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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 1/11/17

The most effective motivator when it comes to reducing wildfire hazards in your neighborhood is your neighbor. That's what national research shows, but it's also what we've seen here in Plumas County. When one member of a community creates defensible space, reduces the density of trees on their property, or upgrades to fire resistant building materials, other members of the community are more likely to do the same thing. The community of C-Road is an excellent local example – they are in the planning process for a fifth hazardous fuel reduction project with the Plumas County Fire Safe Council. A project that started with 12 landowners in 2004 has now treated nearly 200 acres – with more to come!

So, if you're interested in making an impact in your neighborhood, start in your own yard. Or better yet - plan a project with your neighbors.

The National Fire Protection Association has announced that the 2018 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day will be Saturday, May 5th. If your community has a wildfire preparedness project that needs financial support, the National Fire Protection Association is offering one hundred and fifty \$500 project funding awards. Applications can be submitted January 8th through March 2nd. Wildfireprepdays.org has online applications as well as project resources, including customizable fliers.

If your community would benefit from assistance with project planning or submitting an application, the coordinator for the Plumas County Fire Safe Council is available to help. Contact Hannah at 283-3739 or learn more at the next meeting of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council on Thursday, January 11th, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, 555 Main Street in Quincy. Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and are attended by citizens, business owners, and representatives from local, state, and federal government agencies, who share a common interest in preventing loss of life and minimizing loss of property from wildland fires.

For more information about the Plumas County Fire Safe Council or the upcoming meeting, visit plumasfiresafe.org or contact Hannah at plumasfiresafe@plumascorporation.org