

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council's Monthly Meeting

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PC FSC) cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, July 13, 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 Quincy.

During the past weeks, Plumas County residents were again reminded of our high potential for lightning caused wildfires. A study of lightning fire occurrence showed that our area experiences the highest occurrence of lightning fires in California. On the Plumas National Forest, about 60% of all wildland fires are started by lightning. As wildfires continue to occur in Plumas County and rage across the western US, threatening communities and homes, the Plumas County Fire Safe Council wants to remind citizens that their actions, or lack of, can make the difference on whether or not their homes and the forests surrounding them are lost to wildfire.

According to Ed Harrison, Council Chair, "Forests, communities, and homes don't have to be destroyed in a wildfire. There is an abundance of evidence demonstrating that impacts from wildfires can be reduced." Research shows that homes with a non-combustible roof and California's required 100 feet of defensible space will have a 95% chance of surviving a wildland fire. Defensible space also gives your fire department a safer environment, which is especially important in rural counties like ours where the firefighters are often volunteers, your neighbors and friends.

For additional information on wildland fires visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org. PC FSC's website has a wealth of information including: Council activities and grants, the County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, a countywide Fuel Assessment and Strategy, pictures of Council sponsored fuel reduction projects in our communities, links to fire and weather information, including maps and satellite images, and information on fire mitigation activities and making your property FireSafe.

For a copy of the Council's July agenda or more information on Fire Safe Council activities, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.