

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 4/9/09

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council's regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

At the April meeting the Council will be discussing, progress towards current wildfire mitigation projects and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Fire Safe Council members want to encourage Plumas County residents that when burning, in these beautiful spring days, to do so safely and help reduce smoke impacts in your community. While burn permits are not required until May 1, residents still need to: 1) choose a safe location with water available, 2) burn only on permissive burn days, 3) burn only cured (not green) material, 4) burn only dry piles that will burn hotter and produce less smoke, 5) don't put tires, processed wood, painted wood, or garbage into burn piles, and 6) completely extinguish your pile when finished burning. When residents don't follow these simple rules their fires can either escape threatening others or create smoke conditions that are a nuisance. Brian West, Council Chair, says, "Unfortunately, every spring in our County we have early season wildfires caused by unextinguished piles when strong winds blow." Residents can obtain recorded phone message information on permissive burn days from the Northern Sierra AQMD in Chester, Greenville, Portola, Quincy, & Sierraville.

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."***

For more information on our Council, Plumas County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and other fire safe information, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.