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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 12/8/16

Plumas County Fire Safe Council is rapidly completing work on nearly 150 acres in American Valley. Upon completion, the treatments will provide wildfire risk reduction for the 44 landowners participating in the project. Local Fire Safe Council projects aim to break-up the continuity of the tree canopy and remove “ladder fuels” that carry flames into a tree’s upper branches. These two hazard-reduction measures work together to reduce flame length and decrease the intensity of flaming embers that threaten a home in the event of a wildfire. For the residents of American Valley, these treatments represent \$318,000 worth of work - funds that were granted through Cal Fire’s State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council pursues funds and partnerships for similar hazardous fuel reduction projects across the county. And, while they are a large undertaking, they are just one of the services that the Fire Safe Council offers County residents. For more information about Fire Safe Council assistance and for a list of actions you can take right now to safeguard your home against fire, visit plumasfiresafe.org.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, December 8th, 2016 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. Public comment on the American Valley Hazardous Fuel Reduction project is welcome.

For questions regarding the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, or for information about the upcoming meeting, contact Hannah at 283-3739.