



THE WOODS



**Do You Have
Defensible Space?**

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADEL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY VOLUME 117 AUGUST 1, 2025

**Ready, Set, Go
Ready For Wildfire**

COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING OPEN AREAS

Madera County decided they wanted to rid themselves of CSA-21. Permission was granted by State LAFCO to dissolve our CSA. It must be transferred to a non-profit organization.

The County and the CMWC Board have been in conversations to give the property back to the people of Cascadel Woods through the oversight of the CMWC, which is a non-profit organization.

Letters have been mailed and emailed to property owners regarding this possible transfer of ownership, as well as posting on our Facebook Group and Page. If the majority of the property owners want to take on this responsibility, it will happen. If not, who knows who would be willing to take on the maintenance of our 47 acres of open space and the clubhouse?

We must maintain a level of fuel breaks on these open spaces for the safety of the people and properties in Cascadel Woods. We have responsibilities as a Firewise USA Community to remain in good standing. Other organizations may not wish to keep us as protected as we need to be, as the number one most at risk community for wildfire risks, in Madera County. That is just not acceptable.

This will be a huge responsibility for all the property owners of Cascadel Woods. We have such a wide array of expertise here in Cascadel which will enable all of us to be better informed on the various ways of accomplishing the tasks of ground maintenance and the task of shoring up the clubhouse for use of the property owners.

Together we can accomplish great things.

FIREWISE

Our local weedeater, Carol, has been having some back issues the past few months. This has created many over-grown areas we are not used to seeing this late in the year.

There is the fuel break at the entrance of the community which was weedeated about half way. This needs to be redone and completed. Anyone is welcome to weedeat this area, if you have the time.

There is the finger of land between Cascadel Lane and Cascadel Dr North which needs to be cleared again.

We have the area off the end of Hillcrest and behind Cascadel Dr North homes. The Cal Fire crews cleared it last year and continued the work early this year. It has all grown back. This area needs clearing as well. There are other areas, but you get the idea.

We hope to have the Cal Fire crews back soon, but they have been reduced to only two crews where they had five. Their time is stretched to the limits by the State and the County. We get them when they are not on a wildfire and have no other obligations.

Roger Wooten took on the task of weedeating the entire field of our Assembly area for evacuations. Special thanks to Avo Atonian and Regina Diaz for their donation of the sign. We are so very grateful for their commitment to our community's safety.



REMINDER

Have you taken photos of the items in your house? We all need to do this and save the photos to an external drive to be placed in your go bag. You will be glad you did it, in the event you lose everything.



This was one of the best suggestions the Hamilton's, in Cascadel Heights, had to share after the Mission Fire of September 3, 2017, where they and other families lost everything.

Placing a Go Bag in your vehicle can come in handy if you are not home when evacuations have been put in place and you cannot get back in.

**OUR LOCAL WORLD AND NATIONAL
STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® CHAMPION
NATE HODGES**

Nate Hodges has done it again. Nate won the US Men's Championship in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Sunday, July 27, 2025. He has won this title.

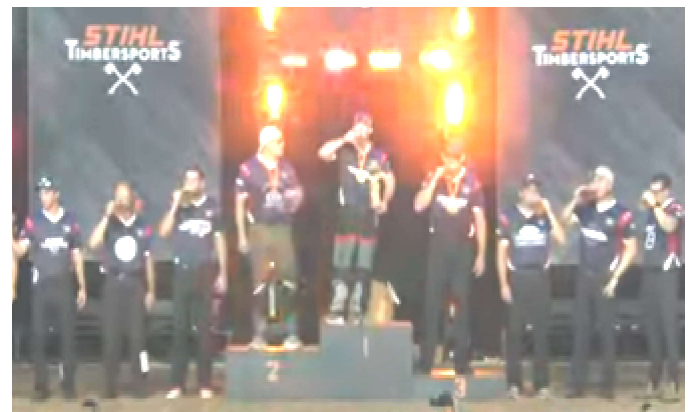
Even with a broken pipe, crank shaft and throttle linkage, on his saw before his first Hot Saw event, Nate hit a World Record for the Hot Saw. The breaks he had to repair before the event could have taken all the wind out of many men, but it seemed to make Nate more determined. What's next for Nate.....

**2025 STIHL TIMBERSPORTS®
World Championship**

- **Location:** Milan, Italy.
- **Date:** October 24th and 25th, 2025.
- **Team World Championship:** Friday, October 24th.
- **Individual World Championship:** Saturday, October 25th.
- **Disciplines:** Stock Saw, Underhand Chop, Single Buck, Standing Block Chop, Springboard, Hot Saw.



THE HOT SAW WORLD RECORD POSE



**TOASTING A MILWAUKEE BREW WITH THE GUYS
ON THE PODIUM**

CONGRATULATIONS NATE!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Aug 2 – Community Meeting on Open Areas
At Town Hall in North Fork 10 am – 1 pm
- **Aug 8 – CMWC Board Meeting**
CDC Conference Room 3-5 pm Old Mill Site

NEXT MONTH

- **Sep 1 – Labor Day**
- **Sep 22 – Autumn Equinox**

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed this month's edition of **The Woods Newsletter**. Send your submissions for the September edition to Carol Eggink by Aug 25, 2025, at egginks@netptc.net or call/text at 559-676-3783



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