

Dear BOS,

I am a small business owner, resident of Willits X 17 years, physician assistant, acupuncturist and I co-own a beloved rural vacation property out at Cherry Creek subdivision just north of downtown Willits.

I was very concerned to hear that the county Firesafe Council might be in danger of a reduced budget. Please consider keeping that budget at a more increased level to serve our community in a land that is so prone to fire danger.

Please do not reduce MCSFS's funding. I hope I am correct that they are currently receiving \$100,000 per year. At the very least PLEASE do not reduce them down to \$25,000 as I was told was being considered. We all need money to operate and I know the count has all sorts of needs, but fire safety is way high on my list.

Thank you, Kate Black