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The monthly newsletter for the Plumas Underburn Cooperative

AUGUST MONTH IN REVIEW:

August PUC Meeting

No meeting was held in August due to summer scheduling issues.

Wildfire Smoke

With the recent large wildfires in our area (Park Fire and Gold Complex Fire) there has been residual smoke that impacted local communities. We know that wildfire smoke is harmful to people, especially seniors and those with respiratory conditions. PUC has a small cache of household HEPA Air Purifiers to lend out no-cost on a short-term basis. ***There are currently 4 units not assigned.*** Interested in checking one out for your household? [Fill out this form](#), and Darrell (darrell@plumasfiresafe.org) will get back to you.

Additionally, check out these air quality informational resources provided by Julie at NSAQMD: [EPA Fire and Smoke Map](#) and [NE California Smoke Outlook](#).

NEWS AND INFO:

Butte Cal-TREX

Our amazing partners in Butte County will once again be hosting a TREX event, taking place this year in Chico, Cohasset, and Butte Valley. Training dates include October 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th, with on-call prescribed fire learning opportunities (live fire) throughout the fall and winter. Apply [here](#) before 5 pm on September 8th. A \$25 fee will be required of those who are selected. Contact Butte PBA (goodfire@bcrfd.org) for more info.

Central Coast Good Fire Fair

Join the first ever CC Good Fire Fair at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park in Felton October 5th from 10 am to 3 pm. Activities Include: Kid zone, campfire building/safety, live pile burn/understory burn, food trucks, and more. Contact Barb Satink Wolfson (bsatinkwolfson@ucdavis.edu) for more info!

San Luis Obispo TREX

The first ever San Luis Obispo TREX will take place October 21st - 28th. The organizers are planning to conduct a prescribed burn on CA State Parks land and conduct a cultural burn with the Northern Chumash tribe. Application deadline is September 3rd at 5 pm. More info [here](#).

Santa Barbara TREX

From November 9th - 16th participants will implement prescribed fire and train in Santa Barbara County. Application deadline September 9th at 12 pm. More info available [here](#) and on the attached flier.

Rule 318 Revision

[See this link for the NSAQMD Rule 318 Revision](#). To simplify, areas south of Lee Rd in Quincy and East Quincy (previously the “No Burn Area” where burning was banned) can now obtain a burn permit for prescribed fire at any point during the year*. Areas north of Lee Rd and in Thompson Valley (previously “Burning Restricted”) can now implement prescribed fire all year with the same regulations as the rest of the County.* See [this map](#) for geospatial clarification, although the captions are not accurate. *Keep in mind that CAL FIRE suspends burning during summer wildfire season, usually ending around November.

CARX Course Opportunities

- [Offered by Healthy Forest Alliance: December 9th-13th](#)
 - Applications due before November 1st

Job: HFA FFT1(t) and ENGB(t) assignments

The Healthy Forest Alliance has wildfire training opportunities for folks interested in pursuing NWCG Firefighter Type 1 or Engine Boss qualifications. This would consist of 2 week fire assignments on a wildland fire engine. Prerequisites are an Arduous Work Capacity Test and RT-130 (or Basic 32 class) within the past 12 months. Contact Rich Carvalho 775-895-9143 (training@healthyforestalliance.org).

UPCOMING:

September PUC Meeting

Date TBD.

Thanks for reading.

Stay safe,

Hannah, Matt, and Logan