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Code Enforcement worked this past weekend to tackle the influx of camping within prime opportunity areas during the busy holiday weekend. The majority of our complaints are in the Plumas Eureka and Lake Almanor Residential area. We had 17 open cases in those areas, we posted 8 properties with notices of violations on July 4th. Out of the 8 violators we issued 4- \$100 Administrative Citations on Friday, July 5th for camping within Prime Opportunity areas. Saturday, we issued only 1- \$500 Administrative Citation to a violator who still had not complied.

Our office had some challenges, one of which was the vast area we covered over the weekend as we only have two officers. The second was the combative violators, for which we had to request assistance from the Sheriff's Office. Just this morning, my officer and I were contacted by one of the violators from this past weekend. He made derogatory sexual comments over the phone, then hung up.

We feel this weekend was a success as we received compliance from the majority of the violators without incident. As you all know, Code Enforcement is complaint driven. During our time gaining compliance in these areas, we found that we tackled only a small number of violators, as we observed an overabundance of properties with occupied RV's. Vacant lots had 2 if not 3 RV's set up with multiple families camping and lots with dwellings with occupied RV's zoned Residential.

I observed extension cords feeding power strips going to RV's and other items within the camp sites in these prime opportunities zones which pose fire risk.

Yesterday I received a call from one of the violators who did comply after the first citation. He expressed his frustrations with me and felt he was singled out since he was forced to cut his holiday weekend short due to his violation. He told me he drove his neighborhood and saw all his neighbors in violation of camping within Prime Opportunity zones, but no notices or citations given were them. I explain to him that we are complaint driven and that he is more than welcome to file a complaint on his neighbors which he said he didn't want to be that person.

Our Office will continue to randomly work throughout the summer weekends. If the public would like code enforcement to investigate a violation, we ask that you complete a violation complaint form. You can find the form on our webpage at Countyofplumas.com under Departments, "Code Enforcement", you can also pick one up at the permit center located at 555 Main Street in Quincy or you can contact me at (530)283-7002 and I can mail one to you.

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