

Plumas County Fire Safe Council offers information on Property Hazard Mapping

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 11, 2006 at the Plumas County Planning and Building Services office from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Planning & Building Services office is located at 555 Main Street, in the old brick Feather Publishing building.

The mission of the Plumas County 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.

At the May meeting, the Council members will receive a presentation on how communities can become recognized as Firewise Communities, from Judith Larass Cook of Firewise communities/USA.

A Firewise Community has collectively taken steps that enable it to withstand a wildland fire without the intervention of the fire service. In fact, a house and its surrounding community can be both Firewise and compatible with the area's ecosystem. The Firewise Communities/USA recognition program enables communities in all parts of the United States to achieve a high level of protection against wildland/urban interface fire as well as sustainable ecosystem balance. Firewise Communities/USA program provides residents of the wildland/urban interface with the knowledge and skill necessary to make it happen. Firewise Communities/USA is a unique opportunity available to America's fire-prone communities. Its goal is to encourage and acknowledge action that minimizes home loss to wildfire. It teaches participants how to prepare for a fire before it occurs. The program adapts especially well to small communities, developments and residential associations of all types. Firewise Communities/USA is a simple, three-legged template that is easily adapted to different locales.

Council discussions will also include progress on implementation of funded Council projects, and additional grants seeking funding to assist County residents with wildfire education and hazardous fuel reduction.

The Council continues to offer programs in community education, creation of defensible space assistance for qualifying elderly and disabled residents, and assisting communities in obtaining funding for community hazardous fuel reduction.

For a copy of the agenda or more information on the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.