

**West Region Wildfire Council  
Meeting Minutes  
3/13/14**

***Meeting Attendance***

|    | <b>Last Name</b> | <b>First Name</b> | <b>Agency</b>           |
|----|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | Barth            | Chris             | BLM                     |
| 2  | Beckhardt        | Dave              | Log Hill FD             |
| 3  | Bennett          | John              | Telluride Fire          |
| 4  | Casey            | Justin            | Hinsdale County SO      |
| 5  | Davis            | Michael           | BLM                     |
| 6  | Ellis            | Steve             | DFPC                    |
| 7  | Falk             | Lilia             | WRWC                    |
| 8  | Homstad          | Kelly             | BLM                     |
| 9  | Latta            | Trevor            | Ouray FD                |
| 10 | Mattivi          | Junior            | Ouray Sheriff           |
| 11 | McCarthy         | Jim               | Log Hill Village HOA    |
| 12 | Morrill          | Scott             | Gunnison OEM            |
| 13 | McKee            | Fred              | DCSO                    |
| 14 | Oxford           | Ross              | NPS                     |
| 15 | Petersen         | Drew              | OEM                     |
| 16 | Rice             | Frank             | USFS                    |
| 17 | Rogers           | John              | Montrose/ Log Hill Fire |
| 18 | Rowan            | Tad               | Montrose Fire           |
| 19 | Shelby           | Austin            | CSFS Montrose           |
| 20 | Stilley          | Kevin             | Arrowhead Fire          |

**Objective/Purpose**

The Council gathered to discuss the following:

**Introductions**

Introductions were made by those that attended; roster above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved

**Delegations Best Practices**

(See PowerPoint Presentation)

**Round Robin**

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## *Delegations Best Practices- Drew Petersen and Steve Ellis*

**Please follow this link to download a copy of Drew and Steve's presentation:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8bKGw1Sz9qXbE00R25jSTdRNm8/edit?usp=sharing>

### *Round Robin*

#### **AOP State/County Agreement Meeting Dates**

- Durango Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1300 –Durango Fairgrounds
- Rifle Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 1300 – Sheriff's office annex across from airport
- Salida 1300 TBD
  - County sheriffs will be getting a copy of the agreement, purpose to go over concerns for what should be in the agreement for 2015. All invited.
  - EFF agreement letters were mailed out to the counties. If you haven't paid your assessment, please do. EFF Board held a meeting to discuss how to increase available funds. No decisions were made.

#### **WRWC grant**

- Application opens March 14<sup>th</sup> 2014-December 31 2014. All programs are now up to 75/25 cost-share match. Application Available here: <http://www.cowildfire.org/grants/>

#### **Pleasant Valley FireWise**

- Community in Ouray County, 2<sup>nd</sup> FireWise Community/USA recognition in our region. Recognition ceremony TBD.

#### **GBWC update**

- Reps from FS and BLM Gunnison Office to talk about their role in fire. BLM-managing for multiple objectives, USFS-suppression of fires.
- Jim Rimerez- presentation on WFDSS. Great opportunity to involve locals in the process.

#### **WUI Conference**

- Push for local leaders to attend conference. Conference website: <http://www.wildfire-colorado.com/>

#### **Gunnison Coordinator**

- Position announcement available. 20-30 hours per week, contract employment opportunity. [http://www.cowildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/GunnisonCounty\\_Coordinator.pdf](http://www.cowildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/GunnisonCounty_Coordinator.pdf)

#### **Wildfire Preparedness Day (May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014)**

- Funding provided by StateFarm
- No limitations for what you can do

#### **Wildfire Summit**

- Lilia and Scott attended meeting in Keystone. Representatives from around the state. Discussions based on three main groups. 1. Community Wildfire Mitigation, 2. Landscape Scale Fuels, 3. Post Fire Recovery

#### **Arrowhead Evac exercise**

- July 26<sup>th</sup> – looking for volunteers to go Door to door, teams to practice structure protection. AAR at WRWC meeting in August, Invite will be sent out. Assisting agencies as well.

**South West Incident Management Team exercise**

- Telluride 1<sup>st</sup> of May (may be two days). Interested in having Federal partners involved. Mostly looking at massive influx of engines.

**DFPC**

- Hiring engine crews on western slope- Alamosa, Montrose (full time engine capt, 9 month assistant and a seasonal, Rifle. Space will hopefully be available for training ops on the engine. 3 of 7 on the western slope. Goal to have the crews on by May 15<sup>th</sup>

**NEXT MEETING**

**Delegations Best Practices**

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2014

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Montrose Public Lands Center