



# Plumas County Fire Debris Removal

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To: Fire Debris Removal Contractors, Consultants and Other Interested Parties

From: Jerry Sipe, Plumas County Debris Removal

RE: Addendum to Plumas County Alternative (Private) Debris Removal Program for the Beckwourth Complex and Dixie Fires  
Revised Soil Cleanup Goals for Soil Unit Q including Downtown Greenville (Zone X)

As required by state law and local ordinance, Plumas County administers an Alternative (Private) Debris Removal Program utilizing the wildfire debris removal standards and cleanup goals of the Government Program. Plumas County can administratively update these standards as necessary to address ongoing changes in the administration of the Government Program as specified in Section 4-9.205 of Plumas County Code.

Plumas County recently received a Memorandum from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regarding such changes for the cleanup process and goals for the Dixie Fire. This DTSC Memorandum dated March 14, 2022 is attached. Specifically, this Memorandum prompts the need for the following changes in Dixie Fire Soil Unit Q, including the Downtown Greenville area known as Zone X:

- The lead cleanup goal in this area has been revised to 80 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). The previously published cleanup goal for lead of 103 mg/kg in Soil Unit Q is not valid. A new table with cleanup goals for Soil Unit Q is attached.
- DTSC believes some lots may have lead concentrations that are not related to wildfire debris. Accordingly, if cleanup goals have not been achieved after soil removal and re-scraping to twelve (12) inches of depth, no further re-scraping will be required.
- If after 12 inches of soil removal, any debris footprint sample results show lead concentrations exceed 80 mg/kg, the 3 background composite samples must be analyzed and the results included in the final report.
- If after 12 inches of soil removal, any debris footprint sample results show lead concentrations exceed 80 mg/kg, Plumas County staff will consult with the property owner to discuss and apply the proper potential response action as identified in the DTSC Memorandum.
- While the commercial and industrial cleanup goal for lead listed in the DTSC Memorandum is 500 mg/kg, the lead cleanup goal for these parcels is 80 mg/kg to avoid possible property use restrictions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Plumas County Debris Removal Center at 530-283-7080 or email us at [altprogram@countyofplumas.com](mailto:altprogram@countyofplumas.com).