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Thanks for support in Pine Nut fire

Editor:

The members of the Pine Nut Creek chapter of the Nevada Fire Safe Council would like to thank all members of the fire departments responding to the Pine Nut 2 wildfire that occurred on Aug. 17 in the Pine Nut Mountains east of Gardnerville.

We are fortunate the skills of the fire departments were able to stop the fire it spread to additional piñon juniper woodland as well as five nearby homes. The air support for the fire was integral to the success. Several spotter planes as well as two borate bombers and the NDF helicopter were able to slow the fire, allowing the fire fighters on the ground to contain the fire. We would like to once again extend our wholehearted thanks to Sierra Spirit Ranch for generously allowing the NDF helicopter to dip water from nearby ranch ponds. Without these ponds and the cooperation of the ranch owner, the entire community as well as the Pine Nut Mountain range would be in much greater peril.

We would also like to commend the efforts of the Nevada Fire Safe Council who provided a grant to the Pine Nut Chapter in 2005 to thin the fuels in the area. The defensible space and thinning of the piñon juniper forest was a big factor in allowing firefighters to effectively do their job. Nevada residents living in rural areas would be well advised to join Nevada Fire Safe Council Chapters to help protect their homes and property.

Please join us in extending a huge thank you for a job well done to the following fire fighting agencies:

East Fork Fire Protection District, Fish Springs Volunteers, Ruhestroth Volunteers, Sheridan Volunteers, Gardnerville Volunteers, Gardnerville Ranchos Volunteers, Nevada Department of Forestry, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.

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