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### **Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 5/12/04**

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites interested citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at the Work Connections building, next to Sav Mor in East Quincy, from 9:00 to 12:00 AM. The Council has changed it regularly scheduled meeting location from the fire hall to Work Connections so it is more accessible to the public. They are seeking a more accessible permanent monthly meeting site.

At the May meeting, the Council will be discussing: progress on their grants to provide county residents with wildfire education, defensible space cleanup, fire planning and hazardous fuel reduction.

Fire Safe Council members encourage residents to work on their defensible space cleanup and make their homes Fire Safe. The law has changed and now residents are required to clean-up from 30 feet to 100 feet around their structures. By doing this you will also give your fire department a safer environment and fighting chance. It is not a question of if, but of when; a wildland fire will threaten lives and property in Plumas County. We have been fortunate in the past, but we must continue to take appropriate actions to prevent catastrophic losses in the future.

Elderly and disable citizens may be eligible for assistance in creating their defensible space. For more information contact Dick Kielhorn at 283-3739. The Council would also like to remind residents who do door yard burning that burn permits are required May 1. For more information on permits, and regulations, you can contact your local US Forest Service, CDF, local fire department office and Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District.

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. Plumas County's Council is becoming one of the more active councils in California. 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 of the Council.

For more information on the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at [www.plumasfiresafe.org](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org)