

Plumas County Fire Safe Council is awarded funding to perform fuels reduction work

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council has been awarded funding from a CAL FIRE grant program to treat approximately 150 acres of private lands in the American Valley. In October 2014 CAL FIRE announced a state-wide grant program that would make approximately \$9.5 million available for a variety of projects aimed at reducing the elevated threat of wildfires due to the ongoing drought. Funds for this project are derived from the State Responsibility Area (SRA) fee that the Board of Equalization has been collecting from most Plumas County residents during the past three years.

Last fall, the Plumas County Fire Safe Council worked with numerous communities throughout the County to develop Concept Proposals for projects, those communities included American Valley, Greenhorn, Mohawk Vista, Grizzly Ranch and Dixie Valley. In addition to those five concept proposals, the PC FSC developed a proposal for a County-wide chipping program and a County-wide community wildfire education program. Concept proposals were submitted in November.

In January the PC FSC was invited to develop full proposals for all of the concept proposals with the exception of Grizzly Ranch; the Council worked to develop full proposals for the remaining projects. Despite our efforts, only one of those proposals was funded. This was a very competitive process and the Council is grateful to receive these funds. The American Valley project proposal is one of 83 grant applications state-wide that will receive funding; those projects contribute to fire prevention efforts around homes.

The American Valley project will provide hazardous fuel reduction treatment to private lands within the Galleppi Ranch, East Quincy and surrounding areas. The Council is currently planning community meetings to further discuss this project with residents. To learn more about this project and the rest of the important work that the PC FSC does in the County, please consider attending our monthly meetings.

The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month in the conference room of the Plumas County Planning and Building Department located at 555 Main Street in Quincy. The next meeting will occur on Thursday, May 14 at 9 am.

For more information on the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, please check out our website: www.plumasfiresafe.org, or call the office (530) 283-0829.