

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water,
Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and
Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

Applicant:	Butte County Fire Safe Council
Project Title:	Forest Health Chipper Program
Subregion:	North Central
County:	Butte
SNC Funding:	\$100,000
Total Project Cost:	\$110,000
Application Number:	480
Final Score:	72.75

PROJECT SCOPE

This project will provide on-site chipper service to landowners to assist them with disposal of material from their efforts to reduce hazardous fuels on their properties. The chipper program provides an alternative for homeowners to pile burning or hauling waste material to a landfill.

The program is available to the 23 communities at risk to wildfire within Butte County's major watersheds: Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Butte Creek, Cherokee, Upper Feather River and Lower Feather River/Honcut Watersheds. These communities have a total population of about 67,000 people.

Between 560 and 600 landowners will be served through agreements to conduct chipping on their properties, utilizing 70 days of chipping service yielding about 400 acres of treated land. The Butte County Fire Safe Council is providing \$10,000 in in-kind services to the grant.

The Forest Health Chipper Program is a critical tool for watershed protection that assists homeowners in reducing hazardous vegetation on their property thereby reducing the risk of intense wildfires in their communities and watersheds which could result in post-fire sedimentation into local streams, rivers, and lakes.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Contractor agreements prepared and signed	October 2012 – November 2013
Landowner requests compiled	October 2012 – November 2013
Volunteer training	October 2012 – November 2013
Chipping services provided	October 2012 – June 2014
Monitoring, tracking, and documentation	October 2012 – June 2014
Maintenance education	October 2012 – June 2014
Progress Reports	March 2013, Sep. 2013, March 2014
Final Report	September 2014
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	December 31, 2014

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$88,000
Indirect**	\$6,000
Administrative***	\$6,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000

* Direct: Direct costs are expenses necessary to acquire, construct, or to adapt property to a new or different use, or to improve property including land, buildings and equipment. The property/expense must have a useful life longer than one year.

** Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

*** Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs

PROJECT LETTERS SUPPORT/OPPISTION

- Support
 - Butte County Board of Supervisors Resolution
 - Jeremy Strait, Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist, Bureau of Land Management Redding Field Office
 - U.S. Forest Service, Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District
 - Cal Fire/Butte County Fire Department
 - Butte County Office of Emergency Management
 - Butte County Air Quality Management District
 - Butte County Resource Conservation District
 - Paradise Irrigation District

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Acres of Land Improved or Restored