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ICE CREAM SOCIAL HELD IN ELK CREEK, CA ATTRACTS 120+ TO PROMOTE WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND MEET FIRST RESPONDERS

GLENN COUNTY, Calif. – Glenn County Resource Conservation District (RCD), Elk Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Tehama-Glenn Firesafe Council and its partners held an "Ice Cream Social - Wildfire Awareness & Meet Your Partners" event in Elk Creek, CA on Friday, June 14th at the Elk Creek High School Football Field. Event organizers thank the partners and community for attending!

This annual outdoor event, first held in 2019 with almost 100 attendees, has grown to over 120 attendees. This year's event also honored Flag Day with a special presentation by Martin Spannaus, RCD's Fuels Reduction and Fire Prevention Education Program Coordinator.

The goal is to connect the public with first responders in the Elk Creek community and to bring people together in a positive atmosphere. Attendees shared thoughts and ideas around wildfire prevention projects and had opportunities to ask questions and talk to local agencies and partners.

Participants at the fun evening enjoyed vanilla, chocolate or strawberry ice cream from Yum Yum's located in Willows. Partners involved in making this event a huge success included:

- Elk Creek Volunteer Fire Department
- Bear Valley Indian Valley Fire Protection District
- Stony Creek Joint Unified School District
- Congressman Doug LaMalfa's Representative Teri DeBose
- U.S. Forest Service - Mendocino National Forest
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- CAL FIRE Elk Creek Station, Valley View Fire Center and the Fire Prevention Bureau
- Glenn County Sheriff and Office of Emergency Services
- Glenn County Search and Rescue

- Glenn County Air Pollution District
- Glenn County Rangeland Association
- Glenn County Farm Bureau
- Elk Creek Citizens Library Community
- Tehama-Glenn Firesafe Council

For additional questions about the event, contact Martin Spannaus, Fuels Reduction and Fire Prevention Education Program Coordinator or Kellie Wilson-Burt, Program Specialist, at 530-934-4601 x5 or kellie@glenncountyr cd.org. Additional information about the Glenn County RCD is available online at <https://www.glenncountyr cd.org/>.



Photo by Susan Knight



Martin Spannaus provides Flag Day Ceremony - Photo by Susan Knight



Elk Creek Volunteer connects with community member while attendee enjoys ice cream - Photo by Susan Knight



Elk Creek Ice Cream Social – June 14, 2024



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