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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 5/11/17

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council has a mission “to reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities.” One of the “pre-fire activities” the Council encourages is creation of defensible space around homes. At this time of year, many homeowners are clearing and burning on their properties to create a safe area that firefighters can defend against a wildfire. When piling and burning, it is important to know:

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District regulates open burning through a combination of the California Health & Safety Code, Section 41800, Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, Regulation III of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District and various local ordinances.

Any non-residential burning or residential burning in excess of one acre requires an Air Pollution Permit from the District. Residential open burning is strictly that burning conducted at a single or two family residence for routine residential maintenance. The rules vary with the time of year and the fire district. A fee is charged for the Air Pollution Permit and the permit is good for one year from the time it is issued. The permittee must adhere to all conditions of the permit and only natural vegetation may be burned, with or without a permit.

Open burning may only take place on permissive burn days. Visit www.myairdistrict.com for further information or to check burn status. Call the District at 530-832-0102 (Plumas and Sierra Counties) with questions.

As an alternative to burning, the Plumas County Fire Safe Council is offering a curbside chipping program to residents throughout the county. To learn more about the program visit: plumasfiresafe.org or attend the upcoming Fire Safe Council meeting on Thursday, May 11th, 2017 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 Fire Safe Council or the upcoming meeting, visit plumasfiresafe.org or contact Hannah at 283-3739.