

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 11/8/07

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Planning & Building Services office is located at 555 Main Street in Quincy.

At the November meeting, the Council will be discussing: progress on wildfire mitigation grants that provide for wildfire education, fire planning, hazardous fuel reduction, and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Fire Safe Council members want to encourage residents to enjoy these great fall days and enhance their defensible space. Ed Harrison, Council Chair, wants to remind residents once again, “that 100’ of Defensible Space is not only the law, it works.” He went on to say that, “If residents create their defensible space and make sure embers can’t ignite their home or things around the home, then there is an extremely high probability that it will survive a wildfire.” .

Mike De Lasaux, Natural Resource Advisor & Council board member, advises residents in areas of the County where open burning will likely be allowed again soon, that now is good time to make preparations for safe burning and reduced smoke impacts this fall. Residents should: 1) choose a safe location with water available, 2) obtain the necessary permits and burning only on permissive burn days, 3) burn only cured, not green, material, 4) cover piles so they will be dry burning faster, hotter, and produce less smoke, and 5) don’t put tires, processed wood, painted wood, or other garbage into burn piles. Unfortunately every year, some residents don’t follow these simple rules and their fires either escape threatening others or create smoke conditions that are a nuisance. For more information on burning, permits or regulations, you can contact your local US Forest Service, CDF, or fire department office.

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. The mission of the Fire Safe Council is: ***“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities.”***

Everyone in Plumas County is welcome to become a member of the Council. To further participation, PC FSC is complying with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) by making every reasonable attempt to accommodate any attendee or participant at our meetings needing special assistance beyond what is normally provided. Please contact the John Sheehan at 530-283-3739 at least 5 business days prior to a scheduled meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

For more information on defensible space, our Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and other fire safe information, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.