



Annual Report 2025



Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safe Council

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safety and Improvement Council, dba Fire Safe Council (FSC), is to provide education, exchange information, and foster fire prevention and fire safety within Auburn Lake Trails (ALT). ALT is a recorded real estate development, consisting of approximately 2862 acres, in the community of Cool, El Dorado County, California.

OUR GOALS

The Goals of the FSC are:

- Creating and maintaining defensible space around structures and community
- Reducing hazardous vegetation across the landscape
- Educating citizens regarding fire hazards and fire behavior through the guidance of local agencies and partnerships
- Promoting environmental quality
- Obtaining grants, contributions, and other funding sources for fire resilience work within the community

OUR STATUS

The FSC is a registered charitable organization [501(c)(3)]. The FSC is independent from the ALT Property Owners Association (POA), but the FSC coordinates its activities with the POA. The primary tool for this coordination is the El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), of which ALT is located within the Northern Zone. The funding of the FSC is derived from several sources. The POA provides important monetary and other support to the FSC and its activities.

OUR OFFICERS

OFFICERS OF FSC	2024	2025
President	Michael Connelly	Michael Connelly
Vice President	David Halpin	David Halpin
Secretary	Curt Kruger (until June) Ron Means (from June)	Ron Means
Treasurer	Joy Hemp	Joy Hemp (until July) Ron Clark (from July)
Member at Large	Edward C. Grout	Edward C. Grout (until April) Bob Mason (from April)
Member at Large	Ron Means (until June) Dan Mullen (from June)	Dan Mullen

The Board of Directors of the FSC are all volunteers. There is no paid staff.

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2025 featured the awarding of a project management contract to the Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District (RCD), initial strategic planning sessions, a community meeting, and designations of the required professional services, to begin implementation of the multi-year Northern Shaded Fuel Break (5TR23101) project, funded by a \$1.35 million grant from CAL FIRE received in 2024.

Other notable accomplishments in 2025 included:

- Local Shaded Fuel Breaks, completed on six POA-owned lots.
- Wildfire Evacuation Simulation community presentation.
- Active contributions to the updated Western El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).
- Two Green Waste Dumpster Days for community defensible space cleanup.
- Home Hardening brochure produced and mailed to all community residents.
- Formal filing of a DBA as “Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safety Council (FSC).”
- Purchased a PA system, projector, and large screen for Community Meetings.

The following sections review and provide details on these and other 2025 FSC activities to improve community wildfire resiliency, community outreach, cooperation with other fire-safety entities, and a summary of significant aspects of the 2025 fire season. FSC Financial Information for the year is presented in Appendix B.



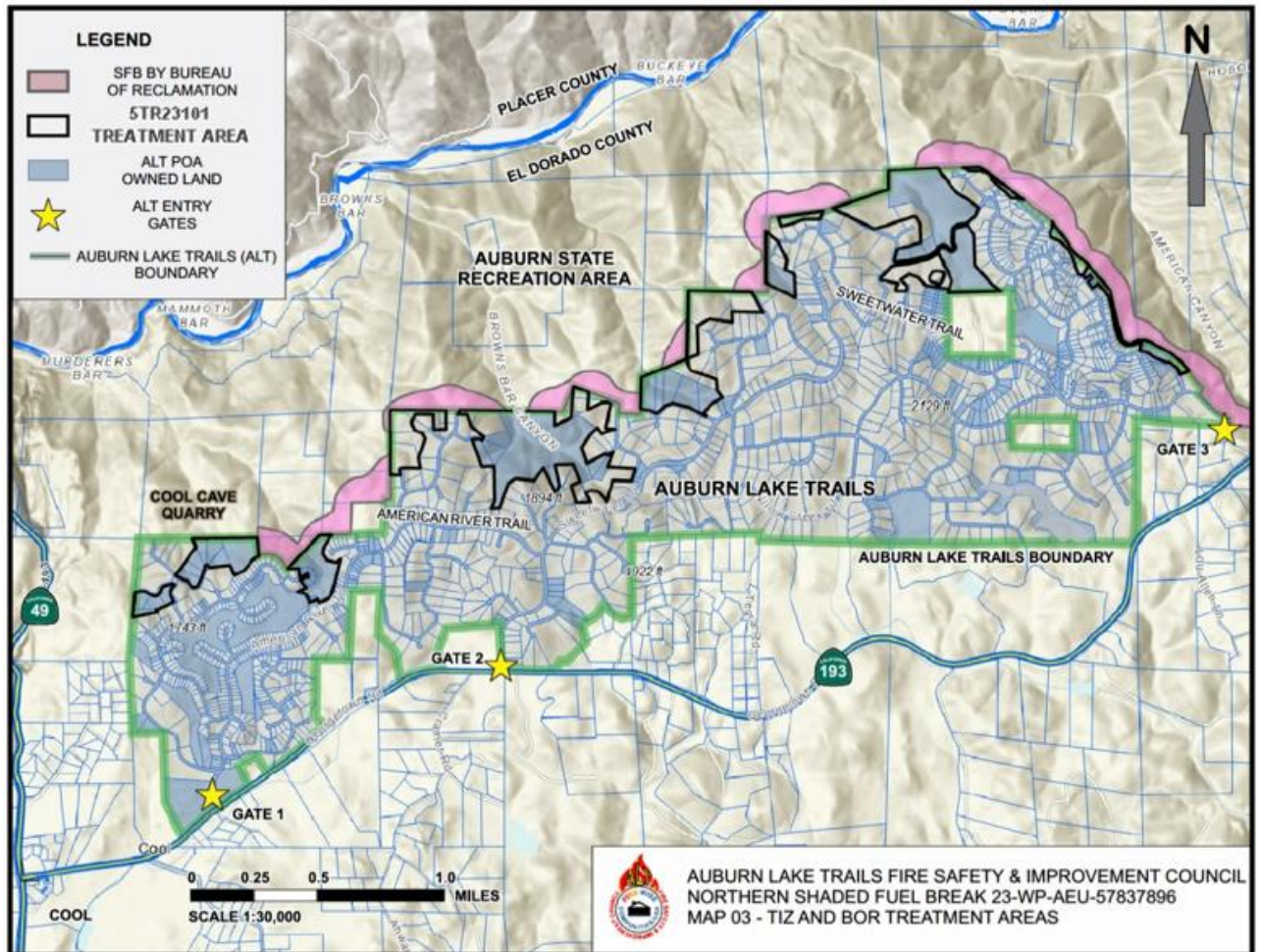
Wildfire Evacuation Simulation Community Presentation – March 2025

1. GRANTS

- **NORTHERN SHADED FUEL BREAK (CAL FIRE)**

In 2024, the FSC applied for and was awarded a CAL FIRE Grant (5TR23101) for \$1,349,400 for a multi-year project to develop, through maintenance and new work, a 350-acre Shaded Fuel Break (SFB) along ALT’s northern boundary with the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA). This project is referred to as the “Northern Shaded Fuel Break” (NSFB).

In the map below, the treatment areas for the NSFB are outlined in black, adjacent to previous/ongoing Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) work in the ASRA.



The timeline and activities for this project in 2025 were as follows:

- February: FSC formally accepted the grant February 3.
- April – June: Issued the Project Management Request for Proposal to the RCD on April 16th. Meetings with RCD to further clarify were held in May and the final contract was approved on June 27. Planning meeting held with RCD held on June 30.

- July: Project Kickoff meeting held with RCD; attended by FSC, POA, CAL FIRE, OWPR, and State Parks representatives on July 14.
- August: RCD issued proposals for professional services (Environmental Consultant, Professional Forester). FCS provided the RCD with a list of affected and neighboring ALT lots for project communications.
- September: RCD awarded contracts for professional services. RCD sent out initial letters to affected ALT lots on or about September 10, announcing a public meeting for affected lot owners and seeking Right of Entry (ROE) permissions. First scheduled bi-weekly progress meeting with RCD on September 11. The well-attended public meeting with ALT residents was held on September 18, with RCD as primary presenter.
- October-November: RCD, with DH's help going door-to-door, has had great success in getting ROE's signed. Environmental filed work initiated. Flagging of work sites underway.
- December: RCD awarded contracts to Ed Struffenegger for RPF services, and to Mountain Engineering for Environmental Services. Both entities have started attending bi-weekly progress meetings and have conducted site visits or will visit in early 2026. RCD and MC made a presentation to the Grange on December 1st. There were about 30 attendees from the Grange and a representative from the BOR. Requests for Quotation issued for fuel reduction work.
- Early 2026: Anticipate awarding of contracts for fuel reduction work and the commencement of the field work.

Quarterly project reports are being filed with CAL FIRE, with the first report filed on April 30, 2025.

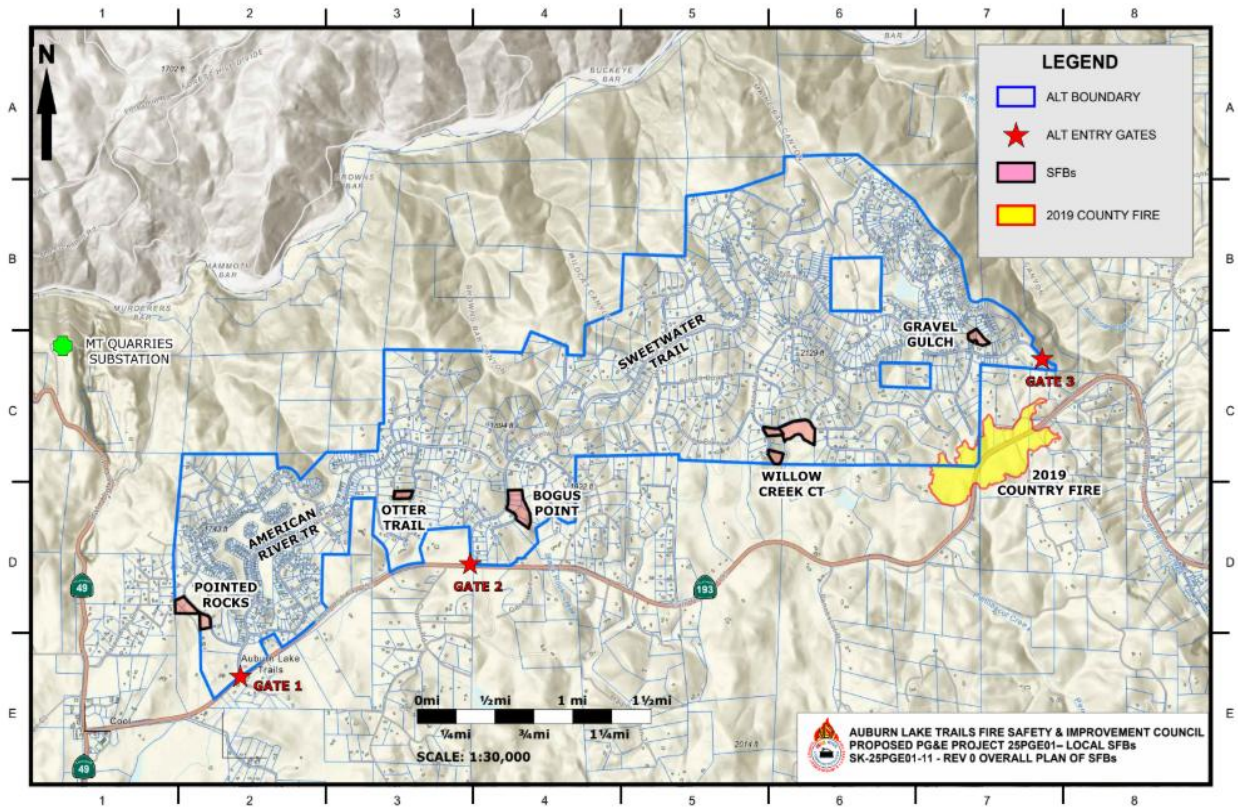
- **LOCAL SHADED FUEL BREAKS (PG&E)**

The FSC applied for and was awarded a Grant from PG&E (ALTFSC 2025-01), for up to \$99,175, providing for the construction/maintenance of local SFBs on a combined 32 acres of POA property across six parcels, identified by adjacent road names:

- Pointed Rocks
- Otter Trail
- Bogus Point
- Willow Creek Court
- Gravel Gulch
- Hidden Gold (late addition; not shown on map below)

All of the SFBs were within 500 feet of a PG&E distribution line, were created by the removal of ladder fuels (through mastication, mowing, and/or weed eating), trimming trees such that ground fires cannot reach into the crown, and thinning of trees such that crown-to-crown continuity is broken.

ALT is the closest community to PG&E's Mt Quarries Substation, the only substation serving the Georgetown Divide. The location of this substation, down the slope of the Canyon of the Middle Fork of the American River, presents a critical relationship to ALT.



The timeline and activities for this project in 2025 were as follows:

- March: Submitted application for the PG&E grant.
- April: Grant awarded to the FSC and the project contract executed with PG&E.
- May: Site visits and consultation with Registered Professional Forester on vegetation management best practices, tree disposition, and identification of restricted water courses. Initial Environmental Consultant visit and nesting bird survey; sensitive areas flagged (follow-up visit conducted on July 7 for Bogus Point site).
- May: Conducted site visits and solicited bids from experienced contractors. Proposals were received, evaluated, and a contractor (Tier One Terrain Corp, Cool, CA.) was selected and contract executed on May 22.
- June: Neighboring lot owners notified of work schedule and scope via letter.
- June – July: Project Work completed by contractor. With no Red Flag Warnings, Fire Weather Watches, or recordable Environmental, Safety or Health incidents, the work proceeded in a timely manner and was completed on July 18, well before the October 15 deadline. The contractor submitted and was paid for their final invoice in August.

Quarterly reports were prepared and submitted to PG&E, with the Final Report and invoice, with pictures, submitted on August 22. Final payment was received from PG&E on August 27. Representatives from PG&E visited the sites on August 29 and were impressed with the work completed by Tier One Terrain Corp.

The grant was officially closed in September. Total expenditures were \$98,504 (including \$8995 to the FSC for “Fiscal Sponsor Fee”).

In-progress project photos:



Mastication at Willow Creek Court



Field Mowing Completed at Steever's Ranch (Willow Creek Court)



Vegetation Clearing at Hidden Gold

- **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

- In June 2024, the FSC obtained a grant from CAL FIRE for a new chipper that the FSC is deeding to the POA for their routine chipping program. Final payment from CAL FIRE was received in January 2025. We are closing this grant and have transferred the chipper to the POA.
- In December 2024, the FSC obtained a Grant from the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDC FSC) for \$3,000 for two Green Waste Dumpster Days for our community for 2025. The first Dumpster Day was held on May 31, 2025 and the second on July 7, 2025.
- In 2024, the FSC obtained a Grant from the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDC FSC) for \$2,750 for preparing and publishing a brochure for the ALT Community regarding insurance credits offered by the FAIR Plan for particular Home Hardening actions. This flyer was completed and mailed to all residents in Q1 2025.

See Appendix A for details on the \$2,902,897 worth of grant funds used to improve the ALT community's wildfire preparedness since 2007. Individual efforts by ALT residents have greatly exceeded this monetary value, averaging \$269,874 per year since 2018, with similar amounts in prior years back to 2005.

2. FIRE RESILIENCY EFFORTS

- **HOMEOWNER PARTICIPATION**

The FSC documented the fuel reduction efforts of ALT residents, during 2024, totaling \$322,861 (in the value of volunteer hours, payments to contractors and equipment use by POA). This work increased the fire resiliency and defendability of residents' homes. This data was obtained from forms completed by POA staff and the ALT residents.

The ALT POA conducts annual evaluations of all occupied and unoccupied lots, following the requirements of CAL FIRE for Zone 1 and Zone 2 defensible space. Property owners are also required to meet the defensible space requirements on their property that come within 100 feet of a neighboring structure. In 2024, the POA completed 1156 evaluations in June, and an additional 229 evaluations in July (some of which were follow-ups to evaluations in June that did not pass the evaluation).

- **LOCAL SHADED FUEL BREAK WORK**

As mentioned above, the FSC was awarded a contract from PG&E for fuel reduction on six POA-owned lots within ALT. The six work areas were titled with the names of adjacent roads (Pointed Rocks, Otter Trail, Bogus Point, Willow Creek Court, Gravel Gulch, and Hidden Gold). The work consisted of mastication and limbing along with select mowing and weed eating covering 32 acres.

The purpose of the construction of the SFB was to remove low lying vegetation (ladder fuels), remove trees as required to provide breaks in the tree canopy, and remove limbs on the remaining trees that are below 10 feet from the ground.

Details of the Grant and Fuel Reduction work are included in Section 1 – Grants.

- **WORKING WITH THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ON THE NORTHERN SFB**

The Northern SFB is talked about extensively in this document. But 2024/2025 were not the start of this important work on ALT's northern border with the ASRA.

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has been doing extensive fuel reduction work on their lands along this border since 2021. FSC has worked with BOR for this entire period in the maintenance of the SFB on BOR lands. The new CAL FIRE funded NSFB work, being done on both POA-owned lots and some private lots within ALT and discussed elsewhere in this document, is adjacent to the BOR lands previously treated. Collectively the new work combined with maintenance of the previous BOR work, will form a unified shaded fuel break helping to protect ALT from fires that might originate in the ASRA.

In 2025, BOR returned to burn several wood piles that were left in place in the fuel break area after their previous work. The FSC maintains a working relationship with BOR to continue the maintenance of this area.

- **ALT POA COMPLIMENTARY CHIPPING PROGRAM**

The ALT POA provides complimentary chipping for ALT residents and POA members.; in place since 2005. The Chipping Program provides for free service for up to four times a year, for up to 30 minutes per visit. If a chipping session is more than 30 minutes, or if an additional chipping visit is required, the fee is charged at a unit rate \$100/hr.

The FSC receives the chipping forms from the POA, and compiles the data for use in our annual Firewise® USA application.

2025 saw the first use of the new chipper that the FSC purchased via a CAL FIRE grant in 2024 and subsequently transferred to the POA.

Note: The annual reporting periods run from November 1 – October 31 to facilitate the Firewise® USA application deadline.

The work performed in the chipping program is summarized in the following table:

	Member Hours	Contracted Services	Chipper Hours	Total Value	Forms
2018	4,522	\$ 22,809	87	\$ 153,597	449
2019	8,509	\$ 71,897	142	\$ 287,735	558
2020	5,684	\$ 93,206	128	\$ 247,671	530
2021	6,224	\$ 85,987	517	\$ 287,394	562
2022	7,602	\$ 162,738	396	\$ 370,648	721
2023	5,806	\$ 92,078	358	\$ 251,162	623
2024	4,362	\$ 81,868	296	\$ 237,832	446
2025	5,889	\$ 104,333	359	\$ 322,861	679

- GREEN WASTE DUMPSTER DAYS**

The FSC sponsored two ‘Green Waste Dumpster Days’ for ALT residents in 2025, on May 31 and July 19. On both days, three 20-yd³ dumpsters were filled by mid-day, by residents bringing the green waste from their defensible space work.

This program compliments the Chipping Program, and also allows for disposal of green waste that cannot be chipped, such as oleander, juniper, etc.

The Green Waste Dumpster Days were made possible by a grant from the EDC FSC.

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- **PRESCRIBED BURN WORKSHOP**

DM of the FSC attended a two-day workshop on August 23/24, hosted by the El Dorado-Amador Prescribed Burn Association, outlining the benefits and process for doing prescribed burns for vegetation management. Also called ‘controlled burning’ or ‘broadcast burning,’ the idea is to use a carefully monitored, low-intensity flame that preserves trees while clearing and revitalizing the understory.

Prescribed burns were commonly used by Native tribes in California pre-settlement, where it is estimated that 5-10% of California lands were burned annually. The process is making a comeback in California today, with 4,215 acres burned in 2024. As of 2025, there are over 25 active or developing Prescribed Burn Associations (PBAs) across California, forming a growing network designed to help private landowners use ‘good fire’ to reduce wildfire risks. These community-based organizations exist in over ten counties, often hosted by Resource Conservation Districts. (Reference [California PBA site](#))

While there are significant legal, liability (fires getting out of control), and health (blowing smoke) considerations to prescribed burning, it is something we should keep our eye on for possible future use in maintaining our shaded fuel breaks. Recommendations are to follow up shaded fuel break work 1 – 2 years later with a prescribed burn, which reduces mastication debris and costs far less than conventional re-treatments.

3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **WILDFIRE EVACUATION SIMULATION**

On March 20, the FSC conducted a public meeting to simulate a wildfire in the ALT vicinity resulting in mandatory evacuations. Approximately 100 residents were walked through a scenario where a wildfire started near PG&E's Mt Quarries Substation on a warm, mid-September Friday, and progressed towards Cool/ALT over the course of 24 hours.

The purpose of the event was to help residents plan, prepare, and react if a real fire incident occurs that threatens Auburn Lake Trails.



Well-attended Wildfire Evacuation Simulation Presentation in Barnloft

Lead local agencies (CAL FIRE, EDC Fire Protection District, and EDC Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services) shared how they deal with a rapidly developing fire and the challenges it presents to first responders, community, schools, families, and animals when it escalates to the evacuation level. Topics included the firefighting response, traffic management, evacuation warning/orders, emergency communications, escape routes, police activity, large animal evacuation, and other pertinent subjects. A community Q&A session ended the program.

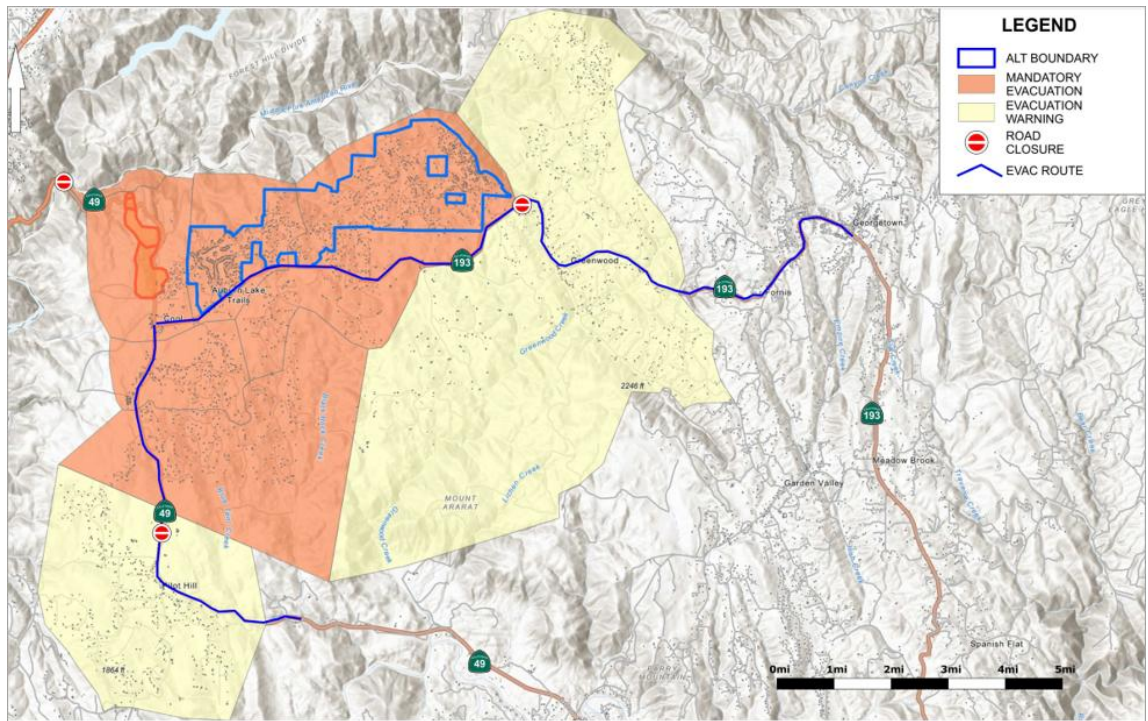
Other attending guests included State Parks (ASRA), EDC Supervisor Lori Parlin, EDC OWP, Bureau of Reclamation, RCD, GDPUD, Black Oak School District, and SCLAR. These authorities participated by answering resident questions during the Q&A session.



Is this CAL FIRE's Rep? - Wildfire Evacuation Simulation Presentation



EDC Fire Chief Tim Cordero Answering Resident Questions



Map of Fire and Evacuation affecting ALT

- **WIFFS YARD SALES – SPRING & FALL**

In May and September, 2025, the FSC set up its kiosk at the WIFFS Yard Sales to provide information and answer resident questions about our fire resiliency activities.



This is an old picture – do we have a new one?

- **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

At the annual ALT 4th of July celebration, the FSC set up its kiosk at the WIFFS Yard Sales to provide information and answer resident questions about our fire resiliency activities.



This is an old picture – do we have one from 2025?

Did this happen in 2025? In addition to the information kiosk, the FSC also arranged for the local fire station, El Dorado County Fire Protection District (EDCFPD) Station 72, to bring fire-fighting equipment to the flagpole roundabout. The EDCFPD volunteers set up equipment and demonstrations for the crowd, which were especially enjoyed by the children.

- **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

The FSC submits an article on wildfire resiliency topics each month to be published in the community newspaper, “ALT Trail Views”, which is distributed to all ALT POA members (over 3000 potential readers). The monthly articles often include information on ongoing legislative actions, insurance issues, community outreach, Home Hardening, and wildfire preparedness.

In the February issue of the trail Views, the FSC reminded residents of the essentials of evacuation preparedness in the wake of the January LA fires. The March issue highlighted the upcoming evacuation simulation meeting to be held in ALT, while April presented a tribute to Ed Grout, a tireless ALT volunteer who served not only as previous FSC president but also had stints as the POA Board member and president. As always, the May issue included information coinciding with the National Wildfire Preparedness Month. Finally, the November issue covered the community meeting introducing the upcoming work on the NSFB.

- **NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION**

New ALT residents are provided with a 'welcome packet' that generally includes:

- i. Emergency Phone Numbers
- ii. Design Committee Rules (which include information on Home Hardening)
- iii. ALT Fire Mitigation Effort handout
- iv. 'Fire Emergency Information' handout including checklists, handling horses and pets, preparation for evacuation, evacuation route map, scanning frequencies, emergency services information and information sources, etc.
- v. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
- vi. How to create a defensible space, including the forms used by the POA to verify whether defensible space requirements have been met by the homeowner

- **WESTERN EL DORADO COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN**

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) provides a road map and guiding document to assist agencies, organizations, communities, and the public to better prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from future wildfire threats. The CWPP is a vital tool used in grant applications for funding of fire resiliency projects.

From 2005 to 2022, the FSC participated in the production of a CWPP specifically for ALT. The original CWPP was updated in 2013, and again in 2020.

In 2020, the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDC FSC) decided that a CWPP should be prepared for the west slope of the county, with information incorporated from each of the Associate Fire Safe Councils (FSC). The ALT FSC coordinated with the EDC FSC contractor and the "Western El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan" was completed and approved by the County Board of Supervisors in June 2022, and, until early 2026, was the official CWPP for all of the western county, including ALT.

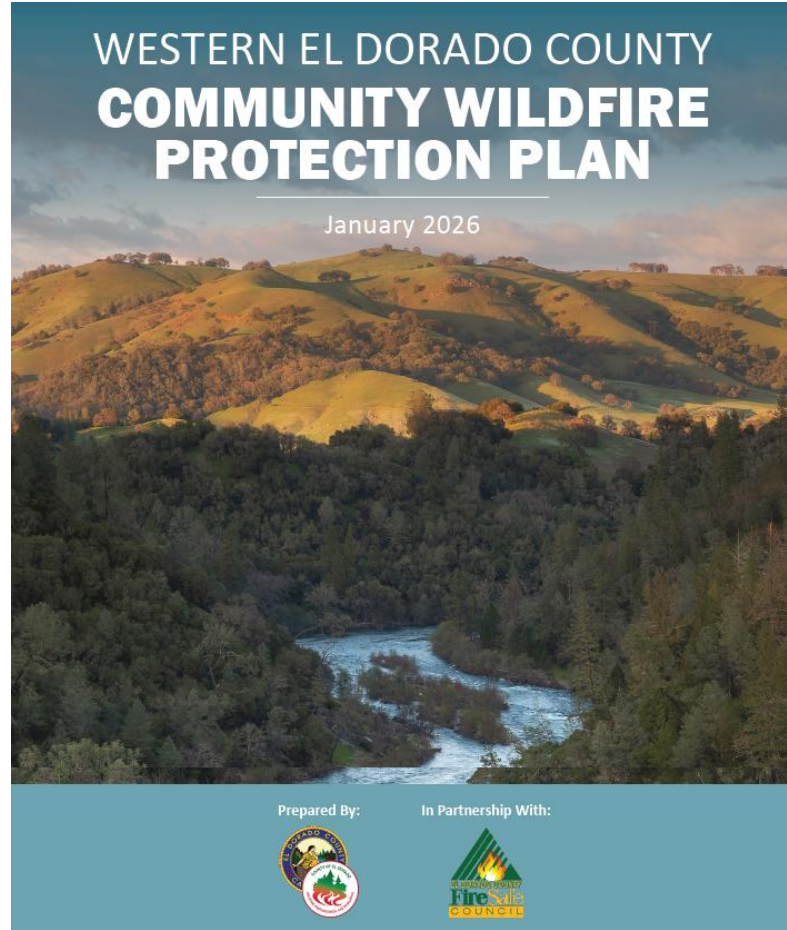
In 2024, an update to the western-slope CWPP was initiated, with the newly-formed El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience (OWPR) taking responsibility for the project. OWPR selected Jensen Hughes (JH) as the consultant to prepare the CWPP.

The FSC hosted meetings at the Holiday Market in Cool and another for the ALT community at the Lakeside Clubhouse, introducing the CWPP process and seeking community input into suitable projects to be included. The FSC presented a summary of the collected input to OWPR/JH.

JH and OWPR produced the new CWPP and distributed for review by the Associate Fire Councils in February and by the Public on May 9. We saw significant delays in incorporating the feedback, but the CWPP was finally completed January, 2026. The new CWPP divides the western county into four Fire Planning Units (North, West, East, and South), with ALT being in the North Unit. All future grant applications coordinated by the EDC FSC will be based on proposed projects within these planning units. For 2025, a North Unit grant application was submitted to CAL FIRE for cleanup of the road leading from Greenwood to Garden Valley. The grant was not approved.

The updated CWPP was submitted to and approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors at their February 2026 meeting and is now in effect for all of the western portions of the county.

The new CWPP is available from the FSC website (www.altfiresafecouncil.com).



WEBSITES

The FSC maintains a website (www.altfiresafecouncil.com) detailing the structure and function of the FSC. The website includes governing documents, the CWPP, certifications and the Annual Report.

The FSC coordinates with the POA on its website (www.auburnlaketrails.org) with detailed information on Emergency Planning and contacts, actions to increase wildfire resiliency (home hardening and defensible space) and other important aspects in maintaining ALT as a Firewise USA® Community.

4. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

- The FSC has coordinated with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to designate ALT as a Firewise USA® Community. This year, 2025, was the 21st consecutive year that the FSC has been recognized. ALT was the first of over 900 currently active communities in California to achieve this designation.
- The President of the FSC also serves as a Director on the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. As such, he participates in the monthly EDC FSC meetings and votes on significant matters presented to the EDC FSC. He is also a member of the EDC FSC Grants Committee.
- Members of the FSC participate in the 'Strategic Planning Sessions' of the El Dorado County Fire Protection District (EDC FPD). The EDC FPD is responsible for the fire station in the town of Cool, and therefore are often the first units to respond to fires in ALT.
- Members of the FSC frequently attend the monthly meetings of the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council, coordinating our efforts regarding wildfire mitigation within the ASRA.
- The State Parks Superintendent overseeing the ASRA is a frequent attendee at FSC community presentations and project planning meetings, facilitating cooperation in fire resiliency activities along our shared northern border with the ASRA.
- Members of the FSC regularly attend meetings of the Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection ("WRAP") Working Group.
- The FSC works with the Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District (RCD) on preparing its grant applications, management and execution of awarded grants and other initiatives.
- The FSC coordinates with Georgetown Divide Public Utility District on issues related to ALT's water supply and fire hydrant maintenance.

5. COMMENTS ON THE 2025 FIRE SEASON

General Situation

The 2025 California Fire Season started with a bang, with approximately 200 fires consuming almost 50,000 acres while destroying 16,000 structures in January alone, almost entirely in the LA area. By contrast, the remainder of the year was much better, thanks to mild weather, an adequate water supply, and excellent fire suppression performance by CAL FIRE and other response agencies.

The final fire statistics (statewide) for 2025 were:

Interval (Jan 1 to December 29, 2025)	Fires	Acres
2025 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & US Forest Service)	8,036	525,223
2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & US Forest Service)	8,018	1,049,963
5-Year Average (same interval)	7,542	1,457,388

While the total number of fires in 2025 was almost exactly the same as 2024, the number of acres burned was only about half as many (525,223 vs 1,049,963). After January, the 7,854 fires the rest of the year averaged only about 60 acres per fire. This compares to 130 acres average per fire burned in 2024, more than a 50% reduction in average fire size from 2024 and an even greater reduction compared to the 5-Year average.

Our area had no Red Flag Warnings and no Fire Weather Watches in 2025! For the first time in 25 years, no part of California was considered ‘Dry’ or ‘In Drought,’ according to the US Drought Monitor.

Auburn Lake Trails did experience one fire in the vicinity in 2025. The Mine Fire occurred just North of our borders on the evening of September 2, 2025. It burned less than an acre and was contained quickly.

Precipitation and Water Storage

California has a series of reservoirs for storing water for use throughout the hot and dry summer months, not only for firefighting but for all domestic and commercial water uses as well. These reservoirs are initially filled by winter and spring rains, but are highly dependent on a good Sierra Snowpack to continue replenishing them into June or July as the snow melts and the water is used.

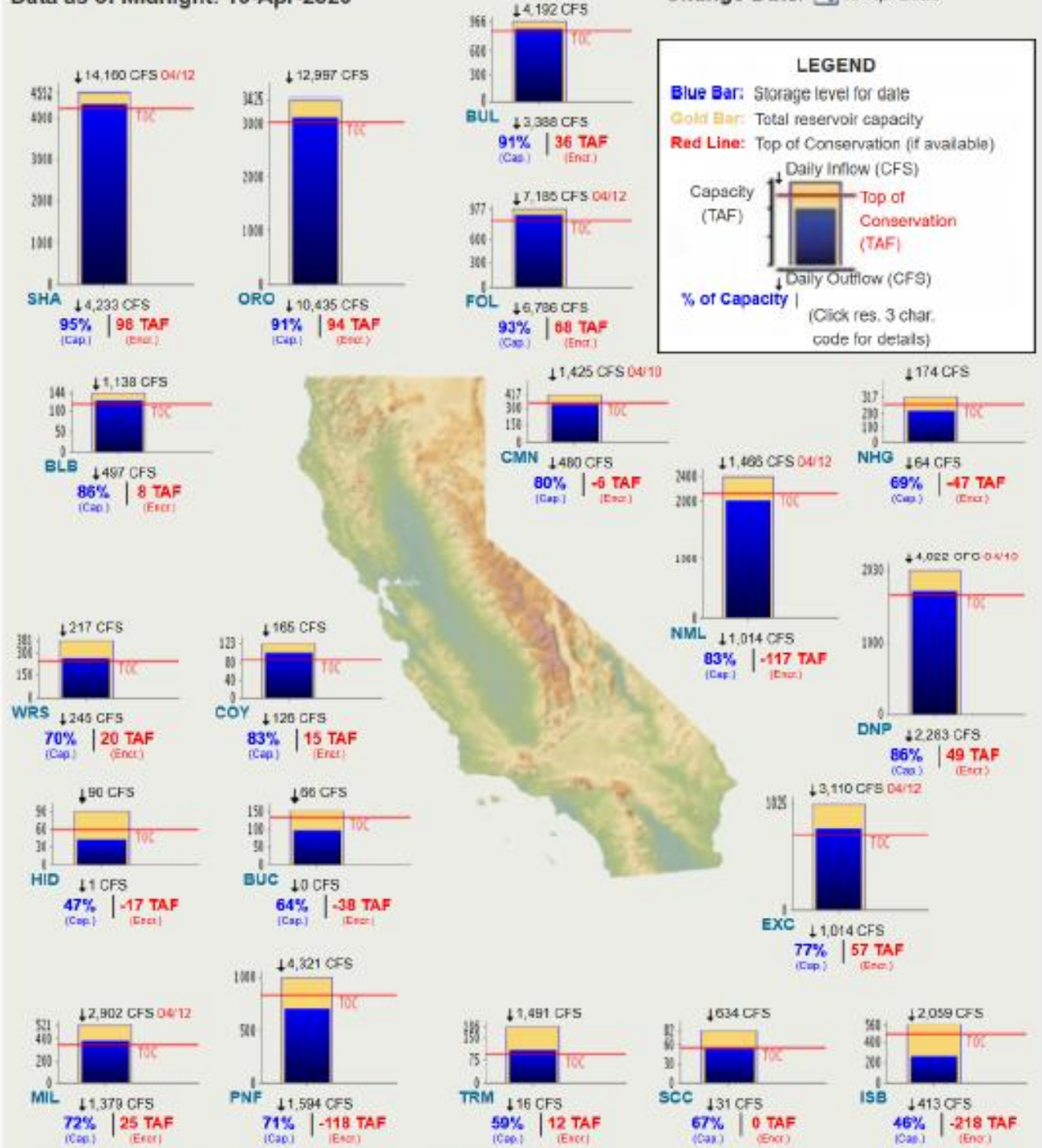
The late 2024-early 2025 winter storms started strong, hit a lull in February, and then had a nice recovery in March, to give us near or better-than-average snowpack and reservoir levels by April.

As can be seen in the graphic on the next page, at mid-April 2025 most of the major California reservoirs in the Northern part of the state were at the “conservation limit” while those in the Southern areas were somewhat below. The “conservation limit” is the level targeted by the Corps of Engineers and Calif Dept of Water Resources, reserving room for flood runoff.

**TOP OF CONSERVATION CONDITIONS:
CENTRAL VALLEY AND RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL RESERVOIRS: 13-APR-2025**

Data as of Midnight: 13-Apr-2025

Change Date: 13-Apr-2025



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And, as shown below, the peak snowpack was 99% of average statewide, with 120% of average for April 1 in the Northern Sierra region, while 95% of average in our Central Sierra zone. The Southern Sierra was somewhat lower at 84% of average.

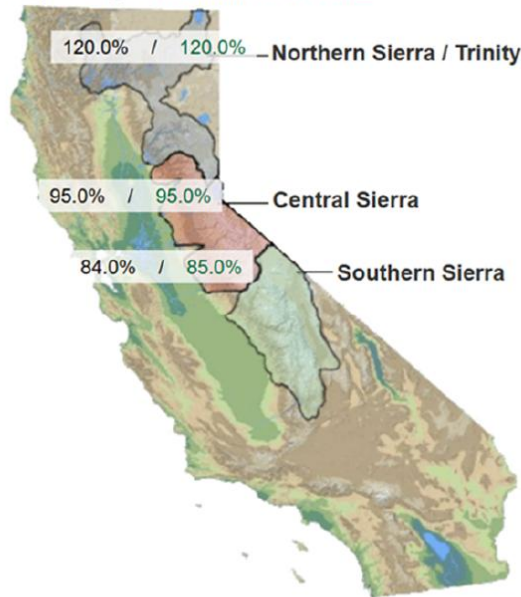
These levels represent a reasonably good water supply when compared to the many years of drought suffered by California in the last 15 years.

Snow Water Equivalents (inches)

Provided by the California Cooperative Snow Surveys

Data For: 02-Apr-2025

% Apr 1 Avg. / % Normal for this Date



NORTH	
Data For: 02-Apr-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	26
Average snow water equivalent	31.7"
Percent of April 1 Average	120%
Percent of normal for this date	120%

CENTRAL	
Data For: 02-Apr-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	52
Average snow water equivalent	26.5"
Percent of April 1 Average	95%
Percent of normal for this date	95%

SOUTH	
Data For: 02-Apr-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	26
Average snow water equivalent	18.8"
Percent of April 1 Average	84%
Percent of normal for this date	85%

STATEWIDE SUMMARY	
Data For: 02-Apr-2025	
Number of Stations Reporting	104
Average snow water equivalent	25.9"
Percent of April 1 Average	99%
Percent of normal for this date	100%

6. CERTIFICATIONS

The FSC has been recognized as a Firewise USA® Community by the National Fire Protection Association for the last 21 years and as a Fire Safe Council by the El Dorado County and California Fire Safe Councils. **Need 2025 Firewise Certificate**



7. CONCLUSION

2025 was good year for the FSC.

We made significant progress on the CAL FIRE Northern Shaded Fuel Break project, laying the groundwork and completing the strategic planning to enable substantial fuel reduction work in 2026 and onward. We also completed the PG&E Local Shaded Fuel Break work on POA lots ahead of schedule. PG&E was delighted with the work done, and as of this writing, has approved two additional grants for further work near their infrastructure within ALT for 2026.

There was only one minor fire in the vicinity in 2025, the Mine Fire, and that fire was quickly contained to about an acre in size; a testament to the improving ability of CAL FIRE to respond quickly and keep fire sizes small.

For the community we held a very well attended Wildfire Evacuation Simulation in March and hosted a presentation by RCD to educate our residents on the work to be done for the NSFB over the coming years. We also provided Green Waste Dumpsters twice this year, in May and July, to facilitate defensible space cleanup. A Home Hardening brochure was produced and distributed to all homeowners, making them aware of the steps necessary to obtain CAL FAIR discounts on their home insurance.

After several delays, the new chipper purchased by the FSC with CAL FIRE grant funds was transferred to the POA and used in the complementary chipping program. The number of chipping requests in 2025 was up 52% over the previous year, with the total value of chipping and member contracted services up 35%.

Finally, we worked with the POA Design Committee Task Force to update community design requirements to include consideration of fire safety and resiliency best practices.

The Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safety and Improvement Council is a registered 501 (c) (3) Corporation, operating within approved Bylaws.

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APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF AWARDED FSC GRANTS

(Most recent at top)

Granting Entity	Grant Category	Monitored by:	Matching Amount Required	Grant Purposes	Notes	Grant Term	STATUS	Dollar Amount
EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Green Waste Dumpster Days	Dumpster Days Programmed for May and July 2025	7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025	Completed	\$3,000
CAL FIRE	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Construct Shaded Fuel Break on POA and Private Lands along ASRA boundary	Grant period started 1/1/2025. Administered by ALT FSIC with GDRCD as Project Manager	1/1/2025 to 3/15/2030	In Progress	\$1,349,400
PG&E	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Construct Shaded Fuel Break on POA property know as 'Upper Cascade SFB,'	Grant period started 5/1/2024. Administered by ALT FSIC	5/1/2024 to 11/30/2024	Completed	\$97,500
EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL	Public Outreach	ALT FSIC	no	Prepare and distribute a Insurance Discount Brochure to community homeowners	Grant period started 7/1/2024. Administered by ALT FSIC	7/1/2024 to 6/1/2025	Completed	\$2,750
PG&E	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Construct Shaded Fuel Break on POA property known as 'Campground'	Grant period started 6/1/2023. Administered by ALT FSIC	6/1/2023 to 11/30/2023	Completed	\$63,346
EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Green Waste Dumpster Day	Dumpster Day Programmed for May 2024	7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024	Completed	\$2,500
CAL FIRE	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Provide a Chipper for use by the POA in the ALT POA Chipping Program	New Chipper will be purchased by the ALT FSIC and handed over to the ALT POA which will maintain and operate the equip.	12/31/2023 to 12/31/2023	In Progress	\$99,750
PG&E	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Construct Shaded Fuel Break on POA property known as 'Old Steever Ranch'	Grant period started 7/28/2022. Administered by ALT FSIC	7/28/2022 to 11/30/2022	Completed	\$24,969
EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL	Public Outreach	ALT FSIC	no	Prepare and distribute an Emergency Evacuation Brochure to community homeowners	Grant period started 3/18/2022. Administered by ALT FSIC	3/18/2022 to 9/6/2022	Completed	\$3,397
USDA/NRCS	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC & ALT POA	yes	Control Scotch Broom on Select POA properties through chemical treatment	Grant award period starts Jan 1, 2022 Administered by ALT FSIC/POA	1/1/2022 to 12/31/2025	In Progress	\$38,721
PG&E	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Control Roadside fuel through chemical treatment	Grant period started 6/28/2021. Administered by ALT FSIC	6/28/2021 to 11/30/2021	Completed	\$38,385
PG&E	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	no	Construct Shaded Fuel Break on Cool Cave Quarry Lands, 150 feet wide	Grant period started 6/28/2021. Administered by ALT FSIC	6/28/2021 to 11/30/2021	Completed	\$95,000
Cal Fire SRA 2016/17 Grant - 5GS16101	Dead Tree Removal	ALT FSIC & ALT POA	\$239,202	Remove 500 Dead or Dying Trees	Grant award period starts Jan 26, 2017 Administered by ALT FSIC	1/26/2017 To 3/15/2019	Completed	\$200,000
Cal Fire SRA 2016/17 Grant - 5GS16131	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC & ALT POA	\$117,570	Extend PSFB by 60 Acres	Grant award period starts Jan 26, 2017 Administered by ALT FSIC	1/26/2017 To 3/15/2019	Completed	\$110,000
USES thru CFSC Clearinghouse #2016-SFA-54353	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC & ALT POA	\$194,075	Remove 100 Dead Trees and Extend PSFB by 65 Acres	Grant award period starts Oct. 1, 2016 Administered by ALT FSIC	10/1/2016 To 9/31/2018	Completed	\$130,250
Cal Fire SRA 2014/15 Grant - 14-SRA-HF-01-013 2	Fuel Reduction	ALT POA, ALT FSIC & RCD	\$0	Fuel reduction on private lots & common area in or close to PSFB	Grant administered by EDC RCD	2015.12 TO 2017.03	Completed Jan. 2017	\$100,000
Prop 49 thru CDF 2013: Community Assistance Grant (CAG)	Fuel Reduction	ALT POA, ALT FSIC & RCD	\$0	Fuel reduction on private lots & common area in or close to PSFB	Grant administered by EDC RCD	2 yr	completed	\$96,000

(Awarded Grants, continued)

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Prop.40 thru CDF 2007: Community Assistance Grant (CAG) #8CA06534	Fuel Reduction	ALT POA, ALT FSIC & RCD	\$0.00	Fuel reduction on common lots adjacent to or on PSFB - by masticator	Grant administered by RCD	1yr.	completed	\$50,000
Prop.40 thru CDF 2007: Community Assistance Grant (CAG) #8CA06508	Fuel Reduction	ALT POA, ALT FSIC & RCD	\$0.00	Fuel reduction on private lots in or close to PSFB	Grant administered by RCD	1yr.	completed	\$75,000
Title III thru EL Dorado Co. Bd. of Supervisors #638-S0711	Fire Safety EDUCATION	ALT FSIC	\$0.00	Training, Coordination, & Management of "Risk Educators" for residential lot inspection	Activities of this Grant are a follow on to 2006 Title III	7-1-07 thru 6-30-08	completed	\$18,390
BLM thru State FSC Clearinghouse #07-BLM 9691	"Neighbor to Neighbor" Cul-de-sac Chipping and Education	ALT FSIC	\$27,300 (Matching amount far exceeded requirement (\$20,292))	Free neighborhood chipping service, coordination of cul-de-sac residents, and education on Firescaping	Grant partially funded by BLM; new match by ALT is \$2000, homeowners & ALT FSC is \$25,300	11/1/06 thru 4/30/08	completed	\$15,000
Proposition 40 thru CDF - 2006: (CAG) Community Assistance Grant #9220	Clearing of Right-of Ways on Evacuation Routes	ALT POA	\$15,000 (Waived by CDF?)	Clearing of Right-of-Ways on ALT Evacuation Routes	Grant implementation was originally delayed due to undeveloped Prop.40 procedures & requirements.		completed	\$41,736
BLM thru State FSC Clearinghouse #06-BLM9167	Weed Abatement	ALT POA	\$16,982	Weed Abatement: ALT Common Areas & ALT Roadway Right-of-Ways	Final Grant documents were only recently received	11-1-05 to 4-30-07 (+extension requested)	completed	\$16,450
National Forest Foundation (NFF) #5-5-01-25	Fuel Reduction	ALT FSIC	\$48,970	Full Applications requested for only 2 of the original 8 proposed projects.	#1.) Maintenance of portion of Perimeter Shaded Fuel Break (\$67,840); #2) Eradication of Invasive Weeds in PSFB and ALT Common spaces (\$29,100). Total amount for both Projects = \$97,940 (NFF:\$48,970; ALT \$48,970)	1-1-06 to 1-1-07	completed	\$48,970
Title III thru EL Dorado Co. Bd. of Supervisors #679-F0611	Fire Safety EDUCATION	ALT FSIC	Showed \$31,830 of In-kind Match	Training, Coordination, & Management of "Risk Educators" (VIPs) and Education classes in ALT	Activities of this Grant needs to be coordinated with with BLM 9681 for same purpose	7-1-06 thru 6-30-07	completed	\$18,890
					<u>Total Grant Funds Awarded</u>			<u>\$2,902,897</u>

APPENDIX B: 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

1.		Income for 2025	\$
	a.	Contributions	\$
	b.	Interest Income	\$
	c.	Grant Income	\$
	d.	Miscellaneous Income	\$
	e.	Sale of Signs	\$
2.		Expenses for 2025	\$
	a.	COG Sold	\$
	b.	Taxes	\$
	c.	Grant Work	\$
	d.	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$
	e.	FSC Expenses	\$
	f.	Insurance	\$
3.		Net Income for 2025	\$
4.		Balance Sheet as of Dec 31, 2025 (Equity)	\$

I certify that this Financial Report was prepared without audit from the books and records of the Corporation.

Ron Clark, Treasurer

Date

APPENDIX C: AUBURN LAKE TRAILS FUEL MANAGEMENT MAP

