

Sand Ridge Fire Safe Council News

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 29th at 6:30 pm

2615 Sand Ridge Rd.

Topic: Establishing our Firewise status

Why is being a Firewise community important? First, many insurance companies (including Fair Plan) will give you a discount on your premium!, Second, it sets us up to apply for grants to get work done on the ground. Join us to find out what is involved.

We will also get updates on planned road work on Sand Ridge, and possibly have a representative from a fire agency available for questions.

For questions or comments please contact Elizabeth Standeven at 12elizst@gmail.com or 530-417-6201 or check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/430088295663505>

How Can you help our effort?

Help Wanted List

- Can you help us create a monthly or quarterly newsletter?
- Fundraiser ideas?
- Do you know Word Press? Can you help us develop our website?
- **Desperately needed meeting space !**

Do you have a large garage, shed or barn or very large room that could be available for future Sandridge FSC meetings. We are 12 miles long and only have Bucks Bar and Hwy 49 to enter or exit. Sandridge is one of four cross county east/west roads and it is 4 miles of dirt, so the best locations would be in the dirt section, 1/2 between the two n/s roads. Without a meeting place, it is difficult to hold a decent meeting and will become harder as winter comes on.

- **Feed back – We need to hear from you about what you are concerned about. Too much brush, absentee owners, road issues, fire response times etc.**

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Neighborhood Radio Watch

An innovative yet historically proven system that works. This is a great way to have contact when the cell towers are jammed and the power is down. This non-profit group bulk buys retired radios refurbishes them, and presets channels relevant to our area for ease of use. This group was a huge help during the Caldor Fire with animal rescue and informing folks in Grizzly Flats to leave. For more information contact [Alan Thompson at 530 417 1451](#) or look them up on [Facebook](#).

We Are Not Alone!

Through concentrated work with adjacent Fire Safe Councils, it is hoped that multiple minds and bodies will allow a united fundraising effort to develop in the near future. Our neighbors surround us. We are right in the center and therefore we can all benefit from sharing our knowledge and energies.

A South County Coalition of Fire Safe Councils submitted a united grant that was accepted to the tune of \$2,079,887. The grant will fund both shaded fuel and roadside fuel reduction projects. (map attached) Work will hopefully start in 2023.

Available Resources

Chipper Program: Free brush/tree chipping available through the County Fire Safe Council. Go to <https://www.edcfiresafe.org/chipper-program/>

To read about how to stack your piles and to fill out the request form.

Defensible Space Assistance Program: Free help to create or maintain you 100' defensible space around your house.

Eligibility requirements:

* Veteran (or Veteran's Widow/Widower): a copy of DD214, El Dorado County Veteran Identification Card or Department of Identification Card must be shown during the on-site defensible space evaluation.

OR

*Senior: proof of age over 60 must be shown during the on-site defensible space evaluation.

OR

*Low Income: Maximum Annual Household Income Limits-1 person = \$31,950, 2 persons = \$36,540, 3 persons = \$41,100, 4 persons = \$45,660.

Go to <https://www.edcfiresafe.org/defensible-space-assistance-program-2022/> for more information.

While the initial grant money for 2022 has been spent, there is hope for more funding that may come through soon.