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# **Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Presenting Inaugural Last Chance Survival Simulation Workshop**

Bishop, CA - The Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance, in partnership with the Resource Conservation District and Fire Safe Council of Greater San Diego, announces the inaugural Last Chance Survival Simulation Workshop. Developed by the Bureau of Land Management and San Diego Fire Safe Council, this groundbreaking event is designed to empower residents in wildfire-prone areas. It will be held January 27, 2024 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Tallman Pavilion, Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop.

The all-day workshop is intended to address the urgent need for enhanced wildfire preparedness and evacuation training, offering a unique blend of theoretical knowledge and practical application. The morning session, filled with engaging modules, will be followed by hands-on simulations and visits to possible "Temporary Refuge Areas" in the afternoon.

Uniting Fire Safe Councils and communities across Inyo and Mono counties, the workshop covers:

- Case Studies and Fire Behavior: Analyzing real incidents and understanding local fire history.
- Survival Site Selection: Identifying characteristics of temporary refuge areas based on terrain and case studies.
- Thinking Like a Firefighter: Developing a mindset for effective decision-making during emergencies.
- Family-Level Preparedness: Strategies to fortify households against wildfire threats.
- Evacuation Process: Recognizing alerts, understanding orders, and utilizing information sources.
- Psychology of Survival: Addressing the mental and emotional aspects of crisis management.
- Accessing Survival Areas: Navigating challenges to access survival zones.

This workshop marks the initiation of our regional collaborative Fire Adapted Communities program, sponsored by the Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District. Bringing together Fire Safe Councils and Firewise Communities, the event aims to build resilient communities and establish a united network to collectively address wildfire challenges.

**How to Participate:**

The Last Chance Survival Simulation Workshop is free for residents. Pre-registration is required by scanning the QR code or following this link <https://forms.office.com/g/2VAHnipRhK> . Refreshments and lunch will be served. For more information or assistance, contact Kristen Pfeiler, Inyo County Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator, at [kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us](mailto:kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us) or (760) 878-8444.

*About Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance:*

Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance (ESWA) is a collaborative of stakeholders from Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties. To reduce risks of future catastrophic wildfire, build local capacity, and boost community resiliency, ESWA coordinates efforts to holistically tackle the challenges posed by wildfires.

This workshop is hosted by the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance in partnership with the Resource Conservation District and Fire Safe Council of Greater San Diego County. Funding for this project was provided in part by a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the California Climate Investments Program, through the California Fire Safe Council, and in part through funding provided by the Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District. Special recognition is given to the workshop's originators, Bureau of Land Management and Fire Safe Council of Greater San Diego.

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