

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Press Release

Plumas County Fire Safe Council announces release of the Final Draft of a County-wide Community Fire Plan

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is announcing that the “Final Draft” version of the County-wide *Community Fire Plan* which they have prepared is available online for review and comment. The Plan can be viewed at www.plumasfiresafe.org/fire_plan.htm.

According to Mike De Lasaux, Council Chair, “This plan is important for at least three reasons: First and foremost it can contribute to the general safety of Plumas County communities. Secondly, it enables the Council to continue to pursue grant funding to work with communities on education and hazardous fuel reduction. Finally, it may also serve as a start point for the development of a Plumas County supported fire plan that is approved by the Board of Supervisors. A county approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan including wildfire hazard mitigation is required for federal disaster assistance.”

Community fire plans are a requirement for Fire Safe Councils to be eligible for federal grant funds to assist in wildland fire mitigation activities. The purpose of this plan is to outline the risks and hazards associated with the wildland fire threat to Plumas County communities and to identify potential mitigation measures. The Plumas County Communities Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan is intended to provide documentation of implementation actions designed to reduce risk to homes and communities from wildfire through education and outreach programs, the development of partnerships, and implementation of preventative activities such as hazardous fuel reduction, defensible space, land use, or building codes. The emphasis of this plan is to work from the home outward into the forests so that man-made and natural resources survive the eventual intrusion of a wildfire.

The Council continues to work on a number of wildfire mitigation projects, including assisting elderly and disabled citizens by creating defensible space around their homes,

and working to obtain funds for over reducing 1,600 acres of hazardous fuel around communities.

If you have trouble accessing the Final Draft of the Community Fire Plan, you can contact the webmaster at www.plumasfiresafe.org . For more information on Plumas County Fire Safe Council's activities you can visit their website www.plumasfiresafe.org, call 283-0829, or attend their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at the Quincy Fire Department on Lawrence Street.