

# Resources for Fire Hazard Reduction Around Your Property in the Upper Mattole

## Organizations/Agencies

**Bureau of Land Management, Kings Range Conservation Area (BLM)** POB 189, Whitethorn, CA, 95589, 986-7567, *Tim Jones* 825-2306 Big chipper available for coordinated projects with BLM.

**California Department of Forestry Fire Protection (CDF)** *Hugh Scanlon* 726-1206, *Kim Price* 726-1224, (Fortuna). *Thorn Station, 13298 Briceland-Thorn Rd., Whitethorn CA 95589, 986-7553 (Open summer-fall).* *Jim Robertson Battalion Chief, Garberville Station 923-2645* Jim can provide tips on fire safing your home and property, as well as helping to coordinate resources for smaller burns. *Rich Eliot, CDF Staff Forester, 946-1961 (Weott)* Rich can help you find cost-share assistance for your own fire hazard reduction projects. CDF is eager to help with fuels-reduction projects, and has plans to make a chipper available for neighborhood "chipper days." CDF will also help coordinate resources necessary for larger controlled burns.

### Coastal Headwaters Association

**Crooked Prairie Fire Crew** POB 1567, Redway, CA 95560, *Ellen Orlofsky* 986-7771 A very local, small first responder volunteer fire crew for Crooked Prairie.

**Institute for Sustainable Forestry (ISF)** POB 1580, Redway, CA 95560, 923-7004 (*Garberville*) Resources about fuels-reduction work and timber stand improvement. Database of available resources for forestry work.

**Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council (LMFSC)** POB 20, Petrolia, CA 95558, *Amanda Freeman* 629-3514 (*Petrolia/Honeydew*) LMFSC meets regularly at the Mattole Grange to identify and implement fire safety projects in the lower Mattole area. Next meetings are 6pm January 12, March 15, and May 17.

**Mattole Restoration Council (MRC)** POB 223, Whitethorn, CA 95589, 986-1078 The MRC conducts fuels reductions projects in the Mattole watershed, and can help your neighborhood develop a plan for reducing fuels. Also has an extensive resource library, and offers GIS and mapmaking services. [www.mattole.org](http://www.mattole.org).

**Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)** *Judy Wells, Forester, 442-6058, ext. 3, 822-7090, ext. 101. (Eureka)* Judy is the local representative for accessing cost-share programs through NRCS such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

**Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council (SHFSC)** POB 1580, Redway, CA 95560, *Mishka Straka* 923-7282 (*Garberville*) SHFSC meets regularly at Beginnings in Briceland to identify and implement fire safety projects in the greater Southern Humboldt area.

**Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Company** POB 1152, Redway, CA 95560, 986-7488 Provides fire protection and medical assistance in and around the Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District. If you dial 911 within the District, ask for Telegraph Ridge by name.

**Whale Gulch Volunteer Fire Company** POB 12, Whitethorn, CA 95589 Provides emergency fire and medical services in the Whale Gulch area and portions of the Lost Coast.

**Whitethorn Volunteer Fire Department** POB 183, Whitethorn, CA 95589, 986-7688 Provides emergency fire and medical services in the Whitethorn area.

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## Individuals/Contractors

**Steve Bowser**, 822-8803 (*Honeydew*)

Has a small airplane in Rohnerville that is available for flights (at \$75/hour) to fly over your property and get the big picture perspective.

**Chompers Cook** 629-3428 (*Petrolia*)

Fire-hazard reduction (thinning, pruning, clearing, etc.) and heavy equipment operation, as well as firewood production from appropriate thinned/cleared materials.

**Logan Edwards** 986-1578, 496-3353 (*Ettersburg*)

Chipper, pole pruner, available for hire for clearing and chipping.

**Dan Gribi** 943-3006 (*Salmon Creek*)

Has a plane available in Garberville for flights.

**Doug Huajardo** 223-0363 (*Ettersburg*)

Doug owns a firewood processing machine and tractor (running on bio-diesel). Doug's clearing of roads or firebreaks can provide a value in firewood, sometimes above the cost of his labor.

**Mike Jakubal** 923-5063 (*Briceland*)

Portable saw mill, can mill local hardwoods.

**Dave Kahan** POB 436, *Whitethorn, CA, 95589*, 986-7376, 923-1867 pager (*Ettersburg*)

Dave can muster a crew to do fuels-reduction, or timber-stand improvement work. He has two 20-foot power pole pruners. He has undertaken fuels-reduction projects as large as 55 acres, and can do this type of work for \$300- \$2000 per acre, depending on the density of vegetation/conditions.

**Tracy Katelman** POB 9068, *Eureka, CA 95502*, 443-2400 (*Eureka*)

Upper Mattole Fire Plan Project coordinator. Registered Professional Forester, therefore can assist with cost-share applications and plans.

**Bill Malinowski, North Coast Construction**, 986-9782 (*Shelter Cove*). Has 6-inch chipper.

**Tim Metz** 923-4025 (*Garberville*)

Has chipper and is a Registered Professional Forester. Cost-share plans and applications.

**Diana Totten** POB 1631, *Redway, CA 95560*, 923-3805 (*Redway*)

Has a small crew for fuel hazard reduction work, and lots of experience in wildland fire fighting. Has backhoe and small bulldozer for larger jobs, possible chipper. Also consults with homeowners in how to do-it-yourself most effectively.