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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 10/13/16

The seasons have changed, but fires are still occurring in Plumas County. The Mohawk fires burned just over five acres on September 17th. Rapid response to the fires limited the threat to the neighboring communities of Mohawk Vista and C-Road. Both of which are the future sites of Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects by the Fire Safe Council. Hazardous Fuel Reduction in these communities means that, when ignitions like these start, natural and human made resources have a better chance of surviving the fire. It is the goal of the Fire Safe Council's projects to establish "fire resilience," a term that acknowledges that fires will occur but that our landscapes and communities will have a healthy recovery.

The project planned in Mohawk Vista has been funded by the Beckworth District of the Plumas National Forest and aims to reduce fuels on 103 acres while providing continuity with past Fire Safe Council and US Forest Service projects. The C-Road Community Service District has supported a grant application for State Responsibility Area (SRA) fees to treat 90 acres in their community. In both cases the communities work closely with the Fire Safe Council to create a project that meets the needs of their residents.

If you are interested in learning more about these projects, or about making your community more fire resilient, we invite you to participate in our upcoming meeting on Thursday, October 13th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, 555 Main Street in Quincy. Plumas County Fire Safe 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 questions regarding activities of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, or for information about the upcoming meeting, contact Hannah at 283-3739.