

**West Region Wildfire Council
Meeting Minutes
2/12/15**

Meeting Attendance

	Last Name	First	Affiliation
1	Angell	Don	Montrose County
2	Beckhardt	Dave	Log Hill Fire
3	Bennett	John	Telluride Fire
4	Block	Sheridan	Ouray County Paindealer
5	Brack	Ben	GVFD
6	Carson	Charles	Log Hill Fire
7	Casey	Justin	Hinsdale Sheriff
8	Clapsaol	Will	Ouray Fire
9	Claspsaol	Will	Ouray County Fire
10	Denney	Steve	CO OEM
11	Dinsmore	Jennifer	Emergency Manager
12	Dunlap	Rick	Montrose County
13	Ellis	Steve	DFPC
14	Falk	Lilia	WRWC
15	Fedel	John	Ouray Fire
16	Freeman	Caleb	Sierra Nevada Corp
17	Fritz	Doug	Hotchkiss Fire
18	Gomez	Jamie	WRWC
19	Gray	Jerry	Hinsdale County
20	Heidelbera	Katharynn	Montrose Daily Press
21	Hernandez	Rick	Hinsdale County
22	Homstad	Kelly	BLM
23	Latta	Trevor	Ouray FPD
24	Mattivi	Junior	Ouray County SO
25	McCarthy	Jim	Log Hill Village HOA
26	Morrill	Scott	Montrose Fire
27	Nasilewski	Leonard	Arrowhead
28	Odom	Luke	DFPC

29	Oxford	Ross	NPS
30	Perkins	Kelsey	KCCO 11 News
31	Ramirez	Jim	USFS
32	Robison	Corey	USFS
33	Rogers	Kelly	CSFS
34	Rogers	John	Log Hill Fire
35	Rowan	Tad	Montrose Fire
36	Schroder	Steve	Hotchkiss Fire
37	Shelby	Austin	CSFS
38	Snart	Roco	DFPC
39	Spritzer	Dennis	City of Gunnison
40	Spritzer	Dennis	GVFD
41	Thad	Chavez	USFS
42	Thompson	Kyle	Sierra Nevada Corp
43	Tisdell	Ben	Ouray County
44	Unebeyn	Melissa	DFPC
45	Weese	Alan	MFPD
46	Westcott	Michael	San Miguel S.O.
47	Winson	Steve	BLM-AD
48	Yeager	Brian	BLM
49		Travis	DFPC
50		Tyler	DFPC

Objective/Purpose

The Council gathered to discuss the following:

Introductions

Lilia Falk facilitated the meeting and initiated a round of introductions.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from January's meeting were approved as written.

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control Presentation

The Colorado DFPC, in collaboration with the Sierra Nevada Corp, gave a multi-part presentation on the following topics:

- Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting (CoE)
- Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA) and Colorado Wildfire Information System (CO-WIMS)
- Computer-based Testing and Salesforce Functionality within the Professional Qualifications & Training Section

Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting (CoE):

Melissa Lineberger's presentation on the Center Excellence for Advance Technology can viewed by clicking on or copying and pasting the following link:

<http://goo.gl/1n09SZ>

Lineberger gave a general overview of the newly formed CoE and provided information about the organization's mission, goals, objectives, how it works, the types of projects that it will be taking on as well as a proposed timeline. Lineberger fielded questions from the audience about the CoE.

Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA) and Colorado Wildfire Information System (CO-WIMS)

Caleb Freeman of the Sierra Nevada Corp. followed up Ms. Lineberger's presentation with another presentation about the MMA & CO-WIMS. To view a slideshow of the presentation, please click on or copy and paste the following link:

<http://goo.gl/Swbcbg>

Freeman provided a detailed accounting some of the DFPC's most important aerial resources for wildfire response and attack. After that, Freeman provided the group with specific information about the two new Pilatus PC-12 airplanes that are now outfitted with state of the art infrared and color sensors operated by the DFPC. These airplanes cruise and around 30,000 feet and safely collect a wealth of real time information which can be relayed to a host of potential users. IC's can order these aerial resources to detect and locate wildfires. The aircrafts interface with a geospatial databases called the CP Wildfire Information System (CO-WIMS). CO-WIMS is accessible to designated personnel including fire departments, sheriff's offices, and other emergency management personnel on a variety of digital devices. Freeman provided a great deal of detail about the functionality of CO-WIMS, in tangent with the MMA and the information that it is capable of collecting. Freeman fielded a number of questions related to MMA and CO-WIMS systems.

Below is a Youtube video link that provides additional information about the MMA & CO-WIMS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVZNSgNs388>

Field Tour of one of the Multi-Mission Aircrafts

After the indoor presentations were completed, the entire group carpooled over to a runway of the Montrose Airport to view the MMA including the varioius technologies associated with it. Groups of four were given short presentations about the CO-WIMS interface on a laptop, the cockpit as well as the sensor control capabilities.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm.
