events:**

Mitchell Mine Fuel Break Maintenance Demonstration

**Quarterly Firewise Forum** 

Monthly Firewise Resource Meeting

**Amador County Fair** 

<u>Please visit the AFSC</u> <u>website for details</u>

#### **AFSC Board Meetings**

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

Volcano Communications Tech Center 19888 Church St. Pine Grove