

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 12/11/02

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites interested citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at St. John's Parish hall on Lawrence Street, in Quincy, across from the Plumas NF Supervisors Office, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

At the December meeting, the Council will be discussing issues including: a) progress on current efforts to educate residents, and assist communities in their efforts to lessen the threats from wildfire, and b) what additional grants are being sought by the Council to assist county residents with wildfire education, and hazardous fuel reduction..

Council members will also be making the selection of properties for the hazardous fuel reduction demonstration project, funded by the US Forest Service. The Council received over 25 applications from interested landowners across the County, requesting treatment of over 2,300 acres. While the project was funded for only about 100 acres, the Council is looking for other opportunities for funding. Treating hazardous fuels to mitigate fire severity has a direct relationship on how fast a fire spreads, at what intensity a fire burns, and whether or not torching, crowning or spotting will occur. The amount of wildland fuel adjacent to your community or home has a major affect on how a wildland fire behaves, and the damage your property may suffer.

The mission of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council is: *"To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities.* Everyone in Plumas County is welcome to become a member of the Fire Safe Council. For more information on the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org