

Proposed Letter of Support

The City Council of the City of Sutter Creek has voted to support the concept of a shaded fuel break on the property owned by CJ and Lisa Rendic, northeast of the City of Sutter Creek.

This fuelbreak is located strategically on ridgelines where fire crews could potentially hold a wildfire originating to the northeast of our town. Fire suppression activities such as back firing and direct suppression would be more feasible than if no fuel break were constructed.

The Rendic's have indicated that they intend to expand the thinning and fuel hazard reduction on a larger portion of their property and have planned to maintain the fuel break and thinned oak woodland by using targeted grazing with livestock. This is a very important additional activity that will assist firefighters in the event of a wildfire.

The importance of this fuel break is demonstrated by the historic event of the 1961 Rancheria Fire, which burned over the entire area northeast of Sutter Creek and Amador City and even reached our town, destroying the gymnasium at Sutter Creek High School (now Amador High School).

We, of the city council of the City of Sutter Creek strongly encourage the Amador Fire Safe Council to seek the funding necessary to cause this fuel break to be established.