

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 10/12/06

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Planning & Building Services office is located at 555 Main Street in Quincy.

Plumas County Fire Safe Council members want to remind County residents that the week of October 8-14 is National Fire Prevention Week. Ed Harrison, Council Chair, says that "National Fire Prevention Week is a good time to think about all aspects of fire safety, both outside and inside the home".

Mike De Lasaux, Natural Resource Advisor & Council board member, reminds residents that, in areas of the County where open burning is allowed, now is good time to make preparations for safe burning and lessening smoke impacts this fall by: 1) choosing a safe location with water available, 2) obtaining the necessary permits and burning only on permissive burn days, 3) burning only cured, not green, material, 4) covering piles so they will be dry burning faster and hotter, producing less smoke, and 5) not to put tires, processed wood, painted wood, or other garbage into the piles. Unfortunately every year, some residents don't follow these simple rules and their fires escape threatening others, or create smoke conditions that are a nuisance. For more information on burning, permits or regulations, you can contact your local US Forest Service, CDF, or fire department office.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses and representatives from local, state, and federal government agencies, which share a common interest in preventing loss of life and minimizing loss of property from wildland fires. At the October meeting, the Council will be discussing: progress on wildfire mitigation grants that provide for wildfire education, fire planning, hazardous fuel reduction, and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The mission of the 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. For more information on the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org