

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 11/12/09

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 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, a presentation by the Plumas NF will show forest vegetation changes over time by comparing photographs from forest lookouts in 1934 to recent photographs from the same points. The Council will also 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.

Fire Safe Council members want to encourage Plumas County residents that when burning to do so safely and to reduce smoke impacts in your community. Even though burn permits are not required residents still need to: 1) choose a safe location with water available, 2) burn only on permissive burn days, 3) burn only cured (not green) material, 4) burn only dry piles that will burn hotter and produce less smoke, 5) don't put tires, processed wood, painted wood, or garbage into burn piles, and 6) completely extinguish your pile when finished burning. When residents don't follow these simple rules their fires can either escape threatening others or create smoke conditions that are a nuisance. Brian West, Council Chair, says, "Unfortunately, every fall in our County we have late season wildfires caused by unextinguished piles when strong winds blow." Residents can obtain recorded phone message information on permissive burn days from the Northern Sierra AQMD in Chester, Greenville, Portola, Quincy, & Sierraville.

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, Plumas County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and other fire safe information, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.