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### Property Insurance Forum

**YREKA, CA** – How might the 2003 southern California firestorm affect your property insurance in Siskiyou County? Even before last fall's fires, the insurance industry was already taking steps to deal with wildland/urban interface fires and the risks they pose to homeowners. Rates are on the increase and many property owners are finding it difficult to obtain insurance.

Interested in learning more? The Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County, with support from the Klamath National Forest, is presenting a community forum entitled "Wildfire and Your Property Insurance."

Starting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 14, the forum will be held in the Yreka High School Student Union and will feature Russ Porterfield, State Farm Insurance of Mt. Shasta, and Tres Churchill of Churchill Insurance of Yreka. Each will present their personal and professional assessments of trends in the insurance industry and how they might impact Siskiyou County residents.

"Tres presented his insights on insurance trends at our August Fire Safe Council meeting. We felt the rest of the county should have a chance to hear what we did," said Kelly Conner, President, Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County. "We were a bit startled by some of his observations," Conner added.

In addition, District 1 Supervisor Joan Smith will share her thoughts on wildfire's potential impacts on local governments. Mike Mallory, Siskiyou County Assessor, will present an Assessor's Office perspective on a large fire's affects on the County.

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The evening will close with a presentation by Jaime Tarne, Fire Prevention Officer, Klamath National Forest, discussing structure protection zones and steps home owners can take to improve their structures' chances of survival in a wildland fire.

Refreshments will be served.

The Student Union is the large building on the west side of the High School campus. Closest parking is available behind the High School, up North Oregon Street past the Yreka Community Center and the tennis courts.

For more information, contact Dale or Giselle Nova at 926-4990 or 926-5071.

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