



MEDIA ALERT

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Central Sierra Resiliency Fund To Host Two Clinics for Creek Fire Victims *Topics covered will include FEMA/Recovery Assistance and Soil Stabilization*

Shaver Lake, California

WHAT: The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund is hosting a FEMA Clinic with David Pomaville from Fresno County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to help individuals better understand the FEMA process. Assemblyman Jim Patterson and staff will be in attendance and available to answer questions about the California FAIR Plan.

The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund is also hosting a Community Soil Stabilization Demonstration and Training Clinic led by Chris Velez, Board Member of People Food and Land Foundation and native plant expert at Intermountain Nursery and Juli Stewart, Forester, Resiliency Council Member and Owner of Vermilion Resource Management. This clinic will help residents better understand the soil stabilization methods available to stop land erosion; participants of the clinic will be trained in beginning soil stabilization techniques using rice hay. NRCS (USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service) will also be present to field additional questions regarding soil stabilization methods. Community members are welcome to join, and are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes, work clothes and bring gloves and masks with them.

WHEN: **FEMA & Recovery Assistance Clinic**
Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Museum of the Central Sierra Amphitheater
42642 Tollhouse Rd. Shaver Lake, CA

Community Soil Stabilization Demonstration & Training Clinic
Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 1:30 PM
Cressman's General Store
36088 Tollhouse Rd. Shaver Lake, CA

COST: Both events are free and open to anyone affected by the Creek Fire.

WHO: The Central Sierra Resiliency Fund's mission is to support the revitalization of the forests and communities surrounding Shaver Lake through land restoration, local stewardship, and economic efforts that honor the historical legacy of the Central Sierra region. The Fund is a community initiative held at the Central Sierra Historical Society and Museum, Inc. Local community members and concerned professionals have collaborated to create a Resiliency Council to administer the restricted fund and determine funding recipients. The Council looks forward to partnering with other local, state, and national organizations to ensure resources to empower the mountain community to get people living, working, and recreating on the mountain again.