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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 4/12/18

The spring rain hasn't stopped yet, but the Plumas County Fire Safe Council is already gearing up for the 2018 fire season. Predictions from the Northern Operations Geographic Area Coordination Center anticipate normal fire potential for April and May, which means little to no large fire activity. But a wet spring can encourage more growth of "fine fuels" that easily dry out once summer weather sets in – turning it to kindling for wildfire. Dry and warm conditions are expected in June, which will likely increase fire activity a few weeks earlier than normal, particularly for areas directly to the west and east of Plumas County.

The Fire Safe Council's Community Chipping Program will resume in May to help residents address regrowth and existing fuels. For residents in the State Responsibility Area who pile material in an accessible location, the Fire Safe Council will provide chipping services for up to 16 linear feet of material. Visit plumasfiresafe.org to view a tentative chipping schedule, program guidelines, and to download an application.

The Fire Safe Council also operates a Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance program that clears around the homes of residents over 65 years of age or for those with a medical physical disability. The Plumas Fire Safe Council will provide a free consultation to determine what work is necessary and contract operators to carry out the work.

If you would benefit from assistance from either of these programs, visit plumasfiresafe.org or learn more at the next meeting of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council on Thursday, April 12th, 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 contact Hannah at plumasfiresafe@plumascorporation.org