

Now is absolutely not the time to cut this funding. We are heading into another extreme fire season. This funding is the backbone of Mendocino County FireSafe Council to provide education and assistance to clear fire hazards. We, the people in rural Mendocino County, count on this service. The fire danger is not going away. The fact is we have made progress in the county by clearing brush, creating shaded firebreaks, however, this is an on-going battle. Cutting the budget is absolutely giving fire the advantage. Please reconsider the proposed budget cut and stand up and continue the current funding level of \$100,000 for the budget. Sincerely, Deborah Vau Brooktrails resident