

In this time of drought, climate change and global warming, fire is a growing threat to many citizens of this County, both inland and on the coast. There are numerous and increasing stands of dead and dying trees, near homes, on roads surrounding homes, and near electric wires. The threat of fire is real and we all know it. Hundreds have already lost their homes and businesses in this state due to wildfires..

This is not the time to cut the budget of Mendocino County Firesafe Council from \$ 100,000 a year to \$ 25,000 a year. They won't have the staffing to help find grants to help citizens do fuel reduction around their homes. They won't have enough budget to continue to help citizens of Mendocino County prepare for and reduce the threat of fire.

Please budget Mendocino County Firesafe Council for at least \$ 50,000 to \$ 75,00 per year. Our lives and livelihoods depend on it.

Sincerely,

Helene Chalfin