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### **Fire Safe Council Announces Meeting and Recommends Winter Home Safety Tips**

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 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.

At the November meeting the Council will be discussing wildfire mitigation activities that provide for wildfire education, fire planning, hazardous fuel reduction, and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Fire Safe Council members want to encourage Plumas County residents that, with the coming of winter and the threat of wildfire diminished, now is a good time to make sure the inside of your home is Firesafe. Furnaces and flues should be cleaned and checked. Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and on every level of the home with fresh batteries and checked monthly. If you have propane appliances you should have a carbon monoxide detector. Portable heaters should be used sparingly and not be used extension cords. Never use a BBQ to heat your home, as they produce carbon monoxide that can kill you. Keep anything that can burn, such as paper, bedding, or furniture, at least three feet away from heating equipment and have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around stoves, fireplaces and space heaters. Candles should be out of reach of children and in safe/secure locations. Mike De Lasaux, Council chair, says that by following these simple tips you can help ensure your family’s safety this winter.

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. The mission of the Fire Safe Council is: ***“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities.”***

For more information on our Council and wildfire safety information visit our website at [www.plumasfiresafe.org](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org).