



Fire Safe Council of Nevada County creates defensible space with a BLM Grant through the California Fire Safe Council #05-BLM-0106
Defensible Space Chipping Program



In 2005, the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County received funding from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to offer chipping services to Nevada County residents. This program encouraged residents to create and maintain defensible space around their homes.



In 2005, BLM funds in addition to Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, County of Nevada Forest Reserve Fund, and CDF WUI funds made it possible to process 55,553 cubic yards (and still chipping) of fuels cleared from around 783 homes. This program also reduces the vehicle emissions by reducing the number of trips that residents would have taken to the local transfer station to dispose of such materials. In 2005, 10% of participants would have taken materials that were chipped to the landfill, avoiding a total of 164,287.27 miles.



Each year the Chipping Program educates and influences more residents to clear defensible space not only to protect themselves and their loved ones, but also to assist fire fighters to have adequate space to safely defend a home. Our vision is defensible space around every home in Nevada County, and each year we get a step closer to achieving a fire safe community.



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