



ANNUAL REPORT

Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council

GrizzlyCorps Fellows

Started their 11 month term in September 2024

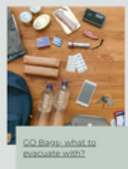


Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council Website Launched

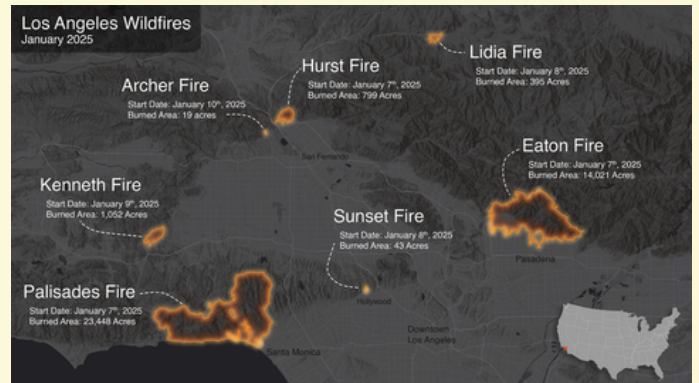


2025 LA Fire Recovery Resources

We are heartbroken by the destruction caused by the Palisades, Eaton, Kenneth, and other fires. Wildfires are a ruthless force, destroying countless communities and homes. Please explore the resources below to help navigate the next steps. If you have any specific questions, feel free to email pauline@smmfsc.org



January 2025; LA Fires



On January 7th, 2025, 3 fires started in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. These fires quickly spread due to dry weather and extreme winds traveling up to 100 mph. Over the course of the month, more fires began popping up around LA. Both the Palisades and the Eaton fires occurred in densely populated areas and both were fully contained on January 31st. Over 1600 homes and business were either damaged or destroyed.

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Aid in Aftermath

Our GrizzlyCorps fellows, JoJo and Kiara were deployed to help with sorting donations and other relief efforts for those affected by the fires.





FIREWISE USA

Communication Training

The SMMFSC led a FIREWISE Communication Training where community leaders came together to learn the importance of neighbor to neighbor outreach. Our executive director, Pauline Allen, and our director of programs, Danielle Picciano, led the training for the community members.



Community Workday



We led our first community workday in June 2025 with the Glenview community in Topanga. The event brought neighbors together to make their community more fire-resilient. Participants helped clear zone zero and install 1/16th inch mesh on vulnerable vents. These workdays ensures that every home in a Firewise community has the opportunity to become fire safe. They are especially valuable for residents who may not be able to perform home hardening tasks or create defensible space on their own, and offer a great way to connect with other fire-conscious neighbors.





Wildfire Prevention Extravaganza

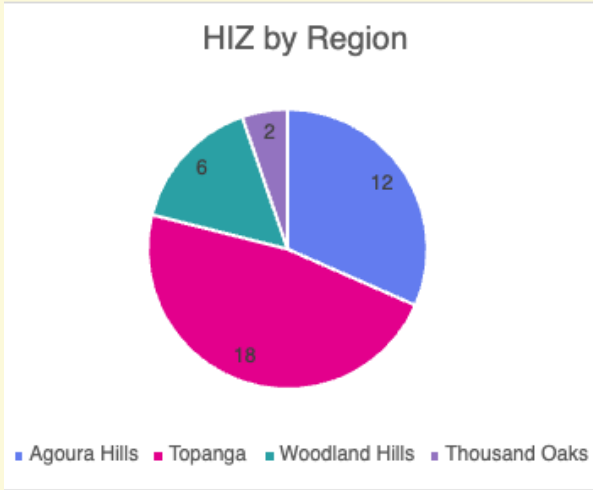


The SMMFSC hosted its First Annual Wildfire Prevention Extravaganza in May 2025. The event focused on home hardening and fire resistant native plants.



Home Ignition Zone Evaluations

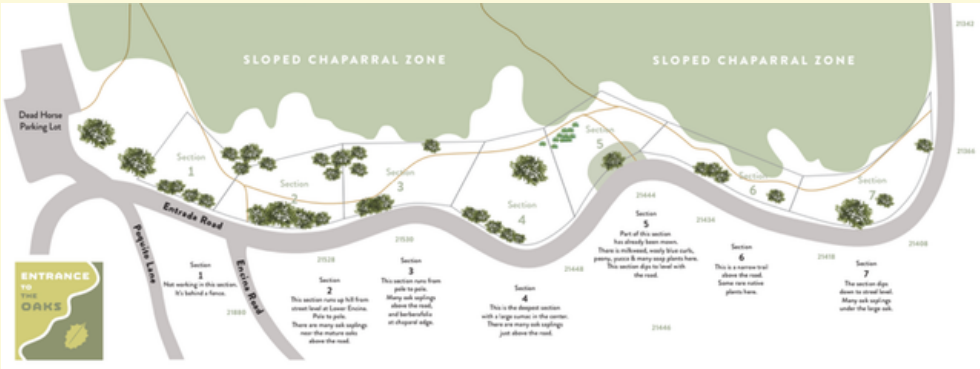
48 HIZ's have been completed between February 2025 and June 2025. The chart below shows the region in the Santa Monica Mountains that each HIZ was completed in.



Community Defensible Space through Habitat Restoration



A community-driven collaboration under development between Entrada-Encina Neighborhood Association, SMMFSC, and State Parks.





Financial Summary of Grants

<u>Grant Name</u>	CalFire: City of Agoura Hills CWPP: 5GG23234	CalFire: Santa Monica Mountains Regional Fire Safe Council Outreach Project 1: 5GG23233
<u>Start Date</u>	Dec 9, 2024	Jan 22, 2025
<u>Closeout Date</u>	Mar 15, 2030	Mar 15, 2030
<u>Total Budget</u>	133,241.84	803,755.68

Effect of Federal Budget Cuts on our GrizzlyCorps Fellows

GrizzlyCorps fellows were notified to halt work on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

They were later instructed to continue working through May but remained uncertain about the months ahead.

The fellows proceeded on a month-to-month basis until funding was resolved in July, allowing them to complete their terms.

During the period of uncertainty, the SMMFSC temporarily subsidized their pay under contract for a few days.

Thank You From The Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council

