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Questions Answered about Forest Service Proposal

The Plumas National Forest and the Plumas County Fire Safe Council are inviting members of the community to attend an open house to answer questions about the Keddie proposal to implement hazardous fuels treatments, group selection, and thinning treatments on the national forest in the Indian Valley area. The open house will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 6-8 pm at the Town Hall/Senior Nutrition Center, 130 Bidwell St. (behind the Fire Hall), in Greenville, CA.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PCFSC) is concurrently initiating an outreach for a project to assist private property owners to reduce hazardous fuels through its Community Fuel Reduction Program. The Forest Service would treat fuels on federal land, while the PCFSC would facilitate fuels treatments on private land. The collaboration will result in a landscape-scale project with both public and private opportunities to protect communities and resources from wildland fire.

Fuels treatments in the Keddie Project area would provide conditions and strategic locations for fire fighters to more safely contain and suppress wildfires. Communities and resources at risk include Greenville, Crescent Mills, Taylorsville, Pecks Valley, Williams Valley, the Greenville Rancheria, and Round Valley Reservoir, which is the primary drinking water supply for the community of Greenville. Treatments are proposed on about 6,000 acres and include road decommissioning, temporary road construction, and improvements. Also, herbicide treatment of the noxious weeds is proposed on about 80 acres. Information about the Keddie proposal is available on the Plumas National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas>.

The Forest Service will release an environmental assessment that analyzes the effects of the proposal and any alternatives that may come about through public comments. This project is being planned under the authority of the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act and the Healthy Forest Restoration Act. The Forest Service anticipates using Stewardship Contracting, which applies the value from timber harvest to offset

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costs of fuel treatments, to implement the project.

If interested persons cannot attend the meeting but wish to ask questions, or offer information and ideas for the Keddie proposal, they may contact the Mt. Hough District Project Leader, Ryan Tompkins at (530) 283-0555. Merri Carol Martens may be contacted at (530) 283-7689 with any special needs related to accessibility.

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