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Fire Hazard Reduction

The Plumas Eureka Fire Department, in cooperation with Cal Fire, is reminding all homeowners to maintain their property in compliance with Public Resource Code (PRC) 4291-4291.1 and California Code of Regulations (CCR) 1299.01 – 1299.05. These two regulations are attached to this notice as Attachment A and B.

Properly maintained defensible space provides fire fighters with a safer working environment, allowing them to protect structures from encroaching wildfire, and minimizes the chances for a structure fire escaping into the surrounding wildlands. Your Plumas Pines home, as well as the vegetation surrounding it, can easily become fuel for a fire. Homeowners are the key to preventing a house from being destroyed by fire. Research and experience have shown that reduction of fuels around structures is crucial to their chance for survival during a wildfire.

Owners of vacant lots, that are immediately adjacent to lots with homes, are strongly encouraged to treat their land (or give consent to the adjacent homeowner to treat) so as to provide the 100 foot defensible space clearance to the adjacent structure.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council has a program to assist residents over 65 years of age or that have a medical physical disability; contact them at 530-283-0829.

The key requirements, in a quick summarized form, are: maintain a 100 foot defensible space around your house, maintain the roof and gutters free of needles and leaves, remove any branches that extend within 10 feet of the chimney or stove pipe, maintain all plants adjacent to your house free of dead wood, and completely cover firewood piles within 30 feet of you home with a fire resistant material. Attachments A and B provide the detailed requirements. The publications sited in 1299.03 are posted on the P.E.C.S.D website.

Cal Fire is responsible for fire hazard reduction inspection and defensible space compliance. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their properties to be in compliance with fire hazard reduction and defensible space requirements. Failure to comply with State Code may result in a citation being issued by Cal Fire (PRC 4291.1).

Tom Forster, Fire Chief