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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 10/11/18

In support of National Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, the Plumas Firesafe Council encourages Plumas County residents to use care this month in all activities that may start a fire both inside and outside the home. At the end of the summer months vegetation is dry. "Fire danger remains high" says Sue McCourt, Plumas County Fire Prevention Specialist and member of the Plumas Fire Safe Council. "This year's Fire Prevention Week message to **Be aware — fire can happen anywhere. Look for places that fires can start** is more important than ever."

One area to focus on this fall is your home heat source. Nights are getting cold and many of us are starting to use woodstoves to take the chill off. Before starting your woodstove, check your roof and gutters to ensure there is nothing flammable that a spark could land in and start a fire. Julie Ruiz, member of the Plumas Fire Safe Council with Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, reminds residents to do maintenance to keep stoves working at peak efficiency and safety. "Burning wet wood leads to more creosote which leads to increased risk of a flue fire. Every flue must be swept every year, preferably by a reputable chimney sweep who can inspect the condition of the stove and chimney pipe as well as clean it."

The Plumas Fire Safe Council supports fire safety education as well as fuels reduction projects countywide and welcomes everyone to participate in the monthly meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, October 11th, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, 555 Main Street in Quincy. Learn about activities in Plumas County's Firewise communities, get the latest information on fuel reduction projects countywide, and find out what is happening close to your neighborhood to be safer in the event of a wildfire. Plumas County Fire Safe Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and are attended by citizens, members of Plumas Firewise Communities, 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