

PRESS RELEASE

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 10/13/04

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at the Quincy Fire Department, upstairs meeting room, from 9:00 to about 12:00 AM.

At the October meeting, the Council will be discussing: progress on funded projects which include: 13 hazardous fuel reduction projects, in various stages, occurring throughout the County in 12 communities; creation of defensible space for elderly and disabled citizens; improving wildfire planning information, and community educational efforts; and progress on the community wildfire mitigation plan.

Fire Safe Council members want to remind residents that while it is beginning to feel like fall, the County has a history of large fires that have occurred late in the season, and that fire season is not yet over. For areas where open burning is allowed, now is good time to make preparations for safe burning and lessened smoke impacts by: 1) obtaining the necessary permits, 2) choosing a safe location with water available, 3) placing only cured, not green material into piles, 4) covering piles so that when you burn them they will be dry to then burn faster, hotter, and produce less smoke, and 5) don't put burn tires, processed wood, painted wood or other garbage in piles. Unfortunately every year, some residents don't follow these simple rules and their fires escape threatening others, or create smoke conditions that are a nuisance. For more information on burning, permits, or regulations, you can contact your local US Forest Service, CDF, or fire department office.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses and representatives from local, state, and federal government agencies, which share a common interest in preventing loss of life and minimizing loss of property from wildland fires. The mission of the Fire Safe Council is: ***"To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities."*** Everyone in Plumas County is welcome to become a member.

For more information on the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at www.plumasfiresafe.org