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**Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 9/13/18**

The Fire Safe Council's county-wide chipping program will resume operations September 16<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>. The free program offers green-waste chipping for up to 16 linear feet of material per residence. The program also works with groups who undertake community hazardous fuel reduction efforts. In July, Valley Ranch residents got together to create defensible space in the community, resulting in large piles of branches and small trees. The Fire Safe Council program chipped the material – a safe and economical alternative to burning or transporting it to a transfer station. Similarly, this summer in Galeppi Ranch, residents have been clearing along roadways. Improved road clearance, for ingress and egress in the event of a fire, was identified as a priority during the community's Firewise assessment. The resulting piles are scheduled to be chipped this September.

The chipping program is funded by a CAL FIRE grant and aims to enhance defensible space around homes and in communities. Applications for chipping services are available online at: [www.plumasfiresafe.org/county-wide-chipping-program](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org/county-wide-chipping-program)

Plumas County residents can learn more about the chipping program and other efforts of the Fire Safe Council at the next meeting on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, visit [plumasfiresafe.org](http://plumasfiresafe.org) or contact Hannah at [plumasfiresafe@plumascorporation.org](mailto:plumasfiresafe@plumascorporation.org)