The Plumas County Fire Safe Council, (PCFSC) has a well-established reputation for accomplishing projects designed to fulfill its mission, “To reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.” Since 2002, the PCFSC has helped proactive communities and landowners to develop wildfire mitigation projects, develop planning documents and tools for Plumas County communities, educate homeowners on important steps that can be taken to help homes survive wildfire, as well as work to educate landowners on the fundamentals of forest management.

In partnership with the Plumas National Forest, the PCFSC is taking on a new role to initiate a collaborative group designed to increase public engagement in national forest restoration. Please come join your neighbors and community in the first of our public meetings to initiate a collective dialog on the management of our forests and the future of Plumas County. Meetings start in February in the communities of Quincy on February 11th at the library, Portola on February 18th at the library, Indian Valley on February 25th at the Town Hall, and in Chester on March 4th at the Memorial Hall. All meetings are from 6-8:00 PM.

This is a new, grass roots effort undertaken in collaboration with the Plumas National Forest. We invite motivated individuals and groups to participate and make a difference in national forest restoration in Plumas County. We are looking for people to help shape this effort and to establish a solid, locally influenced foundation for the long term management decisions that will take place on both public and on participating private lands here in Plumas County. People of all backgrounds and levels of knowledge are invited to come share ideas, insight, and provide local knowledge of the land. Evolution of this forest restoration plan, and the state of our public land in Plumas County depends on your input.

The platform for our effort is the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act (CFLRA), which can provide federal funding for forest management on public lands. The CFLRA specifies diverse involvement with public input from the very beginning, the final product being a plan that is widely supported, meets the needs of the forest and its users. With a locally conceived and approved plan, an application to the CFLRA program can be made. The CFLRA program and other initiatives are necessary to protect communities from wildfire and increase the pace and scale of fuels reduction and landscape restoration in Plumas County. With the help of people who have a common vision and perseverance, we could benefit our forests for generations while taking charge of economic opportunities that we create through this plan.

Visit our website, www.plumascollaborative.org to find information on the CFLR process and to get a better sense of how this process can influence the future of our county.
Funding for this project is provided in part by decision of the Plumas National Forest following a recommendation of the Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee, of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act Title II Program.

All meeting facilities include accessibility features. If you require additional assistance to participate in a meeting then please contact the Plumas County Fire Safe Council at 530-283-0829 at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Please contact PCFSC Chair and UC Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Advisor Mike De Lasaux at 530-283-6125 or email at mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu for more information.