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### Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 9/10/03

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council cordially invites citizens to participate in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at the Quincy Fire Department, upstairs meeting room, from 9:00 to 12:00 AM.

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. Plumas County's Council is becoming one of the more active councils in California. 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 of the Council.

As wildfires continue to rage across the western US and homes are threatened and lost almost daily, the Plumas County Fire Safe Council wants to remind citizens that their actions, or lack of, can make the difference on whether or not their homes are lost to wildfire. We have been fortunate, but we need to continue taking appropriate actions to prevent catastrophic losses in the future. It is not a question of if, but of when, a wildland fire will again threaten lives and property in Plumas County.

Residents are encouraged to make their homes Fire Safe and give members of your fire department a safer environment and fighting chance. To learn more about what you can do the Council has made the video *"Wildfire Preventing Home Ignitions"* available at video stores and libraries throughout the County for residents to check out on free loaner basis. By viewing this free 20-minute you can learn how to prevent your home from burning in a wildfire.

At the September meeting, the Council will be discussing: progress on grants to provide county residents with wildfire education, fire planning and hazardous fuel reduction.

For more information on the Fire Safe Council, visit our website at [www.plumasfiresafe.org](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org)