

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



## UPDATE

### LaPorte Road Community Fuel Reduction Project January 2008

This past summer the Angora, Moonlight and Wheeler fires must have caught the attention of property owners on LaPorte Road. How else can one explain the very good response of property owners to the outreach conducted this past September regarding hazardous fuel reduction?

There are actually 2 separate fuel reduction projects being conducted on the LaPorte Road. Four property owners who own about 50 acres independently sought grant assistance from the California Department of Forestry through the California Forest Improvement Program. There are another 11 property owners who own a total of 154 acres that have sought assistance from the Plumas County Fire Safe Council. Nearly 30 percent of the potential LaPorte Road property owners are participating with the potential to reduce fuel on about 27 percent of the LaPorte Road property.

It also important to acknowledge that over the past several years a number of property owners have already conducted fuel reduction on their property.

#### Who is Involved

As is often the case those who are absentee or don't live on the property are not participating. There are 26 (40 percent) LaPorte Road property owners who don't have a Quincy zip code. None of these property owners are involved in the community fuel reduction project.

Whether you live on the property or not you should be concerned about the fuel conditions and the wildfire hazard. The goal of the community fuel reduction project is to treat the forest so that when a fire does move through the area the forest and the homes will be largely undamaged. In terms of property values it makes good sense. Owners of forested property need to consider their stewardship role. You need to ask yourself if a fire that moves through your property would damage the forest or cause difficulty for your neighbor to attain 100 feet of defensible space that is required?

#### What's Happened Thus Far

The following is a recap of Plumas County Fire Safe Council Community Fuel Reduction activity to date.

Fall 2006	Approached by LaPorte Road property owner
March 2007	Applied to California Dept. of Forestry (\$100k) and to Plumas County Supervisors (\$15k) for grant funds
September 2007	Mailing to all parcel owners
October 9, 2007	Community meeting
November 2007	Request for Proposals for Registered Professional Forester (RPF)
December 19, 2007	Select RPF

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#### Highlights

- \$115,000 in grants have been obtained
- 11 property owners who own 154 acres have applied to participate
- North Valley Resource Management has been selected to manage the project.

Thus far the Plumas County Fire Safe Council has sought funds from 3 different sources. Grant support has been obtained from the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, the California Department of Forestry Proposition 40 Program and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Table 1 summarizes the grant sources.

Table 1. Summary of grant funds.

Source	Grant Program	Purpose	Amount Requested	Status
Plumas County Board of Supervisors	Secure Rural Schools, Title III	Planning	\$15,000	Funded
CDF	Proposition 40	Implementation	\$100,000	Funded
Sierra Nevada Conservancy	Proposition 84	Implementation	\$500,000	Pending

A map that shows the parcels included in the project is available at <http://plumasfiresafe.org/laporteindex.htm>. Table 2 is a listing of those parcels that are included in the project. If your parcel is not on this list it is too late to be included in the project at this time. However additional grant funds can be requested if there are additional property owners that request assistance. Request assistance by completing the Landowner Application form (<http://ucanr.org/laporte>).

Table 2. List of parcels that are included in current fuel reduction projects

	APN	PCFSC (acres) <sup>1</sup>	CDF- CFIP (acres)
1	117180076		14
2	117180078		8
3	117370003		12
4	117370011		16
5	117180067	21	
6	117180071	24	
7	117180075	6	
8	117180081	17	
9	117180082	6	
10	117180088	15	
11	117180091	8	
12	117180092	6	
13	117360013	11	
14	117360014	11	
15	117370001	7	
16	117370020	7	
17	117370021	15	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>50</b>

A Request for Proposals from Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) was advertised in November. The Request for Proposals resulted in 3 RPFs submitting proposals. The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is pleased to announce that North Valley Resource Management (NVRM) has been selected to manage the project. Danielle Banchio, a forester and owner of NVRM, has been involved in several

<sup>1</sup> Acres are total parcel acres. Actual treatment acres will be less than the total parcel acres.

community fuel reduction projects coordinated by the Plumas County Fire Safe Council. If you have signed up for the Plumas County Fire Safe Council project then Danielle or one of her staff will be contacting you soon.

If you have questions you should call 283-3739.