

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
Re: Funding for Mendocino County Fire Safe Council  
Date: 8 June 2020

The importance of doing all that we as individuals and as a community are able to do in order to minimize the threat of wildfire in Mendocino County cannot be overemphasized. Slashing the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council budget by 75% is simply unacceptable in the face of a rapidly approaching fire season. Any reduction in financing of MCFSC operations is detrimental, but cutting funding more than 50% will hamstring all efforts to protect lives and property.

As homeowners we have done what we can to make our property defensible, both by the sweat of our brows and by hiring a tree service several times over the last few years. If we who are retired and living on a limited income can dip into our savings to protect our home, is it asking too much of the Board of Supervisors to allocate sufficient funds to keep the fire prevention programs going? You are deciding how to spend the money largely provided by our property taxes. How about using it to protect the property that is being taxed?

If reducing funds to MCFSC is unavoidable, please keep it to 50% or less. Thank you.

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