



Fire Suppression Interim Committee

60th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

Fire Suppression Committee November 26, 2007

Montana Association of Counties, 2715 Skyway Dr.

- 8:00 **Call to order, roll call**
- 8:05 **FSC Administrative Matters**
- ▶ Subcommittee structure, membership
 - ▶ Schedule/work plan
- 8:30 **Comments from DNRC Director Sexton**
- 8:45 - 12:15 **Wildland Fire Management in Montana: Panel discussions**
1. Fire Protection - all agency representatives
 - ▶ Agency roles and responsibilities
 - ▶ Protection area and resources
 - ▶ Northern Rockies Coordinating Group
 - ▶ Initial attack v. extended attack
 - ▶ Population protection, evacuations
 - ▶ Structure protection
 2. Incident Management Teams - Wally Bennett, DNRC; Chuck Stanich, USFS
 - ▶ Types 1, 2, and 3
 - ▶ Interagency
 - ▶ All risk uses
 - ▶ Staffing
 3. Coordination and Dispatch - Bob Gilman, NRCG; Ray Nelson, DNRC
 - ▶ Dispatch: Interagency, locations and relationships
 - ▶ National Wildfire Coordinating Group/Northern Rockies Coordinating Group/Montana zones
 - ▶ Multiagency Coordinating Group roles

4. Agency Policies, Missions, and Management Strategies - all agency representatives (*Suppression, appropriate management response, wildfire use, prescribed fire, fuels management, integrated restoration strategy*)
 - ▶ DNRC - Garry Williams
 - ▶ Local Government - Scott Waldron or Brett Watters
 - ▶ Dept. of Interior Agencies: BLM, BIA, NPS, USFWS
 - ▶ USFS - Kevin Riordan, Helena NF

5. Fire Business Management - Ann Bauchman, Sue Clark, Jane Haker
 - ▶ Cost recovery and agency-to-agency billing
 - ▶ Cost share agreements
 - ▶ FEMA
 - ▶ Contracting

12:30 - 5:00 **Tours**

- ▶ DNRC aviation facility (lunch to be provided for FSC members, presenters) - Chuck Brenton
- ▶ Helena Interagency Dispatch Center
- ▶ South Hills Fuels Reduction Project/proposals - Pat McKelvey, Kevin Riordan

5:00 **Return to MACo**

- ▶ Public comment
- ▶ Instructions to staff
- ▶ Adjourn