



We are the Diamond Springs Fire Safe Council (and your Neighbors) – Working together, we can all be safer from Wildland Fire!

The Diamond Springs Fire Safe Council (DSFSC) was formed to reduce fire hazards and to assist the community in preparing for a wildland fire. The DSFSC works with the Diamond Springs - El Dorado Fire Protection District to maximize fire safety and minimize loss of life and property.

WILDLAND FIRE IS THE GREATEST HAZARD IN DIAMOND SPRINGS!

There are three ways your home can be exposed to wildfire: (1) **direct flames** from a wildfire or burning neighboring home; (2) **radiant heat** from nearby burning plants or structures; and (3) **flying embers**. Flying embers from a wildfire can destroy homes up to a mile away and are responsible for the destruction of most homes during a wildfire.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

- **Fire Prevention** – this includes reducing vegetation that can burn from around your home, along roadways, and at strategic places called fire breaks.
- **Home Hardening** – Fire hardened means your home is prepared for wildfire and an ember storm. It does not mean fireproof. Home hardening addresses the most vulnerable components of your house with building materials and installation techniques that increase resistance to heat, flames, and embers that accompany most wildfires.
- **Evacuation Preparedness** – Do you know how to evacuate from your home? Are there alternate routes? Do you have an evacuation plan? Do you have an evacuation kit/bag in your vehicle? How About Your Pets?
- **Volunteer Your Time!** – The DSFSC needs community involvement to succeed. We need people that can:

Be a “street captain”	Work social media	Manage phone/text trees
Operate a chainsaw	Write media releases/articles	Do photography and video
Speak Spanish & other languages	Reach out to neighbors	Check on neighbors in need
Clear vegetation	Help with fundraisers	Work a barbecue grill
Bake cookies and treats	Install street address signs	Operate a small plane or drone

UPCOMING DSFSC PROJECTS

- **Initial Projects:** Establishment of “Street Captains”, creation of phone/text trees, installation of street address signs, roadway vegetation clearance, firebreak creation/maintenance.
- **Future Projects:** Vegetation clearance in Martinez Creek, community cleanup days, evacuation planning and signage.

By working together, we can reduce the potential for wildland fire and best protect our community if a fire occurs. **The DSFSC meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mother Lode Lions Hall (Missouri Flat and Pleasant Valley Roads).**

For more information or to volunteer to help protect our community from wildfire, please visit the DSFSC website at <https://www.edcfiresafe.org/diamond-springs-fire-safe-council/> or contact Denise Sweeney at esined815@gmail.com (530-748-8156), or Paul Penn at paul@enmagine.com (530-622-5694).