

## Juniper Flat Fire Safe Council Continues **Helping** Property Owners Clean Up

**Before**



**After**



Juniper Flat Fire Safe Council (JFFSC) serves the community located in the 36 square mile area served by the Mt. Shasta Vista Volunteer Fire Company, which includes the Mt. Shasta Vista subdivision and other areas along Highway A-12. The main goal of this volunteer group of residents is to work in a coordinated and cooperative effort with our county, state and federal partners to help make the area we live in more fire resistant.

With the awarding of grants the last 2 years by the Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee, administered by the Klamath National Forest, the JFFSC offered a free mobile brush and chipping service to property owners within the fire district. As we work to meet the goal of 100' of defensible space around homes, the chipping service was provided to 62 sites during our spring and fall campaign. **This project follows on the heels of the previous year's chipping grant, both include educational goals to raise awareness of the danger of escaped burn piles and encourage chipping as a safer alternative.**

The next project JFFSC will undertake is to clear fifty acres (10,000 sq. feet) along designated evacuation routes and the designated safety corridor roads within the Mt. Shasta Vista subdivision. This will allow for 200 foot clearance on each side of designated roadways to allow residents to safely exit in an emergency while still allowing emergency vehicles to enter and stage as necessary. The funding for this project was made possible through the **California Fire Safe Council's** Clearinghouse Grant Program and will begin in early 2009. **This is the third consecutive year the JFFSC successfully competed for grants to reduce fuel and increase safety in their council area.**

The JFFSC is also working on a collaborative effort with the **Gooseneck Ranger District (Klamath National Forest), Shasta Trinity National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management** to reduce hazardous fuels on public lands adjacent to the private lands within the **JFFSC area**. This area has been identified as an area that is at risk for catastrophic wildfire and fuels reduction will help increase the firefighter's ability to save lives and property while maximizing their own personal protection in the event of a wildfire.

For more information or to get involved with the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at [www.californiaresourcecenter.org](http://www.californiaresourcecenter.org) and click on the Juniper Flat Fire Safe Council link or attend our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Big Springs Church 6:30 pm.