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FIRE SAFE COUNCIL TO HOST 2010 CHIPPING EVENT Brush Clearance Will Increase a Home's Ability to Survive Wildfire

(North/Eastern Rural Arroyo Grande, March 9, 2010) -- With wildfire season approaching, now is the time for San Luis Obispo County residents to prepare their homes. To help residents create a defensible space around their homes the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council (SLOCCFSC), with the assistance of CAL FIRE, the San Luis Air Pollution Control District, and the California Conservation Corp., is hosting the 2010 Fire Safe Green-Waste Chipping Event. This service is FREE to qualified residents

Greg Alex, Fire Captain for CAL FIRE says: "We live in a wildfire prone environment and so every resident must maintain their house and property to withstand the inevitable flames and embers. Thinning vegetation around the home is one of those components, but it's difficult for residents to dispose of all that the cut material. That's where this service comes in."

To participate in this event, residents will need to sign-up using the online form available at fcslo.org and drop off or mail it to Fire Station 21 at 4671 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401. Residents participating in this event will need to have their piles ready 3 days prior to the start date of their zone. Material must be clean yard waste only-with no metal, nails, garbage, rocks, etc. Branches can not be thicker than 4 inches in diameter. Piles cannot be greater than 1 ton and must be pile curbside where the chipping crews can operate safely.

The No-Cost Community Chipping Event will Start April 12th – April 24th

For more information please contact Neli Mongin, Chipping Coordinator, neli.mongin@calfireslo.org or (805) 544-5105, or visit our website at <http://www.fcslo.org>

The No-Cost Chipping Service for Vegetation Reduction is funded by San Luis Air Pollution Control District through the California Fire Safe Council and donations. The SLOCCFSC is a 501(c)3 Nonprofit corporation; tax-deductible donations are welcome.



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