

# Wildfire Board Objective Update

Reduce the risk of local **wildfire** and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment by:

- Providing leadership and support to community partners
- Pursuing State and Federal funding
- Implementing county policies and programs
- Assisting the public to be “wildfire ready”
- Explore other ways to reduce the threat and damage from wildfires.



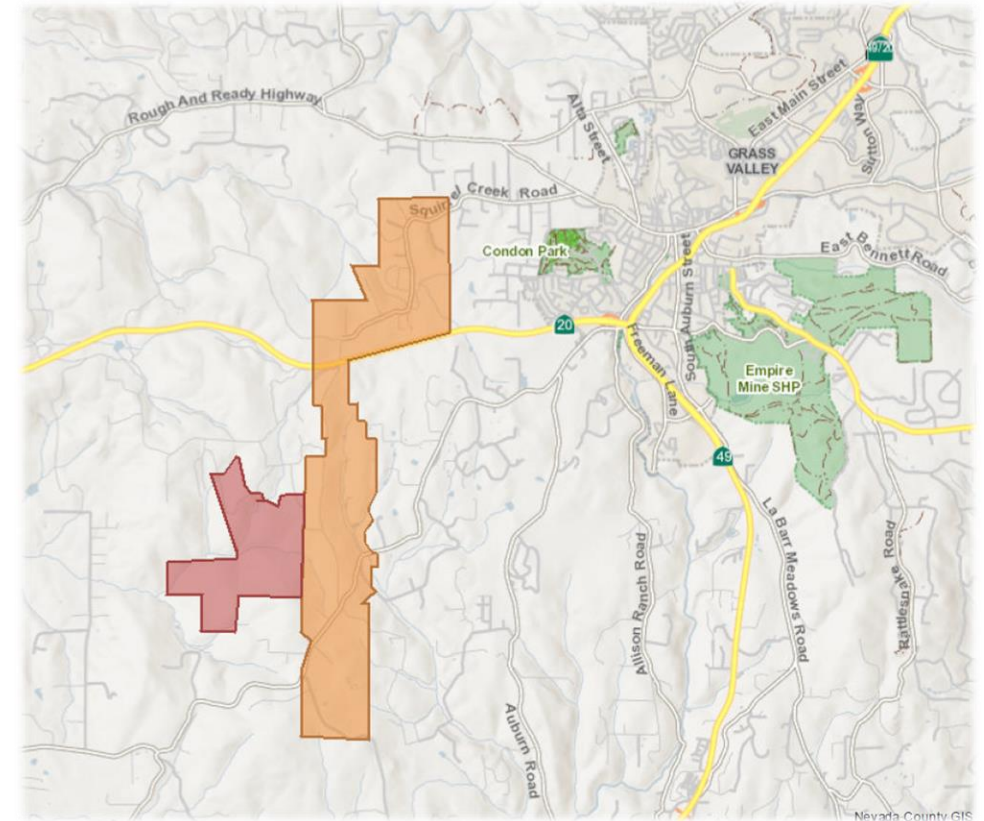
August 27, 2019



# Initiative: Advocate and partner to reduce hazardous vegetation on state and federal lands within Nevada County

Submitted two pre-applications to extend the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project onto BLM lands to the west.

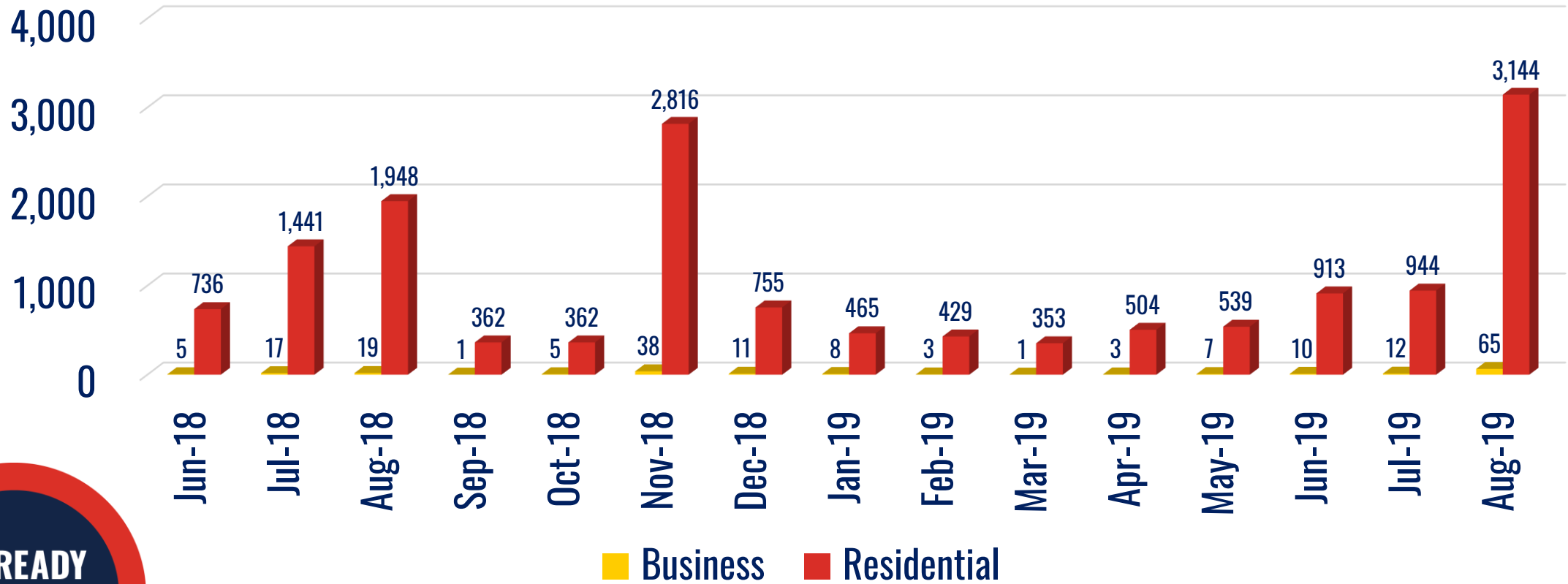
- Pre-application 1: Complete NEPA environmental review on 389 acres
- Pre-application 2: Complete hazardous fuels treatment on 389 acres

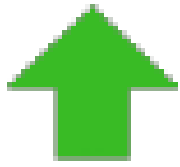




# Initiative: Increase Code Red Registrations

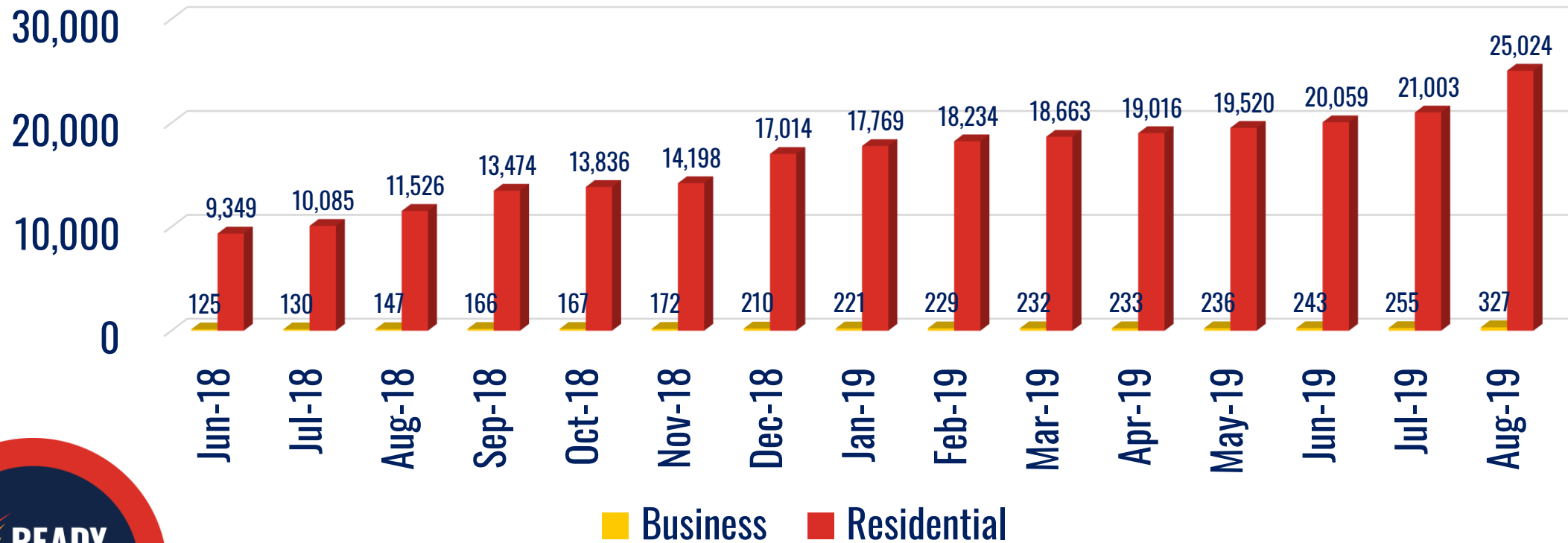
## New Code Red Emergency Alert Enrollments Per Month





# Initiative: Increase Code Red Registrations

## Total Code Red Emergency Alert Enrollments Per Month







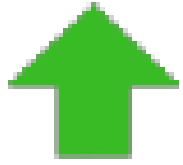
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NEVADA COUNTY







# Initiative: Launch and maintain public awareness campaign to increase wildfire preparedness and personal responsibility



National Night Out



Nevada County Fair



North San Juan Taxpayers Association's Evacuation Meeting



Wildfire Insurance Town Hall







# **Initiative:** Launch and maintain public awareness campaign to increase wildfire preparedness and personal responsibility



**First Friday Artwalk**

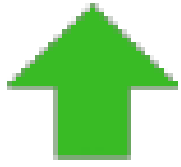


**FREED Aging and Disability Conference**

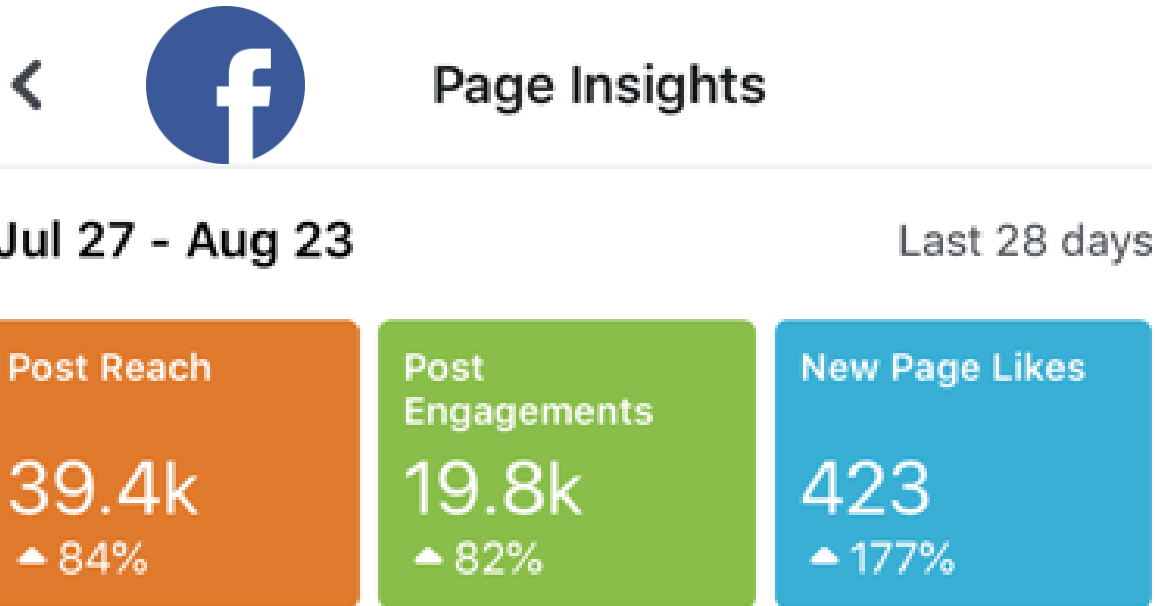


**Gold Country Community Services Senior Wood Program**





# Initiative: Launch and maintain public awareness campaign to increase wildfire preparedness and personal responsibility



WHO DETERMINES  
WHEN A  
**CodeRED™**  
EMERGENCY ALERT IS  
SENT TO NEVADA  
COUNTY RESIDENTS?







## **Initiative:** Further mature and develop the Emergency Operations Center staffing, capabilities, training, systems, resources and response readiness.

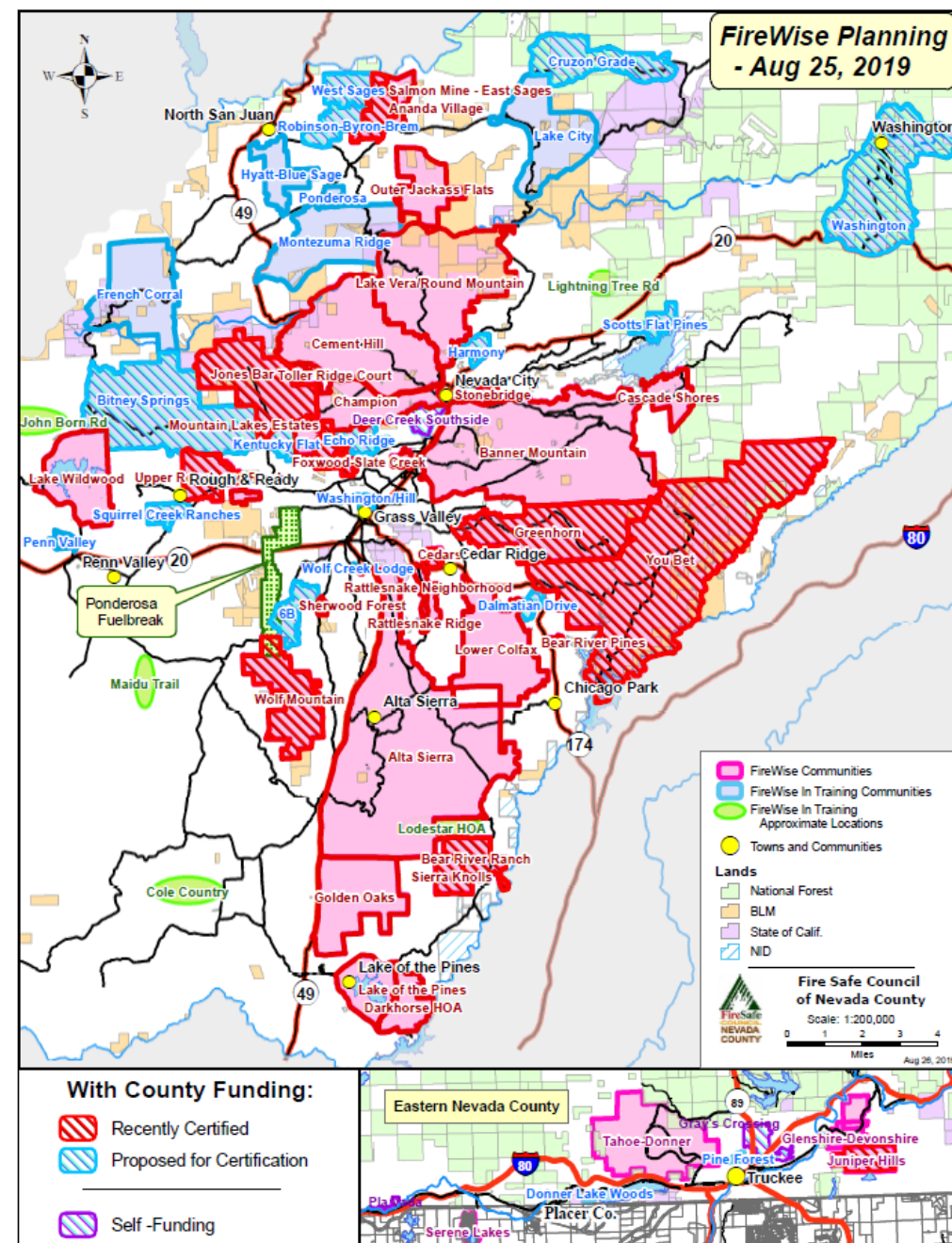
- Finalizing Public Safety Power Shutoff Plan
- Finalized Alert & Warning Plan
- Updating Heat Plan
- Updating Evacuation Annex
- Creating Joint Information Center Plan
- Participated in Public Health tabletop exercise for skilled nursing facilities
- Worked with Human Resources to hire an OES intern United States Air Force Major, Paul Cummings



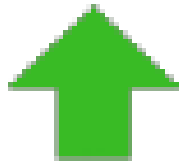


**Initiative:** Provide guidance to citizens about how to best solve neighborhood planning challenges such as vegetation management on residential properties and private roads/gates, etc.

With support from County of Nevada, the Fire Safe Council has helped 11 new firewise communities achieve national certification.







**Initiative:** Provide the community more convenient and affordable green waste disposal

# FREE RESIDENTIAL GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 28-29<sup>TH</sup> • 22261 JUNIPER ST, FLORISTON

*For Nevada County Residents in Truckee*





**Initiative:** Seek and secure funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness initiatives



**Initiative:** Reduce Hazardous Vegetation on County-maintained roads and County owned property

- Upon CalOES and FEMA request, staff submitted two revised Hazardous Mitigation Grants August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> totaling \$10,283,765 to support:
  - Hazardous roadside vegetation treatment along 317.5 miles of county-maintained roadway
  - Defensible space clearing around homes
  - Defensible Space Inspector program
- Submitted two pre-applications to Sierra Nevada Conservancy to extend the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project onto adjacent BLM lands to the west. Both pre-applications totaled: \$1,099,400





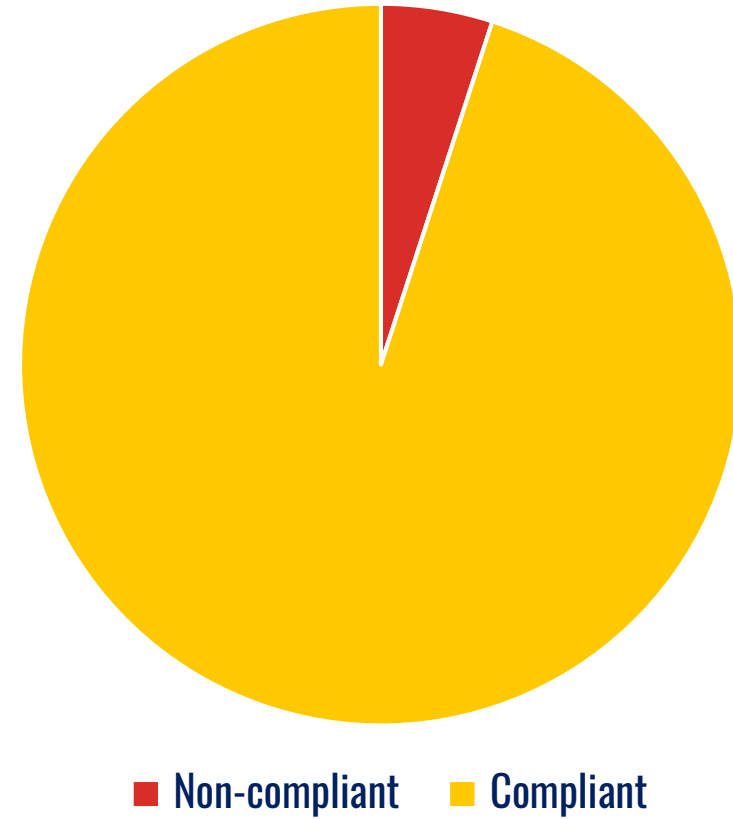


# Initiative: Update and enforce the County's Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance

## May 13-August 22, 2019

- 239 complaints have been received
  - 207 inspections have been completed
- 170 30-day Notice to Abate letters have been mailed to property owners
  - Upon 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection, 95% of property owners have been found to be compliant or are making progress to become compliant
- 8 60-day Notice to Abate letters have been mailed

2nd Inspection Compliance Rate





# Initiative: Complete the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Shaded Fuel Break Project

August 8<sup>th</sup>—CA Natural Resources amended CEQA suspension to incorporate the entirety of the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project



GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor  
WADE CROWFOOT, Secretary for Natural Resources

August 8, 2019

Chief Porter, Director  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1505  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Amendment to Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone – Fuel Break Project

Dear Chief Porter,

On April 10, I sent the attached letter regarding Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone – Fuel Break Project. All the conditions previously mentioned are still valid. However, I have made the below amendment:

The proposed project will build off a larger multi-phased fuel break and extend the fuel break approximately 1200 acres using a combination of hand crews (30%), heavy equipment (30%), chipping (30%) and biomass (10%).

The final letter incorporating this amendment is also attached.

Sincerely,

Wade Crowfoot  
Secretary for Natural Resources

Attachment:

- April 10, 2019 Letter Regarding Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone – Fuel Break Project
- August 8, 2019, Amended Letter Regarding Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone – Fuel Break Project

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Exposition Park • Native American Heritage Commission • Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy • San Diego River Conservancy • San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy • San Joaquin River Conservancy • Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy • State Lands Commission • Wildlife Conservation Board • Ocean Protection Council







# Initiative: Complete the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Shaded Fuel Break Project

## Progress Update:

- CA Native Plant Society and CAL FIRE have been conducting environmental, cultural, and archeological review of County land
- Hazardous fuels treatment began on a portion of County land on August 20th





# Initiative: Complete the Ponderosa West Fuel Break Project

## Progress Update:

- 83 Right of Entry permits have been secured for permission to treat a total of 752.93 acres
- 59% of project Right of Entry permits have been secured
- 4 Denial of Entry permits have been received
- The goal is to complete treatment of 300 acres by December 31, 2019
- The remaining ~900 acres will be complete by February 2020
- Open House Community Meeting scheduled for September 4th, 6:30-9:00pm, Main Street Center Building, Nevada County Fairgrounds

