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CSFCA Wildland Fire Section General Member Meeting

**Friday, May 22, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

El Paso County Sheriff's Office Training Academy
2741 E Las Vegas Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Proposed Agenda

1. Welcoming, Introductions & Opening Remarks by Section Chair Chief Bumgarner
2. Organizational Issues (Chief Bumgarner)
 - a. Review/Adoption of Minutes of March 20, 2009 meeting (Note: Draft minutes may be downloaded at: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/wildfire/WFS_Minutes_032009.pdf.)
 - b. Section Bylaws – Action on Adoption of Proposed Bylaws (Note: Draft bylaws may be downloaded at: http://www.colofirechiefs.org/wildfire/Wildland_Fire_Section_Bylaws_v2.pdf.)
 - c. Regional Directors – Appointment of Regional Director for San Luis Valley Region and Northeastern Region
 - d. Other Organizational Issues
3. Legislative Report
4. Current Issues
 - a. Presentation – Jim Krugman, USFS Operations, NFP/National Incident Business Practices
 - b. Presentation – Allyn Herrington, Manager of the Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center, Presentation on PIDC Policies and Operations
 - c. Policy on Private Resource Utilization (see attached report from Dep. Chief Jeff Berino)
 - d. Other Current Issues
5. Other Issues
6. Announcements
 - a. CSFCA Wildland Fire Section Website: www.colofirechiefs.org/sectionsdivisions-wlf.htm
7. Adjournment

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Upcoming Meetings

June 15, 2009 – Section Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 A.M., South Metro Fire Headquarters

July 24, 2009 – Regular Meeting – Parachute or Rifle/Western Slope (Location TBD)

September 17, 2009 – Regular Meeting – Upper Pine River FPD, Bayfield (Note: meeting to be held in conjunction with CSFCA meeting on September 18, 2009. This will be an evening meeting).

Supplemental Information

Policy on Private Resource Utilization

Report from Dep. Chief Jeff Berino, Vice-Chair, CSFCA Wildland Fire Section

At the last meeting of the CSFCA-Wildland Section I was asked to evaluate the two guidelines available on interaction with Private Resources with regard to wildfires. I carefully examined the two documents, one issued by the IAFC and the other issued by the NRCG (Northern Rocky Coordinating Group) in detail. I also took advantage of the time window I had, and contacted several Fire Chiefs I knew from the NFA and specifically the EFO program who worked in the western U.S. and spoke with several higher ranking officials from the U.S.F.S. who are involved with Fire Management.

Examination of the two published documents shows that they are close to identical with regard to interaction, policies, integration into the NIMS/ICS systems and procedures. At this time **either** position paper in my opinion would work for our operations in Colorado. Therefore if CSFCA-Wildland Section wishes to make a recommendation to the CSFCA Executive Board it boils down in essence as to whether to endorse the IAFC version in which most of the member departments are members or the NRCG version. Again to re-iterate except for the opening narrative the core components of both documents are almost exactly the same. One advantage to utilizing the NRCG version is that is what the U.S.F.S. and BLM are using and thus in a unified command situation with one of those entities that document would already be recognized by the Federal side. I have no strong opinion on which document we wish to endorse. They both say the same thing in essence which is a great thing, they just have different groups who have authored the documents.

Update on Economic Stimulus Projects

Dear Colleagues,

On May 8, the Denver Post reported that Colorado will receive \$12.3 million in economic stimulus funds for hazardous fuels reduction projects, and that \$10.3 million will be focused specifically on projects in El Paso and Gilpin counties. The article has generated much speculation and numerous questions, so we wanted to provide you with an update on what we know at this time.

Ralph Campbell, Community Forestry Division Supervisor for the Colorado State Forest Service, has been in contact with the U.S. Forest Service regarding direction, guidance, and reporting requirements for economic stimulus projects. Ralph received the following update yesterday afternoon (please note that all information has been conveyed verbally; we have not yet received written confirmation about direction or guidelines):

- We do not anticipate receiving direction and guidance for another two weeks.
- After we receive direction and guidance, the Colorado State Forest Service will be required to develop and submit a narrative similar to those for Consolidated Payment Grants (CPGs).
- Other counties can be written into the narrative; projects and funding are not limited to El Paso and Gilpin counties, which were specifically listed because they are the leading economic indicator counties.

- Project funding requests were randomly reduced to accommodate funding for additional projects (one of the projects the Colorado State Forest Service proposed was reduced by approximately 25 percent and the other by 40 percent).
- A project’s scope of work can be reduced proportionately to coincide with funding reductions.

If you receive inquires about the funding, it’s important to let people know that we are still waiting for direction, guidance, and reporting requirements. Until we receive that information, we cannot confirm the projects’ scope of work.

Please feel free to share this information as you deem appropriate.

Regards,

Katherine M. Timm, Outreach Division Supervisor
 Colorado State Forest Service
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