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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 8/11/11

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council’s (PC FSC) regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

At the August meeting the Council will be discussing progress towards current wildfire mitigation projects and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Council members want to remind residents that one of the most common and costly mistakes homeowners living in high fire hazard areas can make is having their firewood stacked to close to their homes. During fire season, it is not a good idea to have a firewood pile sitting on your deck, under your deck, or adjacent to your house. Burning embers produced by a wildfire can be blown ahead of the fire and into your woodpile, igniting it. A woodpile can burn very intensely and can quickly spread the fire to your home. You should keep firewood piles at least 30 feet away from the house and if your house is on a slope, locate the woodpile uphill from your home.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council invites residents with an interest in preventing and mitigating impacts from wildland fires, to their homes or communities, to become members. The Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses, fire departments, and representatives of local, state and federal government agencies. The mission of the Council is: “To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”

For additional information on Council activities, defensible space or Firewise landscaping tips visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org.