

Plumas County Fire Safe Council offers to assist communities with wildfire mitigation projects

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 1/8/15

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council invites citizens to attend and participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. These meetings occur on the second Thursday of each month; the next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

During the January meeting, the Council will be electing Board members and officers for 2015. Additionally, information will be presented on existing wildfire mitigation projects, on pending grant applications and on the continuing implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan including the Council's ongoing efforts to serve additional communities in Plumas County.

Council members understand that every year wildfires will occur, some of them may escape initial attack efforts and some may burn many thousands of acres. However, with proper mitigation actions at the community level, wildfires have a reduced potential to destroy homes and properties. The Council is looking for proactive communities and landowners who would like assistance in developing wildfire mitigation projects.

The Council provides community assistance in public education regarding wildfire mitigation measures; they develop proposals for funding of community hazardous fuel reduction projects; they coordinate the implementation of those projects and they also help to facilitate the process of becoming a recognized Firewise Community.

Evidence suggests that if landowners and communities work to create and maintain defensible space and reduce fuel loads, that it is possible to reduce the intensity, embers and subsequent damage from wildfires. PC FSC has numerous programs that can help you or your community including our Senior and Disabled Assistance Program, which provides assistance to those who lack the physical and financial capacity to create and maintain their defensible space.

For more information on how to request assistance from PC FSC, visit our website www.plumasfiresafe.org and click on Homeowner Information or Hazardous Fuel Reduction. You can also give the Coordinator a call at the office (530) 283-0955.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is a coalition of local citizens, business owners and representatives from local, state, and federal government agencies, who share a common interest in preventing loss of life and minimizing loss of property from wildland fires. The mission of the Fire Safe Council is: ***“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”***