

Squirrel Creek Ranches Firewise Community

Nevada County Firewise Grant Round 2, Spring 2024

April 2024

Good News! The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services has funded our grant application for \$3,600. To write the grant, the SCR Firewise Committee, first evaluated Cook Road and each of the eight private roads using the Nevada County Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance. As we drove around the neighborhood, we were greatly impressed by all of the hard work that has been done. Still we found areas that need additional attention.

The grant was written to address the three top priorities of Cook Road (from Bonaventure to the Barr property), Bonaventure and Dolomite roads. The goal of this work is to increase resident's safety to evacuate in the case of a fire. The brush removal will also improve access by fire and other emergency services to their homes.

The grant also includes a commitment of volunteer work as a match for the grant. Volunteers can assist in a wide variety of ways including preparing the area, raking, dragging brush, and thinning ladder fuels. Every hour of volunteer work increases the safety of our community.

We also included the purchase of signs designating ponds which could be accessed by the fire department and a sign to display our Evacuation Zone number. As with our last grant, at the end of the work we will be able to provide chipping for all residents.

Work is expected to begin in the next couple of weeks and completed by July 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Loucks.