

**Community meeting with the Center for Fire Research and Outreach
from the University of California, Berkeley**

**Tuesday, June 13, 3 p.m.
7292 Buck Brush Lane**

The Center for Fire Research and Outreach in the College of Natural Resources at the University of California, Berkeley is integrating the data on wildfire danger to Yosemite West that was prepared by Wildland Fire Associates (www.yosemitewest.org/wfa50225.htm), together with the Geographic Information System (GIS) data (www.yosemitewest.org/mcfdgis.htm) collected by Mariposa County Fire Department, into a parcel-based fire hazard assessment methodology, along with a web-based GIS decision support tool for the display of results. They hope (and have evidence from other communities) these results will motivate people to mitigate hazards on their own property.

The center's scientific research can be a great educational tool - a real way for us to "see" what happens if a wildfire were to occur in Yosemite West, and to see how specific actions we take as individual property owners can alter the likely outcome. In other words - how we can protect (or not protect) our property.

The center is developing an array of related tools -- real-time fire mapping, streaming news, integration with state-level CDF products, etc. They want to invite members of the community to complete a (voluntary) self-assessment on their own homes, which the center would then use for comparison with the results that the center's research team produces. The center thinks this will help to fine tuning their assessment system and make it as user-friendly as possible. It would also be great to involve the community in the scientific process.

Dr. Max Moritz and Dr. Faith Kearns are coming to Yosemite West to discuss the center, the project, and how it relates to property owners. The following week (June 19-23) two field assistants will be working in Yosemite West.

Because many Yosemite West property owners may not be able to attend the meeting, the center will be mailing material presented at the meeting to all property owners of record shortly after the meeting.

RSVP for the meeting to: firesafety@yosemitewest.org

Please direct any questions about the research directly to:

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The activities and staff of the Center for Fire Research & Outreach at the University of California, Berkeley are independent of YWPHI. Their staff and researchers have selected Yosemite West as one of their research sites and will respect private property, which they will not enter unless invited to do so by the property owner. Participation by Yosemite West property owners is voluntary.