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Plumas County Fire Safe Council wants to help your community lessen its wildfire risk

Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 3/10/16

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council invites you to participate in its monthly meetings which take place on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, 555 Main Street in Quincy.

At the March meeting, the Council will be discussing how the Council and the County Office of Emergency Services will cooperatively assist local communities in assessing fire risk and developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans. The Council will also hear a presentation about the importance of Title III grants, such as the two recently approved by the Board of Supervisors, in making Plumas County more fire safe. The Council will also review the status of ten current community fuels reduction projects throughout Plumas County and progress in obtaining funding for hazard fuels reduction projects in Dixie Valley, Round Valley and Davis Lakes, Bucks Lake, and Mohawk Vista.

Council members understand that every year wildfires will occur, some may escape initial attack efforts, and some may burn many thousands of acres. However, with proper forest management efforts at the community level, the potential for wildfires to destroy homes and other property can be reduced. The Council is looking for proactive communities and landowners who would like assistance in developing wildfire mitigation projects.

The Council provides many forms of assistance to communities wishing to address the risk of wildfires. It can help communities assess fire risk, develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and become recognized Wildfire USA Communities. The Council also develops funding proposals for hazardous fuel reduction projects, and coordinates the implementation of these projects. The Council also provides assistance to senior and disabled persons who lack the physical or financial capacity to create and maintain a defensible space around their homes.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council is a coalition of local 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 information on how to request assistance from the Council, visit www.plumasfiresafe.org and click on Homeowner Information or Hazardous Fuel Reduction.