



## Waterfall Fire Grant Report 2/7/05

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- McEneny and Bensinger hosted the initial **Lakeview Fire Safe Council** (FSC) meeting with 5 Lakeview residents. They attended the statewide Nevada Fire Safe Council Meeting in Reno. They began development of criteria for a defensible space demonstration house to promote FSC throughout Carson City.
- Cooperative Extension organized a press conference, at the request of the City Manager, to address potential debris flow risk to west-side residents. Cooperators attending: Cooperative Extension Water Resource specialist, State Climatologist, USGS, and National Weather Service. Media attending: Channels 2, 4, and 8; Reno Gazette Journal; and Nevada Appeal. In addition to initial press coverage, a lengthy story on debris flow hazards was printed in the Nevada Appeal.
- Family Disaster Planning and debris flow information were compiled and submitted to the CC Waterfall website as well sent to 215 residents via email
- Developed an elementary school service learning project where children will raise native grasses and flowers in the classroom. Staff will teach them activities that meet standards based science and math requirements. The seedlings will be planted on fire sites in the spring by children and volunteers. Staff also hosted an adult volunteer planting night to train them how to grow the native plants from seed. **All materials, seed, containers, and soil were supplied by NDF.**
- JoAnne Skelly taught a weed identification class, January 22 to 18 attendees.
- Staff created a Professional Resource List for Waterfall Fire homeowners and sent it out to affected property owners (105).
- Cooperative Extension Natural Resource Specialist, Ed Smith's *Living with Fire* evacuation checklist has been placed in both the SBC and Carson City phone books.