
Free money for defensible space

Two statistics released this week don't make a lot of sense when put together. Incline Village and Crystal Bay residents are having more defensible space evaluations done on their properties than last year, a lot more. This year residents in the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District have requested 297 evaluations, up 100 from last year through the end of July.

But, residents within the NLTFPD have been behind most of our basin neighbors in requesting and receiving a defensible space rebate of \$1,000. Only 40 of a possible 207 rebates have been requested.

That doesn't make sense.

There is free money out there, Incline and Crystal Bay, if you're willing to do your defensible space. And according to the fire district, you are.

The dollars are out there, so let the Nevada Fire Safe Council spend that money for you. Sign up for the program if you are having your defensible space work done this summer. All you need to do is call (530) 543-3473 for information on how you can get a cut of that cash.

What could you do with that extra \$1,000? Take a vacation, re-paint your deck, plop the money in a savings account to gain interest for your children's or grandchildren's college.

While the amount of defensible space requests are commendable — it shows people know the danger fire poses and how to prevent emergencies — we need to take advantage of a program meant to spur people to action.

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