



Lake Shastina Property Owners Association

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Re: Meeting Regarding Dead Tree Removal Grant and First Responder Appreciation Potluck

Dear POA Member,

We are reaching out to you informing everyone, effected in the burn area specifically, regarding a meeting being held to discuss a grant known as “My Sierra”. We have a contractor managing this project and he is looking for a large group of lots to execute parts of this grant. Below are the parameters of the cleanup effort in a statement by Sam Neill, licensed timber operator for Cascade Custom Cutting here in Siskiyou County.

Statement:

The proposed project for the Lake Shastina community will assist the residents involved with the removal of large woody debris from personal property. This is accomplished using a mechanical cutting machine to fall and bundle the burned timber followed by moving it to a predetermined location where it will be fed through an industrial chipping machine and loaded for removal into large trucks. Any timber that will not fit through the chipping machine will be loaded in its whole log form onto trucks and removed from the property.

The benefit of this type of clean up method is that it has the capacity and capability to remove hazardous standing timber quickly and safely over large areas in the most economically efficient method. The longer burned timber is allowed to stand, the more dangerous it will become and the more expensive it will be to remove.

The product removed will be sold to a mill where the revenue created will go back to paying for the cleanup effort itself. This will NOT cover the entire cost of the project but will be much more cost effective than removing dead and rotted debris later resulting in costly disposal fees.

In conclusion, the proposed project is the most effective least costly way to safely remove the majority of the damaged and burned timber in the community. Final completed standards will be in compliance with Calfire logging standards meaning some residual cleanup will be required by property owners. Removal of trees directly around or within striking distances of structures will not be included in this project phase. Simply put, we hope to help assist the community remove the most volume of unsafe and damaged timber in the most cost effective and timely manner possible.

This meeting will be held at the Lake Shastina Community Center, 15244 Driftwood Lane, on October 22, from 11:00 AM-1:30pm. We encourage everyone to attend.

If you have dead trees on your property due to the fire, LSPOA does not require a permit approval to take your trees out. Please proceed with caution with the removal. If you are concerned with a neighboring lot that has dead or down trees due to the fire, please contact Lake Shastina Fire Department at 530-938-3161.

We will keep our website updated with additional information as we move forward with the recovery process. Our website is www.lakeshastina.com

The Family and Community Resource Center in Weed would like you to know they are continuing to provide services for those effected by the Mill Fire. Just recently, a mobile laundromat trailer has been brought into the City of Weed. You will need to register with the Resource center at 260 Main Street in Weed to have access to it. www.siskiyoucrc.org/weed

The United Way indicated they are offering an Emergency Financial Assistance Program for those who sustain 50% or more in damage to their primary household. This comes in the form of a \$500 visa gift card and households can call their office at 530-241-7521 or go online to apply <https://norcalunited.co/2022IntakeForm> . Survivors can also find available resources on our 211 pages: <https://www.211disasterupdate.com/mill-fire>

For future Mill Fire updates, please provide your email address by sending an email to lspoaadmin@lakeshastina.com. We will add you to a group email with Mill Fire information.

On a side note, Noa Mohlabane is organizing an Appreciation Celebration for our local First Responders. We want to recognize their heroic effort saving lives and homes as well as keeping our community safe. We are still working on a date but if you would like to help volunteer or donate, please reach out to Noa via text at 510-551-6043.

Here is a note from Noa:

Hello Neighbors,

Show your appreciation and gratitude for our Lake Shastina Firefighters and Police Department / First Responders, who worked so hard, and often put themselves at risk, to minimize the impact of the Mill Fire on our Lake Shastina Community.

We hope to have an appreciation potluck with a table where you can write/draw a note of gratitude to them to create a visual piece to keep reminding them they are loved. We are also working on getting the "I support the LS Fire Department T-shirts" as a fundraiser for new protective gear and radios, so come prepared if you want to contribute.

If you want to volunteer to help organize this event, please text Noa at 510-551-6043.

-Noa

Don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any other questions

Respectfully,

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