

To Dogwood Mountain Residents

We held an open board meeting on May 1 to talk about the dead tree problem in Dogwood. Twenty people attended. We brainstormed possible solutions for removal and shared information from the Cal Fire/USFS/Highway Patrol/Sheriffs meeting at Foothill School on April 28. I have posted a lot of that information on our web site, www.dogwoodmountain.org. Please check the site for ongoing information. There are possible grants available, including CFIP. Check with Cal Fire for more information, Edwin.Simpson@fire.ca.gov. Another suggestion was to hire a tree company to come to Dogwood and stay for a couple of weeks to cut dead trees on lots that have agreed to be done. Each lot owner will pay individually. The company that is doing work for PG&E has told me they will do private work, and will give a free estimate. There are other tree companies too. Is anyone interested? The biggest and most immediate threat is the dead trees close to your house. **The threat of trees and/or dead limbs falling on your house is real, and you need to remove those trees first.**

There are many projects going on in Dogwood right now. Highway 168 Fire Safe Council has a \$100,000 grant from PG&E and will begin clearing trees off Route Mill Rd next week. PG&E has their crews clearing dead trees near power lines in Dogwood now. CalTrans will be clearing trees on both sides of 168. A local company will be setting up a giant grinder for people in our area to bring slash and logs to be ground up. They will be off Dinkey Creek Rd at the old gun club for as long as we show a need. The cost right now is \$4 a cubic foot.

Please be a responsible home/land owner and remove your dead trees. They will continue dying at an alarming rate, at least for another 1-3 years. I will post a phone and email list on the web site soon for resources and information. The Fire Safe Council is holding a meeting on June 9 at 6:30pm at the Forest Service building in Prather. FOAL, Friends of the Auberry Library, will also have a presentation in June at the Auberry Library. I will post the date when I get a definite one, or you can call the Auberry Library, 559-855-8523.

I am hoping you will be willing to send me your email address and phone number. You can either mail it to PO BOX 435, Shaver Lake 93664 or email it to secretary@dogwoodmountain.org. Several people have asked for a master list of addresses and phone numbers for Dogwood residents. If you do not want to be on a master list, let me know that too. With the dangerous conditions here, critical really, it would be helpful to be able to contact you in case of an emergency.

If you haven't been here for a while, you will be shocked at the mortality rate of our trees. As a Forest Service Ranger said, "our children and grandchildren will never see the forest as we did five years ago".

Barb Hankins

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