



## ***Pollock Pines - Camino Fire Safe Council***

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***Public Safety from Wildland Fire through Evacuation, Education and Defensible Space***

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Forest Supervisor Laurence Crabtree,

Thank you and all the Forest Service personnel who helped make our first Community Wildfire Preparedness Day such a success. The Pollock Pines-Camino Fire Safe Council only formed in April of 2014. We do not have the resources and materials to host a large community event on our own. The Forest Service is an iatrical partner in helping with our Defensible Space and Fire Education missions.

Kristi Schroeder, from the Public Information Office, graciously put up with my whining about the type of display boards that I was looking to borrow. She correctly guided me to the trade style products the Forest Service uses. They looked intimidating, but were perfect when displaying the large quantity of firewise materials we were using. Those display boards allowed us to organize our educational themes in a visually attractive fashion.

We were all very thankful that Placerville District Ranger, Duane Nelson, directly participated in the event. Ranger Nelson's positive energy draws people to him. The Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy along HWY 50 is alot of information for the public to grasp and understand. Ranger Nelson effectively used a fire history map to help people understand the Forest Service's strategy, for maintaining a forested landscape resilient to wildland fire. This information needs repetition before most of the public will grasp the scope of it. We look forward to abusing Ranger Nelson's generosity and fire strategy knowledge in the future.

The Forest Service engine crew's efforts really stood out. You would have been proud to see the Forest Service crew set up a booth with fire apparatus items and escorting kids around the engine. The PPCFSC gives a big Thank You to Engine 364 with Berni Quinonez, Curtis Herren, Ben Gotts, Steve Savoraski snd John Clanin. They represented the Forest Service proudly by being more than just a presence, as other agency engine crews were. Furthermore, the public always loves to see Smokey even though most people do not go up to him. The Forest Service engine and firefighters were available to the public, and will be remembered.

With sincere thankx,

Heather Campbell  
PPCFSC Chair