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Good Morning Allen:

I don't have much to report today because one of our Innovators, Jeff Greef of Greenville, wants to make a report on his business: Plumas Wood Fiber. I will report only for a minute and Jeff will report for about 3-5 minutes. Following is what I will report on:

- RSF Meeting on Friday, March 22nd at the Mineral Building at the Fairgrounds to further discuss Long-term Recovery Projects and Community Profiles.
- The Almanor Foundation has a Housing Forum on Friday, March 22nd from 4pm to 6pm at the Rec Building in Chester.
- On Thursday, March 21st, there is a group trying to resurrect the Mineral Economic Development Commission (MEDC) in Alturas, Modoc County. It has been inactive for over a year, and people want more economic development in their County. I've been invited and I will be sharing what we are doing at the Innovation HUB as well as offering free small business services from the Sierra SBDC.
- In addition to the rising costs for labor, energy costs, and fire insurance in CA, auto insurance inflation is now running at more than the rate of almost any category tracked by the government, about 20.6% in the last year. It's one more challenge for small businesses that need vehicles to travel or transport their products. This of course, does not include the high cost of gas in CA that challenges small businesses also.