

PRESS RELEASE

Council announces June meeting and encourages local communities to become Firewise

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PC FSC) cordially invites citizens to attend their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, the Council meets on the second Thursday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

The Council is working to engage communities in Plumas County that may be interested in working together to become recognized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a part of their Firewise Communities USA Program.

This program promotes friends, neighbors and community members to work together to develop wildfire mitigation activities that protect their homes and communities. These local actions greatly improve the fire resiliency of participating communities by encouraging residents to take proactive steps to address issues such as fuel loading near homes, evacuation planning, emergency access and community outreach and education activities. Firewise recognition has additional benefits; residents of Firewise communities can see reduced homeowners insurance rates as well.

There are presently 4 Firewise Communities in Plumas County, these communities range in size from a small homeowners association up to an entire fire protection district that covers numerous communities. Plumas County Firewise Communities include the Lake Almanor Country Club, Lake Almanor West, the community of Gold Mountain and the Graeagle Fire Protection District (which covers the communities of Graeagle, Blairsden, Valley Ranch, Whitehawk Ranch and Mohawk Valley), numerous other communities are currently in the process of developing Firewise applications.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council can help interested communities to develop their Firewise application. For more information on becoming a recognized Firewise USA community visit our website www.plumasfiresafe.org and click Links tab, then National and then Firewise.

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 human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”***

For more information on our Council and fire safe information, visit our website or contact the Coordinator by email at nils@deercreekresources.com.