

THE WOODS







CMWC NEWS

New generators have been installed at both well sites. They are fueled by propane and will start automatically when there is a power outage.

FIREWISE BRIGADE

We have Cascadel Woods T-Shirts available for a donation of \$20 or more. Sizes are small to 2-X. Call Stan

or Carol Eggink @ 559-877-6290.

Most of the easements have been cleared with weed whacking. Much of it has grown back, due to the high humidity we have experienced in June.



We hope to get the field cleared near the bridge and re-do the easements when the temperatures drops a bit.

Chipping Day

On June 29, Stan Eggink pulled the chipper through the subdivision to clear debris piles from private properties. Leon Henderson, Rob Shevlowitz, and Carol Eggink helped with the chipping. We were able to remove slash from seven properties.



On June 28, Stan and Carol chipped piles on two other properties.

If you are still brushing-up shrubs off the ground and limbing-up low hanging branches, make your pile

close to the road and call Carol Eggink at 559-877-6290 to let her know. We will schedule another chipping day.

Thank you for doing so much work clearing away hazardous fuels from your property.

DID YOU KNOW - by Michael Delanev

THE ECOSYSTEM - What is it?

An ecosystem is a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment. Scientists have classified eight major ecosystems on earth, called *biomes*. The Sierra Nevada Mountains are within the *temperate coniferous forest biome*.

Elevation plays a big role in determining the biome. The Sierra Nevada also includes different vegetation zones, from montane forests to subalpine and alpine zones, all determined by elevation.

The Sierra Nevada eco-region harbors one of the most diverse temperate conifer forests on earth, with an extraordinary range of habitat types and many unusual species. Fifty percent of California's estimated 7,000 species of vascular plants occurs in the Sierra Nevada.

The zone stretching in elevation from 500 to 3,500 feet is the *foothill woodland zone*. Beginning near the 3,000-foot elevation, the hot dry summers and cool moist winters of the Mediterranean climate give rise to the *lower montane forest zone*.

A tale of two biomes...

When we drive along Road 233, we travel through two biomes. Cascadel Woods is in the *lower montane forest*, with trees such as California black oak, sugar pine, incense-cedar, and white fir. As we descend, we pass into the *foothill woodland zone*, marked by live oak, California buckeye, and gray pine. Ever notice that the squawking birds in North Fork are *Scrub Jays* and the chatterboxes around your house are *Steller Jays*?

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- July 2 & 3 Logger's Jamboree Recreation Center in North Fork
- July 4 Independence Day Please Remember – NO FIREWORKS

NEXT MONTH

 August 12 – CMWC Board Meeting 3 PM at the Old Mill Site 57839-F Road 225, North Fork

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