

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 7/14/11

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council's (PC FSC) regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

At the July meeting the Council will be discussing progress towards current wildfire mitigation projects and continue review efforts of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Current wildfire mitigation projects include our Elderly and Disabled Defensible Space Assistance program and hazardous fuel reduction projects in the communities of Indian Valley, Long Valley, Whitehawk and C Road.

Council members want to remind residents that we are coming into a key part of fire season in Plumas County. Lightning season. Remember 2008? It is not uncommon for the Plumas County to experience 5 to 25 fires in one day, and days when over 50 fires have started. There have been many occasions when suppression resources have been insufficient to attack all the fires and consequently a number of them have gotten very large, burning a significant number of acres.

Therefore, PC FSC wants to remind residents that now is a good time to: a) review your defensible space, b) make sure your roads, driveways and houses are well signed (with reflectorized lettering & numbers), c) you know your evacuation routes, and d) have a plan with your family on how and where to evacuate to or where you will meet up.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council invites residents with an interest in preventing and mitigating impacts from wildland fires, to their homes or communities, to become members. The Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses, fire departments, and representatives of local, state and federal government agencies. The mission of the Council is: ***“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”***

For additional information on Council activities, mitigating wildfire impacts or information on weather and fire activity visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.