

PRESS RELEASE

COMMUNITY FUEL REDUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

The communities of Mohawk Vista, C-Road and Delleker have been targeted for fuel reduction assistance by the Plumas County Fire Safe Council.

An organizational meeting for landowners in these communities is scheduled for Thursday, December 15 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Mohawk Community Resource Center (the Barn) at the junction of highways 89 and 70 in Graeagle.

Mohawk Vista, C-Road and Delleker were identified as areas of high fire risk in the county-wide Fuel Hazard Assessment and Strategy conducted in 2004. The assessment by the Plumas County Fire Safe Council identified these areas as at risk due to their unnaturally high levels of forest fuel that could lead to devastating fires involving extreme fire behavior.

The meeting will inform property owners about opportunities to reduce the potential for wildfire damage on their property. The meeting will address Firewise concepts, creating defensible space, fire resistant landscaping, building with fire resistant materials, and community grant funding opportunities. Grant funding is currently available to assist community fuels reductions projects done on private property.

Applications for community hazardous fuel reduction assistance are due to the Plumas County Fire Safe Council by January 15, 2006. Information on the Fire Safe Council's Hazardous Fuel Reduction program is available at:
<http://plumasfiresafe.org/hfr.htm>

University of California Cooperative Extension staff, in partnership with the Fire Safe Council, is offering free on-site consultations to landowners in these areas on the fire hazard risks on their individual properties. Landowners in the Mohawk Vista, Delleker and C-Road areas that would like to have an on-site consultation or who have questions about the program and cannot attend the meeting should contact Susie Kocher, Staff Research Associate, at 283-6270 or Mike De Lasaux at 283-6125 or at mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu.