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CAL FIRE Hosts Public Hearing on Proposed Plumas County Fire Hazard Map

(QUINCY) – CAL FIRE, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, will introduce a proposed update to the fire hazard severity zone map for state responsibility area lands in Plumas County at a public hearing on Monday, July 9, 2007. The public hearing will be held at 555 Main St. at the Plumas County Planning and Building Department from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited.

The hearing will include an overview of the process used to develop the map. A large format version of the map will be on display at the hearing and on the CAL FIRE Website at www.fire.ca.gov. The public will have an opportunity to submit a public comment on the map at the hearing and by mail or e-mail following the hearing. CAL FIRE will review and respond to all public comments before the maps are adopted or revised by the CAL FIRE Director.

“This process is about protecting the citizens we serve,” stated CAL FIRE Butte-Plumas Unit Chief Henri Brachais. “As a fire department, it’s our responsibility to use this type of information in ways that can help us in our fight to prevent the loss of lives and property.”

California law requires CAL FIRE to produce maps identifying areas that face moderate, high or very high fire hazard within property for which the state has financial responsibility for wildland fire protection. The maps are used to determine legal requirements affecting property owners including building construction standards. The maps were last updated in the late 1980s. It is necessary to update the maps to ensure accuracy and incorporate improved fire science and mapping techniques.

Comprehensive information on the map update process is available at www.fire.ca.gov/wildland.php. The Website includes an interactive map that allows users to find the proposed hazard rating for a specific address.

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