



# Fire Safe Council of Nevada County works with Owl Creek Community to Create Safer Evacuation Routes with a BLM Grant through the California Fire Safe Council #04-BLM-0021



The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County (FSCNC) received a 2004 BLM Grant through the California Fire Safe Council for roadside fuels reduction in the Owl Creek area of Nevada County.



Owl Creek Road Before



As requested by residents in the area, the project provided 30' of roadside clearing along in order to create safer evacuation routes for residents, as well as viable ingress routes for firefighters.



Owl Creek Clearing in Progress

The project provided 30 acres of clearing along 6 miles of roadway, with 68 landowners agreeing to allow clearing on their land. Additionally, homeowners in the area took an intense interest in the preparedness of their neighborhood after this project, and have continued to clear on their own.

More than 18 months later, Owl Creek residents continue to clear along roadways and in the vicinity of their homes in preparation for the next wildfire. To support these efforts, the FSCNC provides free

processing of the biomass removed from these areas through a separate grant program.

It is estimated that residents have utilized their own finances and energy to clear an additional 15 acres in the area, due in large part to the visual example set by the efforts of this grant.

For more information contact the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County (530) 272-1122 - fscnc@sbcglobal.net



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