

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF SISKIYOU COUNTY
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Meeting Link:

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WELCOME MEETING AND PURPOSE

INTRODUCTIONS

Participants introduce themselves and their affiliated organizations:

AGENCY UPDATES AND SPEAKERS

1. Guest Speaker – Michael Chudzik

Former Product Development Director – Indigenous Community Enterprises, Navajo Nation

Designer and Co-Director – Small-Diameter Wood Fire Mitigation & Log Hogan Revival Project

Former Research and Development Manager – Lindal Cedar Homes, Seattle, WA

Specialized in small-diameter wood products

Current Forest Property Owner – McCloud

Michael Chudzik has worked in catastrophic forest fire mitigation conversations and project development for more than 25 years.

Beginning in 1998, he worked with Lindal Cedar Homes to develop methods for converting small-diameter wood from fire-mitigation thinning projects into viable building products. This work later led to an invitation from the Navajo Nation to help design and develop a log home factory and housing program funded through a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Forest Service. The project focused on transforming small-diameter forest thinnings into affordable traditional log Hogan homes and other forestry-based products.

During this initiative, Michael collaborated with tribal governments, public agencies, entrepreneurs, engineers, and forestry professionals throughout the Southwest to explore economically sustainable approaches to increasing fire-mitigation efforts, particularly where Congressional funding limitations restricted progress.

His presentation will discuss:

- The relationship between forest stewardship, wildfire mitigation, and economic feasibility
- Lessons learned from the 12-year indigenous Log Hogan Revival Project
- How the project helped offset fire-mitigation costs in the Coconino National Forest

- Opportunities to adapt similar models to private lands and rural communities to improve affordability and expand mitigation efforts
- 2. Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County & CORE – Community Wildfire Defense Grant Updates
- 3. Klamath National Forest Updates
- 4. Shasta Valley RCD
- 5. Siskiyou Media Council
- 6. CWPP Updates
- 7. MKWK
- 8. Siskiyou Prescribed Burn Association
- 9. Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center
- 10. Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- 11. Firewise Community Updates
- 12. Anyone Else in Attendance

LOCAL FIRE SAFE COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Black Mountain
2. Butte Valley
3. Copco Lake
4. Dunsmuir
5. Greater Weed
6. Hammond Ranch
7. Happy Camp
8. Horse Creek
9. Juniper Flat
10. Klamath River
11. Lake Shastina
12. Lower Scott River
13. McCloud
14. Mount Shasta Area
15. Orleans/Somes Bar
16. Quartz Valley
17. Salmon River
18. Seiad Valley
19. Yreka Area
20. Others

OPEN FORUM

ACTION ITEMS

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ZOOM CHAT