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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Post Educational Video

To help Plumas County residents better understand the importance of defensible space and how wildfires burn and threaten homes, the Council has posted a link to an excellent video, "*Is your Home Safe From Fire*"

This video includes gripping testimony from residents of the Deer Creek Subdivision, whose homes were threatened by the Poe Cabin Fire during the summer of 2007. Homes that had been prepared with hazardous fuels reduction/defensible space survived the fire even though fire behavior was extreme. The video can be viewed in its entirety or by selecting segments of interest to you.

Segments include: Introduction to the wildfire problem, how the Deer Creek subdivision survived with a community defensible space project, understanding fuel ladders and defensible space, assessing you home's defensibility, and understanding and addressing fire danger, and why residents need to be responsible for their property. Residents tell their story firsthand about what they faced and how well they were or were not prepared. The segment on understanding and addressing fire danger features Jack Cohen, a USFS fire researcher, who uses video clips to dispel myths and provide laypersons with a better understanding of how wildfire behaves and why homes are lost to wildfires.

To view this excellent video, or order DVD copies, go to our website www.plumasfiresafe.org and click on the link "*Is your Home Safe From Fire*".