

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



## COMMUNITY HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION Landowner Application

Applicant Name(s):	
Address Physical:	
Address Mailing:	
City, Zip:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Assessors Parcel Number (APN):	
Parcel Size (Acres):	

**Brief Description of what you wish to be treated:**

**Brief Description of why you'd like the area treated:**

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### ***Plumas County Fire Safe Council Community Cost-Share Assistance Policies***

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PCFSC) has three important policy considerations related to the community hazard fuel reduction assistance program.

1. The goal of a community hazardous fuel reduction project is to treat surface, ladder and crown fuel to create a fire resilient forest to protect life, property and natural resources. The treatment goal is not to perform a commercial timber harvest for forest management reasons to enhance forest growth and forest health, although that is usually a beneficial result, or to maximize landowner economic gain.

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2. To be competitive for grants there is usually a requirement for in-kind match, which averages about 25% of the treatment cost. PCFSC uses funds or values from other grants, commercial forest products (biomass & sawlogs) and contributions from landowners. Where there is potential to do so, PCFSC prescriptions can remove some amount of commercial forest products. The products help cover all or part of the treatment costs. Depending on the prescriptions developed by the Registered Professional Forester (RPF), and existing conditions (vegetation type, slopes, access, and haul distances), commercial products from the entire project have often covered much of the required match. But with increased treatment and transportation costs, cash contributions may necessary from the landowners. **Presently the in-kind cash contribution from landowners is projected not to exceed \$250 per acre. However, costs continue to fluctuate greatly so the in-kind cash contribution may be greater. The exact amount will be specified in the Landowner Agreement prior to treatment.** Commercial forest products are selected from the smaller diameter classes, using a general prescription of thinning from below, where tree spacing and retention of the larger and healthier trees create the desired stand condition. This usually includes removal of sawlog size trees (12-22 inches in diameter). **Eligibility to receive government funded cost share assistance requires that all proceeds from commercial forest products be used to help cover the project cost and can not go to the landowner.**

Current Average Fuel Treatment Costs and projected in-kind for forest products:

Treatment	Average Cost of Treatment per Acre	Average Value of Forest Product per Acre Recovered	Landowner Contribution per Acre
Biomass Commercial Thinning	\$ 1,200 – 2,500	\$ 300 - 500	Up to \$250*
Mastication	\$ 800 - 1,000	\$ 0	
Hand Thinning with Piling & Burning or Chipping	\$ 800 - 1,500	\$ 0	
Prescribed Underburning	\$ 150 - 500	\$ 0	
<b><u>* However, costs continue to fluctuate greatly so the in-kind cash contribution may be greater. The exact amount will be specified in the Landowner Agreement.</u></b>			

3. If it appears that the goals of the landowner or the Council will not be met then either party can withdraw from the process. Landowners certainly have the

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final say on cutting of trees on their property. However, if the final treatment won't provide a fire resilient stand, then the Council won't assist with the funding and the parcel will be dropped from the project.

I have read and understand the cost share assistance policies of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council. As the legal property owner(s) I would like to have my/our land treated to a fire safe condition. I wish to have my property assessed as a candidate for assistance with a Community Hazardous Fuel Reduction project in the community of \_\_\_\_\_, Plumas County.

This expression of interest and request for assistance is not an agreement to actually perform the work.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions can be answered by calling John Sheehan at Plumas Corp - 283-3739, Jerry Hurley at 832-4705, or Mike De Lasaux at the UC Cooperative Extension - 283-6125.

Please include pictures (if available), and send application to the Plumas County Fire Safe Council

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