



Living with Fire in Butte County



No-cost chipper provides wildfire preparation

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Homeowners' hard work creating defensible space and utilizing the no-cost chipper service has reduced wildfire risk throughout the county. A total of 705 residents and 8 volunteers participated in the Chipper Program this season, November 2007 through June 2008.

We look forward to assisting you and your neighborhood in reducing the wildfire risk with the Chipper Program this coming fall. The program will be available when fire season is over and it is safe to vegetation without extreme fire risk.

The Chipper Program is made possi-

ble by local community support through tax-deductible contributions. All funds raised stay in Butte County and provide a range of benefits to our community.

The Chipper Program is also made possible by grants from: Butte County Air Quality Management District; Proposition 40 Community Assistance Grant through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; HR2389 Title III funds; and BLM Community-Based Wildfire Prevention Grants managed by the California State Fire Safe Council.

We need volunteers in the following communities: Magalia, Chico, Yankee Hill, Cherokee, Bangor and Forbestown. Please call 877-0984 if you are able to help.

Our thanks to the 705 residents in these communities for participating in the No-Cost Chipper program in 2007/08

Community	Homes
Bangor	12
Berry Creek	86
Butte Creek Canyon	64
Cherokee	16
Chico	39
Cohasset	45
Durham	5
Feather Falls	27
Forbestown	9
Forest Ranch	58
Gridley	11
Honcut	3
Magalia	77
Oroville	86
Paradise	78
Yankee Hill	89

	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	TOTAL
# of homes	89	241	315	425	557	621	705	2,953
Total acres	118	121	160	490	741	826	938	3,394

Get fire safe at these events:

- Aug. 7; 6:30 to 9 pm—**Fire on the Ridge**. Hosted by the Paradise and Butte County Fire Safe Councils. CMA Church, 6491 Clark Road, Paradise. 877-0984.
- Aug. 13—**Oroville Foothills Fire Safe Council** meeting. Call 877-0984 for location.
- 1st Wednesday; 5:30 pm—**Paradise Fire Safe Council** meeting. Paradise Town Hall. 877-2343.
- 2nd Sunday; 2 pm—**Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council** meeting. Yankee Hill Grange. 534-4179.
- 3rd Thursday; 6 pm—**Berry Creek Fire Safe Council** meeting. Fire Station 61. 864-7927.
- 3rd Wednesday—**Feather Falls Fire Safe Council** meeting. Mountain Springs Grange. 589-5045.
- Palermo Fire Safe Council** meeting. Time to be determined. 877-0984.

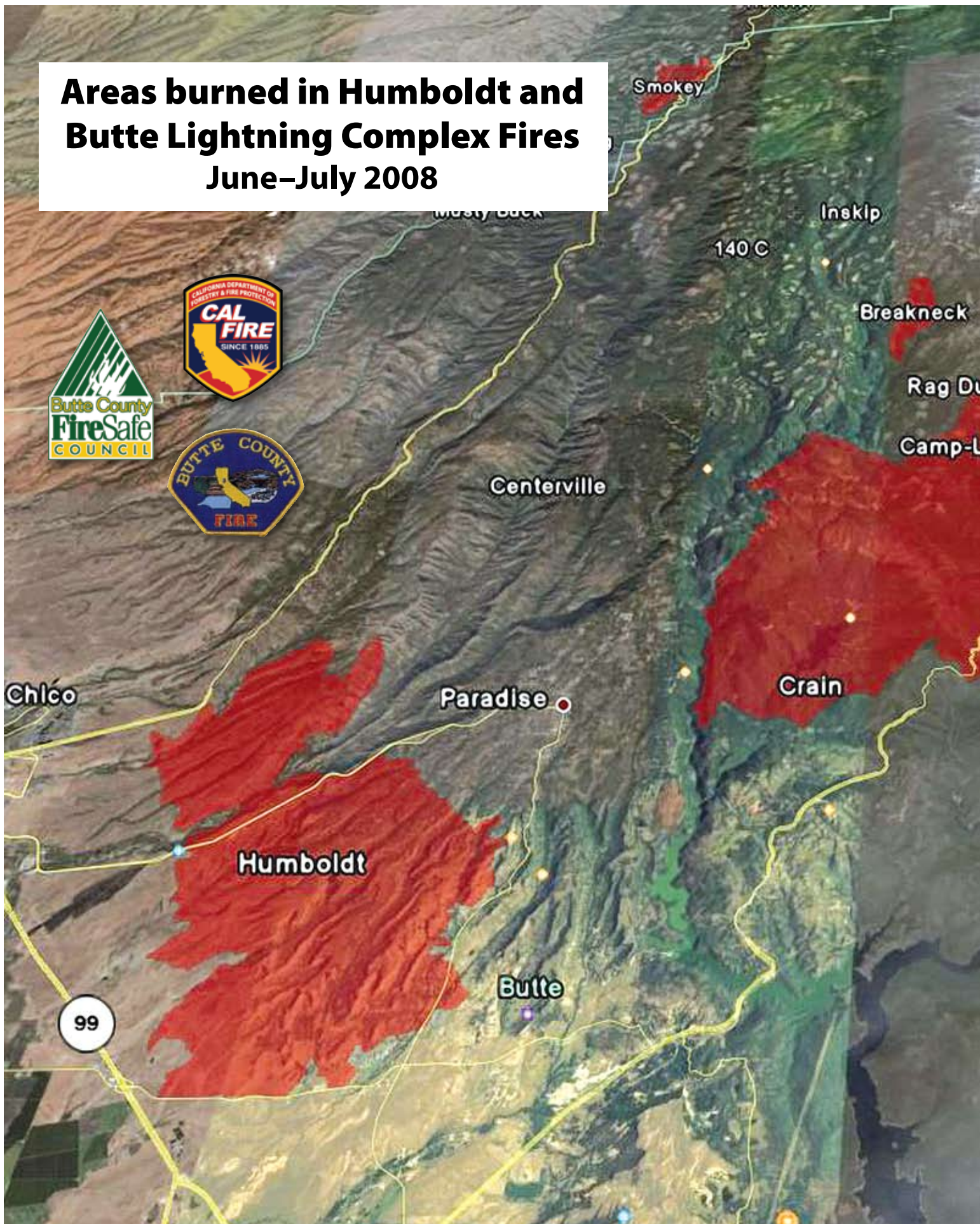
Right thing, wrong time?

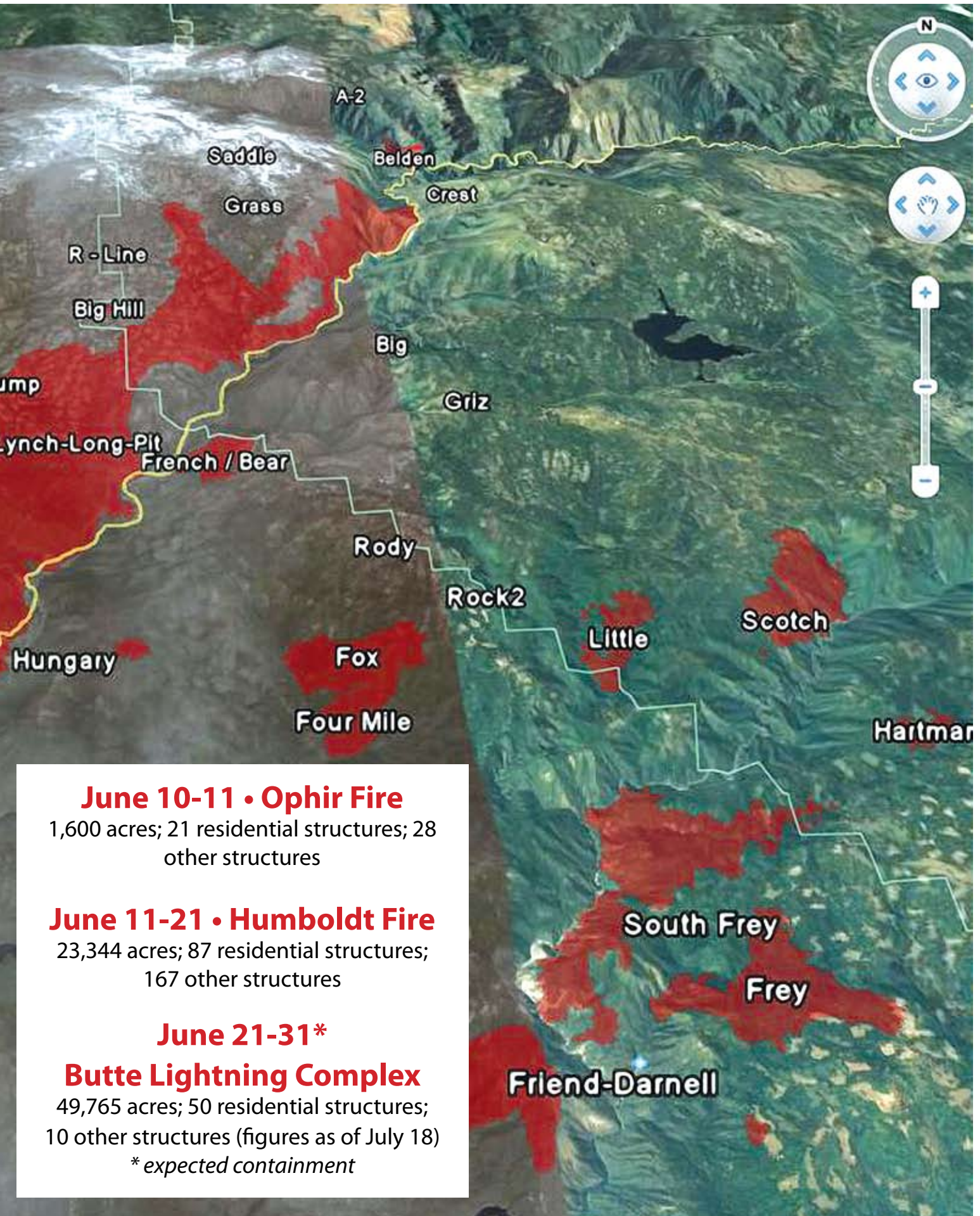
November–May: Time to create defensible space.

June–October: Fire season; watch for the “little things” within 10 feet of home. Clear away pine needles, leaves, flammable items on your roof, in gutters, on deck, under stairs, next to siding.

If you use a chain saw during fire season, use extreme caution and be aware of Red Flag warnings and changing weather conditions. Work before 10 am, use spark arresters and keep water source nearby.

Areas burned in Humboldt and Butte Lightning Complex Fires June–July 2008





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Map of this year's fires!

No-cost fire safe resources in your community:



Humboldt Fire, June 2008—Twenty-foot flames in Butte Creek Canyon as photographed by Tom McAdams, Butte Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

- ✓ Residents Assistance Program
- ✓ Evacuation Plans (Magalia, Paradise, Berry Creek, Yankee Hill)
- ✓ Emergency Radio Stations (Magalia AM 1460; Paradise AM 1500; Berry Creek AM 1250, Yankee Hill AM 1630)
- ✓ Homeowners' Guide to Firewise Landscaping (Grassland, Brushland, Timberland)
- ✓ 100 Foot Defensible Space Brochure
- ✓ No Cost Chipper Program
- ✓ Wildfire vs. Your Home DVD
- ✓ Fire on the Ridge, Fire in the Foothills Annual Presentation
- ✓ North Valley Fire PALS Student Education
- ✓ Sixth Grade Wildfire in Foothills Education Program
- ✓ Paradise Chamber of Commerce List of Contractors
- ✓ Voluntary Fire Safe Home Visits
- ✓ www.ButteFireSafe.org

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