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Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 8/11/16

The summer months in Plumas County have much to offer and homeowners understand the value of living in this region. When fire threatens these assets, we depend on fire suppression. However, prevention is the most effective way to keep lives and homes safe. The Plumas County Fire Safe Council exists “to reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.” The Council is looking for proactive communities and landowners who would like assistance in developing wildfire mitigation projects.

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, August 11, 2016 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, 555 Main Street in Quincy. The August meeting will include updates from 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.

While the Fire Safe Council has existed in Plumas County for more than 15 years, a new Fire Safe Council Coordinator, Hannah Hepner, has recently been hired. Hannah’s degree in Forestry and background in community-based project coordination come together in her Fire Safe Council role of providing assistance to communities who wish to address their risk of wildfire. The Fire Safe Council can help communities assess this risk, develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and become recognized Firewise USA Communities. Additionally, the Council coordinates funding for on-the-ground Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects.

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