



# CASCADEL FIRE WISE / BRIGADE

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JUNE 2018 MINUTES OF WORK COMPLETED

NO OFFICIAL MEETING

This month was an unusual month as the Firewise Brigade/Committee did not officially meet. We were involved in several work days as people had the time to volunteer and the weather allowed. The heat has been too hot to schedule work days for all. Individuals set out when they were able to and managed to accomplish quite a bit of fuel reductions as well as satisfy the free 20 hours of work for the winners of the raffle from the May BBQ meeting. We hope to hold a work day in July if the weather cools.

Carol Eggink

## **Firewise Brigade**

The Firewise Brigade and many resident volunteers have been quite busy clearing fuels from their property and along the easements of our roads and fire hydrants.

Together we have recorded a total of 362 hours of weed eating, chipping, bucking up logs, splitting rounds and decking large logs.

This equates to a value of over \$8,000 of in-kind volunteer credit. Along with the educational Firewise BBQ last month, we have more than covered the necessary requirements to remain certified under National Fire Protection Association, (NFPA). There are some who have not sent in hours but your contributions are very much appreciated and equally important.

Well done to everyone on your fire prevention activities. This year promises to be a hard one in regards to wildfires. So everything you do is a benefit to the entire subdivision and we all thank you for your hard work.

Carol Eggink is also working to provide fuel breaks in the front of the subdivision and other areas to give our first responders a fighting chance should the need arise. She would like to thank everyone for the friendly waves and short talks while she is out there weed eating the tall grasses.

## **ROAD 233 EASEMENT CLEARING EVENT**

On Saturday June 9 & 10, the Cascadel Heights and Cascadel Woods volunteers ventured out with weed eaters on Road 233. We had crews at Peckinpah Acres Drive and at the Arches. There were 13 volunteers on Saturday with two more venturing out for an additional 2 hours, later in the day. On Sunday, three volunteers went out to hit some areas that needed a bit more clearing. Thanks to everyone who made this event a huge success. See you next year.

Sierra News Online did a nice write up on the event and you can check it out at:

<https://sierranewsonline.com/three-years-of-evacuations-make-these-folks-serious-about-wildfire/>

## **THE 20 HOURS OF WORK FOR THE CABALLERO'S HAS BEEN COMPLETED**

Chipping Day at Kathy Rhodes June 11

June 15 Simon and Carol Split rounds at Caballero Property 3 hrs

Simon did 5 ½ hours at Caballero's with Gloria and hauled to dump.

Simon and Jon Cleared debris at Caballero's 7 hrs

Stan and Carol split rounds at Caballero's 3 hrs

Carol and Simon cut logs into rounds at Caballero's 3 hrs.