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CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Urges Homeowners to Maintain Defensible Space

Butte County – CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire inspectors have begun conducting Defensible Space inspections in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) of Butte County. These defensible space inspections are supported by the SRA Fire Prevention Fee, which is an annual fee assessed to rural residents for fire prevention activities in the SRA.

“With the continued drought conditions in our area, every effort, both large and small will help prepare our communities for the coming fire season”, stated Fire Chief Greg McFadden.

California Public Resources Code 4291 requires homeowners living in State Responsibility Area to maintain their property in a fire safe manner. CAL FIRE inspectors will be educating residents and evaluating properties to make sure they are in compliance with state law.

California Public Resource Code 4291 requires the following:

- ✓ Maintain 100 feet of Defensible Space around all structures.
- ✓ Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have a minimum 10 foot clearance down to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet.
- ✓ Relocate firewood piles outside the 30 foot zone unless covered with a fire resistant material
- ✓ All exposed wood piles must have a minimal clearance of 10 feet down to bare mineral soil in all directions.
- ✓ Dead and dying woody surface and aerial fuels shall be removed within the 100 foot zone.
- ✓ Loose surface litter consisting of leaves, pine needles, and twigs shall be permitted to a maximum depth of 3 inches.
- ✓ Clear all needles and leaves from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.
- ✓ Trim branches six feet from the ground.
- ✓ Use trimming, mowing and power equipment before 10 a.m.
- ✓ Landscape with fire resistant and drought tolerant plants that require little water.
- ✓ Remove branches away from roofs and 10 feet from the chimney
- ✓ Use fire ignition resistant building material.

For more information on preparing for wildfires and defensible space visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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