

Plumas Underburn Cooperative

Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 14th 2019 11:00am

Plumas County Planning Department Conference Room
555 Main St, Quincy CA

Attendance: Brad Graevs, Feather River RCD; Hannah Hepner, Plumas County Fire Safe Council; Don Gasser, Plumas County Fire Safe Council; Les Hall, Meadow Valley Fire Department; Dan Martynn, Natural Resource Conservation Service; David Kinatader, US Forest Service; Sally McGowan, citizen; Ryan Bauer, Plumas National Forest; Kelby Gardiner, citizen

The Plumas Underburn Cooperative is holding a Dutch oven Cook-off on Sunday, March 24th from noon-2pm. The event will include live music, beer on tap, and information about wildfire risks and resources. Competitor applications are available.

An email sent to the PUC google group didn't go through. [Resolution: the new email address is plumas-underburn@googlegroups.com]

The merits of paying 10% overhead to Plumas Corporation for use of their accounting and banking were discussed. It was decided that PUC agrees to pay the charge and use Plumas Corporation's services. However, the group may choose to pursue a different option at a future time.

Hannah and Brad will work on membership applications and will have a draft available for the group to review at the March meeting.

Brad is able to map potential properties for burning. At this point no one has approached him with a definite project.

Bob Beckwith has offered his property as an "educational" burn and, as such, requests that PUC waive the membership fee requirement. The group discussed this request, but decided to table a decision until more information could be provided by Mr. Beckwith. It was acknowledged that the use of his equipment could be considered an in-kind contribution.

Don Gasser announced a [Prescribed Fire on Private Lands workshop](#) that will take place May 17-18 at Blodgett Research Forest in Georgetown. There will also be a two-day workshop at the UC Forestry Camp in Meadow Valley in September. Mr. Gasser would like to get PUC involved. It may be possible to utilize Forest Service resources on the public land that is part of the camp's special use permit.

The next PUC meeting will be held on March 14th, 2019 at 11:00am following the Plumas County Fire Safe Council meeting.