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The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County (FSCNC) announced today that they are suspending operations and furloughing staff due to a lack of available funding.

Since its establishment in 1998, FSCNC has been a pioneering force among Fire Safe Councils in California, dedicated to community-based education and programs aimed at wildfire education, mitigation, resiliency, and support.

The goal and mission of the FSCNC has been to minimize the impacts of wildfire in Nevada County and it has been relentless in this mission for decades. FSCNC has spearheaded numerous initiatives within Nevada County, including establishing Firewise communities, Green Waste Drop Events, Chipping Programs, Access and Functional Needs, Defensible Space Clearing, Home Hardening Retrofits, Defensible Space Advisory Visits, and landscape level vegetation management programs such as the successful Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone project.

All team members will be placed on furlough until we resolve the impasse with our long-standing partner, the County of Nevada – Office of Emergency Services. We deeply regret the necessity of this decision but are hopeful for a swift resolution that will allow Team members to resume our critical work when additional funding becomes available.

Administrative staff members will continue to volunteer their time to ensure the continuity of FSCNC's functions, such as Defensible Space Advisory visits, reflective signs, chipping, and defensible space clearing. Those wanting Defensible Space clearing are encouraged to contact the FSCNC at 530-272-1122. There is currently no waiting period for this service.

Sincerely, Jamie Jones  
Executive Director