

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 4/12/12

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council's regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

At the April meeting the Council will be discussing, progress towards current wildfire mitigation projects and presenting updated maps to support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The Fire Safe Council may likely be able assist your community in a number of ways to become more Firewise. Participation from community members or anyone citizen interested in making Plumas County safer from the threats of wildfire, our County's greatest risk of natural disaster, is encouraged to attend.

Fire Safe Council members want to encourage Plumas County residents to consider getting started on their 'Defensible Space' and when burning, in these beautiful spring days, to do so safely and help reduce smoke impacts in your community. While burn permits are not required until May 1, 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. Mike DeLasaux, Council Chair, says, "Unfortunately, every spring in our County we have early 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, representatives from local communities, along with local, state, and federal government agencies. All of 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 Firewise Community programs and 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.