

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 10/14/10**

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PC FSC) cordially invites interested citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Plumas County Planning and Building Services office, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Planning & Building Services office is located at 555 Main Street in Quincy.

PC FSC members want to remind residents that with fall in the air and falling needles and leaves that now is a good time to reassess your defensible space. While this has been a very quiet fire season throughout the County and State, we have a history of fall wildfires that have threatened our communities. In the fall the fuels are still dry, because we haven't received any rain, and we experience very strong winds that can easily carry burning embers a mile or more out in front of a wildfire. Therefore now is a good time to insure your roof and gutters are still clean and that your home could survive an ember blizzard of firebrands. According to Jerry Hurley, Council Coordinator, "the best way to evaluate your home's preparedness for an ember blizzard is by walking around your home and thinking about what would happen if you just started throwing matches, everywhere and anywhere." Jerry goes on to say, "creating a Fire Safe home can not only significantly improve the chance of your home surviving a wildfire, but it will provide your fire department a safer environment to work in".

The mission of the Fire Safe Council is: ***"To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities."*** At the October meeting there will be status updates of PC FSC grant funded wildfire mitigation activities, progress on implementation and updating of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses and representatives from local, state, and federal government agencies, which share a common interest in preventing loss of life and minimizing loss of property from wildland fires. Everyone in Plumas County is welcome to become a member of the Council. For more information on protecting your home or the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at [www.plumasfiresafe.org](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org).