

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

I am on the steering committee for the Williams Ranch Road Fire Safe Council. Given the current drought and ever-increasing wildfire risk in our county, it only makes sense that sustained funding is needed to maintain fire safety for our citizens. Funding the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council now, can potentially save lives, properties and dollars in the future. Many insurance companies are dropping policies of those of us who live in what has been labeled "high risk" areas. Reducing the risk of fire danger through prevention will save lives, homes, businesses, and dollars

Please increase the MCFSC's funding to at least \$50,000, which would allow them to operate at a baseline level and effectively bring in other grant funding to support more fire-safety work in our community.

Thank you very much!

Respectfully

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