

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the proposed funding cut to the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council and reinstate the MCFSC's funding to at least \$75,000.

We need to do preventive work on wildfires, as we have seen firsthand what damage they can do to people, our livelihoods, wildlife and our environment once they start. We are in the midst of another very-low water year, so the need for this is greater than ever. However, at the current proposed level of funding, MCFSC would have to cut staff and drastically curtail or end current projects and possible new ones.

Please increase the funding to the level of this current year, or at least to \$75,000.

Sincerely,

Lori Vest