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TO: Participating Agencies

FROM: Rocky Mountain Area Information Education Committee/Great Basin FPET

SUBJECT: Rocky Mountain Area/Great Basin Fire Prevention Education Team (FPET)

The Rocky Mountain Area in conjunction with the Great Basin is now accepting applications for the 2015 Calendar Year Fire Prevention Education Teams. The application form is available at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/>. All applications must be approved by the applicant's immediate supervisor, including any other required local agency approvals, and be submitted through their respective agency channels to the RMA Information Education Committee FPET Working Group (see Selection Process for contact information) by COB February 6, 2015.

RMA FPET Organization

The minimum mobilization (National Mobilization Guide) will be one (1) Team Leader and two (2) team members, consisting of the following positions:

- PETL – Fire Prevention Education Team Leader
- PETM – Fire Prevention Education Team Member
- PIO1 – Public Information Officer Type 1 or,
- PIO2 – Public Information Officer Type 2 or,

Additional positions that can be utilized include:

- PETL (T) – Fire Prevention Education Team Leader, Trainee
- PETM (T) – Fire Prevention Education Team Member, Trainee
- PIO1 (T) – Public Information Officer Type 1, Trainee
- PIO2 (T) – Public Information Officer Type 2, Trainee

Actual team composition will be determined by the team leader and the ordering unit on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the needs of the assignment.

RMA/GB FPET On-Call Schedule

Teams are available for assignment(s), at a minimum, during the on call periods: 4 two week on call periods (March 17-30; April 28-May 11; June 9-22; and July 21-August 3, 2015). If you have any questions, please contact the FPET working group (see selection process for contact information).



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A Fire Prevention Education Team Selection Process

Process

- Letter and nomination sent
- Nominations due to RMA Information Education Committee
- RMA Information Education Committee/Great Basin Coordinator – FPET working group and the Great Basin Coordinator will review and recommend FPET's, send to the Info/Ed and Operations Committees for review (Out of area justification will be provided); and then rosters sent to RMCG for approval
- RMCG approves FPET's rosters

RMA Info/Ed Committee FPET Working Group and Great Basin FPET Coordinator

USDA Forest Service: Sheryl Page, USFS Region 2, slpage@fs.fed.us

State: Jason Hartman, Kansas Forest Service, hartmanj@ksu.edu

Great Basin FPET Coordinator: Loren Walker, USFS Region 4, lwalker@fs.fed.us

FPET Criteria

Candidates for team assignment must meet all prerequisites of training, experience, and physical requirements. The basic requirements are set forth in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's publication "Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1."

Candidates also will need to commit their availability to the NFPET On-Call Schedule in the NFPET Program Plan which is part of the National Mobilization Guide.

- Team Leaders (PETL) must have at least one season of prior experience as a trainee
- Applicants on other Geographic Area Teams must have permission from the effected Geographic Area FPET Coordinators to participate on multiple teams

Trainees

We are encouraging everyone in the fire community in need of on-the-job training to apply and be identified as a trainee. Applicants may apply for trainee positions in which they have been issued a task-book. Trainees assigned to a team will be expected to be available to respond whenever the team is assigned. Upon successful completion of their training, the trainee will be recommended for certification by their agency, and a new trainee will be selected for the team. When certified, the individual is encouraged to submit an application to support the FPET program.