

**West Region Wildfire Council
Meeting Minutes
6/12/14**

Meeting Attendance

	Last Name	First Name	Agency
1	Angell	Don	Montrose EM
2	Austin	Tom	Log Hill Fire
3	Barth	Chris	BLM
4	Brack	Ben	WRWC
5	Bennett	John	Telluride Fire
6	Chappell	Randy	BLM
7	Chavez	Tad	USFS
8	Ellis	Steve	DFPC
9	Falk	Lilia	WRWC
10	Gotllies	Paul	MC Sheriff's Posse
11	Loczy	Tom	MC Sheriffs Posse
12	Long	Kamie	CSFS GJ
13	McCarthy	Jim	Log Hill
14	Morrill	Scott	Gunnison OEM
15	Odom	Luke	DFPC
16	Oxford	Ross	NPS
17	Petersen	Drew	CO OEM
18	Rist	Jodi	CSFS
19	Robinson	Corey	USFS
20	Rogers	John	Montrose/ Log Hill Fire
21	Rowan	John	Montrose Fire
22	Shaver	JT	WRWC
23	Shelby	Austin	CSFS Montrose
24	Spritzer	Dennis	City of Gunnison

Objective/Purpose

The Council gathered to discuss the following:

Introductions

Introductions were made by those that attended; roster above.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved

Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network- Chris Barth

DFPC Update- Luke Odom/Steve Ellis

Aviation status
Prescribed Fire
Center of Excellence

Wildfire Summit Synopsis- Noah Koerper- Senator Bennet's Office

Community Mitigation
Landscape-scale fuels reduction
Post-Fire Recovery

Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network- Chris Barth

Please follow this link to download a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8bKGw1Sz9qXb3F0eFpmUFRoUnM/edit?usp=sharing>

FIRE ADAPTED COMMUNITIES



Chris Barth, BLM – Southwest District Fire Management
West Region Wildfire Council – June 2014

DFPC Update- Steve Ellis

EFF Committee:

- Group of county attorneys will be writing the state-county agreement
- All six WRWC counties have paid their EFF assessments this year and funding is available
- EFF agreement will be re-done this fall
 - Should clean up the conflicts with the TABOR act
 - Still dealing with 2012 fire payments

State-County Agreements (AOPs):

- Added language from the state
- Idea to have a final document Oct. 1
- Asking for counties to review the agreements, make comments
- County attorneys are involved-deadline for completion is being changed

\$19.7M Aviation Bill:

- \$set aside to increase response and help counties/FPD
- 3 rotor-wing aircraft, 1 type II and 2 Type III helicopters
- No cost to counties or FPDs
- 2 SEATS- 1 in cortez, second comes on June 19th (Alamosa Staging)?
- Montrose is a potential location for a SEAT in the future
- 249-1010 to order resources
- State of CO will own two fixed wing aircraft and supply the crew and maintenance crew
 - These aircraft will have up to date technology, infrared, pictures, real-time coverage in order to give the IC the best information on the fire. Target to have one over a fire within one hour of dispatch

Center of Excellence:

- Analyze the effectiveness of aviation program
- Want to look at the effectiveness of retardant

Engine Programs:

- 8 engines across the state (old CSFS engines)
- Hiring challenges
- Empty seat in the engine for training and quals
- Engine can be staged
- Staggered staffing June 15th- Sept 15th

Prescribed Fire

- DFPC tasked with prescribed fire
- Qualified burner class- 27-30 hours
- State and Private lands (DNR)
- Piles on State lands that haven't been burned are an issue

- Not sure who is going to write the burn plan
- Moratorium for state employees to engage in broadcast burns
- Private landowners can burn
 - Will need to go through the certified burner class
 - Concerns over the liability factor

Round Robin

WRW opted out of the Round Robin during the June WRWC meeting