

Here is a draft of Press Release for the Dec 10, Delleker Community meeting. I want to get it to the news paper tomorrow.

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#### Delleker Fuel Reduction Information Meeting

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council has sent letters to selected residents of the Delleker area (See related map) to determine whether there is interest in reducing hazardous fuels around homes. Supervisor B.J. Pearson identified the area as needing the fuel reduction work and assisted with the mailing to more than 125 homeowners. Thus far, 13 landowners have expressed interest in participating in the project.

A community meeting is planned for December 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Portola branch of the Plumas County Library.

The community meeting will include presentations by Jerry Hurley, Fire Safe Council Coordinator, about the role of the Plumas Fire Safe Council in this project and others across the County. Mike De Lasaux of the University of California Cooperative Extension will discuss firewise educational workshops and the science behind what homeowners can do to protect themselves. John Sheehan of Plumas Corporation and a Fire Safe Council Board member will discuss the Delleker project and how it will be funded and managed. Finally, Angie Dillingham, District Ranger of the Beckwourth Ranger District, will share information about the Maybie and Humbug Projects presently being planned adjacent to the residential area under the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act.

Landowner fuel reduction assistance funds are being pursued by the Plumas Fire Safe Council to help residents on a cost-share basis. The Fire Safe Council has set a minimum participation of 25 landowners and at least 50 acres for the project to go forward.

Homeowner participation in community fuel reduction is an important public safety and natural resource protection issue facing many communities in Plumas County and throughout the western United States. Coordination of the many hundreds of small parcels requires considerable outreach, coordination and assistance to effectively reduce fuels and enhance community safety.

Please call Jerry Hurley at 283-0829 or 800-973-3320 or Mike De Lasaux at 283-6125 for more information about the meeting or about the project.