

Esteemed Board of Supervisors,

We have property in the footprint of the Redwood Complex Fires. My son saved our house, solar system, generator, propane tank and store room because of what my wife and I learned from the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council (MCFSC).

We had attended a day long workshop at the fair grounds in Boonville some years ago. We put into practice what we learned there. Later we had CalFire give us a critique of our preparations and we made further adjustments. Had it not been for the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, we would have lost everything. Retired Sheriff Allman can attest to this, having visited our property during the aftermath of the Redwood Complex Fires.

Our road committee is preparing to form a neighborhood Fire Safe Council. If you reduce the budget that helps fund MCFSC, Mendocino County will be far less prepared for future fires. I have various friends who are involved in FSC's in their neighborhoods. Without the help from MFSC, their work will be severely hampered.

We urge you to maintain funding for this organization. Its work is essential for the future of our fire prone area.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Jane and Clint Kelley