

## Plumas County Fire Safe Council--Press Release for June Meeting

### The Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and you.

Many Plumas County residents live in areas that are designated as Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). Throughout the nation the numbers of wildland fires that have occurred in the WUI have increased dramatically both in frequency and in severity. The Plumas County Fire Safe Council assists landowners as they work to make their properties ready for wildfire. The mission of the Council is: ***“To reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”***

To learn more about wildland fire and projects that the Council is undertaking throughout Plumas County to fulfill their mission, please participate in their monthly meetings. The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Plumas County Planning and Building Department Conference Room (555 Main Street, Quincy). The next meeting will be held on Thursday June, 11.

As residents of Plumas County, it is important that proactive steps are taken to ensure that your property is maintained in a way that does not endanger your family, your neighbors or the wildland firefighters that risk their lives to keep our communities safe in the event of a wildland fires.

There are many simple maintenance tasks that can make a major difference if and when a wildland fire occurs in your neighborhood, these include: keeping grasses near structures mowed; cleaning leaves and needles out of gutters, off of roofs and decks; trimming up tree limbs to remove ladder fuels; improving the spacing of vegetation near your home and outbuildings; checking the screens that keep flying embers from entering the venting systems on your structures; and making sure that wood piles are not next to your structures, propane tanks, or under your decks. For more information and tips for homeowners regarding fire safety, go to <http://plumasfiresafe.org/Living.htm>

Remember that there are many small actions that can be accomplished to effectively reduce the fuels that exist near the structures on your property. To learn more about the programs of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, or to request assistance, call the office at (530) 283-0829, or visit their website: [www. plumasfiresafe.org](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org)