

A HELPING HAND for ELDERLY or DISABLED

The Fire Safe Council has a new program to assist Plumas County homeowners that have limited income and are physically unable to provide a defensible space from wildfire around their home.

The Fire Safe Council will provide cleanup of flammable vegetation such as dry grass and weeds, pine needles, thinning of brush and thickets of small trees and pruning of branches as needed to meet PRC 4291. This state law requires a minimum of 30 feet clearing. Up to 100 feet may be necessary where heavy brush or thickets of small trees occur.

To qualify homeowners must be over 60 years of age or disabled. Gross incomes up to \$40,000 are permitted but co-payments are expected on incomes over \$12,000. Co-payments will be on a sliding scale with nominal payments on lower income, graduating up to 90% at the upper limit. Homes nearest National Forest lands will have first priority.

If you think you qualify or know someone who may, call Dick Kielhorn @ 283-3739 or dkielhorn@plumasfiresafe.org to arrange an inspection of your property to determine if it qualifies.