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# Plumas Underburn Cooperative



## What is PUC?



Plumas Underburn Cooperative (PUC) is a community organization based in Plumas County. It was formed in 2019 to make our communities safer from wildfire and to create more resilient landscapes. The organization is made up of over 50 local volunteers. PUC members are your neighbors!

## Why Prescribed Fire?

Prescribed fire is a fire lit for the purpose of reducing hazardous fuels (trees, brush, etc.) that may carry fire towards your home in the event of a wildfire.

Using prescribed fire to reduce fuels protects our homes and provides improved habitat for species like deer, ponderosa pine, and lupine wildflowers.

## How?

PUC can make recommendations for site preparation and direct landowners towards local contractors or Firewise communities for support. Site preparation mainly consists of chainsaw thinning. We recommend thinning near homes, infrastructure, and important species prior to burning.

PUC assists with permitting, equipment, and volunteers for implementing prescribed fire on private lands. Prescribed fire can include burning piles, broadcast/underburning, or a combination of both.

## Work we may be doing in your community...

You may be hearing chainsaws and seeing smoke produced by neighbors in your community. We produce a little smoke in the Fall, Winter, and Spring in order to reduce the impacts of Summer wildfire smoke in the community.



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**Our partners**



PUC is organized by the Plumas County Fire Safe Council and Feather River Resource Conservation District.

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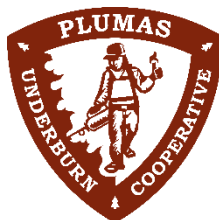
We work closely with local organizations like CAL FIRE Lassen-Modoc Unit, Feather River College, University of California Cooperative Extension, CSU Chico Ecological Reserves, Butte Prescribed Burn Association, Watershed Research and Training Center, and many others in making the community safer and more educated in the topics of wildfire and prescribed fire.

**Want to learn more, get involved, and help out your neighbors?**

Every year we organize introductory wildland firefighter classes and a Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX) event with the above partners in order to gain skills and spread knowledge of prescribed fire.

We hold monthly meetings, organize trainings, and have an email list:

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