

FIREWISE TWAIN HARTE HEIGHTS CLEAN UP



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Prior to the Wildfire Prep day, my neighbors Sue, Joseph (resident fireman), and I walked through our neighborhood to determine the areas that were a high priority in terms of vegetation reduction. We identified the lower part of Timberwood Trail where it hits Joaquin Gully Road as an area that needed attention.

Part of that area was beyond the boundary of our FireWise neighborhood, so we talked to the neighbor about doing a bit of thinning on her property and received her go ahead.



At 9am, May 7, the neighbors gathered in front of my house and we walked over. We started on thinning out the spindly pine trees and limbing up the trees that remained. We then broke out into two groups and each group went to work on opposite sides of the street. We thinned out more anemic pine trees, removed a large tree that was overhanging a driveway, limbed up other trees, removed ladder fuel and raked up pine needles. When we were satisfied with what we had done in that, we moved onto the next one. This one was on Mountain Drive in an area between two houses.

We limbed up trees, removed ladder fuel and thinned out the larger pines. A couple of neighbors made quick work of that with their chainsaws! We also raked down pine needles. Finally, we moved to the last project and that was to help a neighbor bring down the trimmings he had done earlier to the curb for pick up.



We were a finely tuned machine – some of us did the sawing/cutting while others piled up the debris along the curb. Others of us raked. It was a day of high spirits and hard work! After we were done with all our hard work, we gathered for a barbecue at Sue and Jim's and had a great time! It was a good day.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all my neighbors who rocked that day – Sue and Jim, Les, Mike, Blair, Paul, Linda and Bill.

You are what makes Twain Harte Heights the best!!