

RMCG Information and Education Committee

Conference Call Agenda

April 30, 2014 at 10:00 am MST

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Facilitator – SDWF Jeni Lawver

Notetaker – WSFD Cathy Lujan

- Update on Fire Prevention Teams – Sheryl
 - **The Rocky Mountain Area Fire Prevention Education Team is available for national assignments. April 29 thru May 12.**
 - **Trying to secure funding for Prevention Team training for next year.**
- Update on the progress of the Fire Restriction Initiative – Sheryl
 - **Met in Denver with Lawrence Lujan (Steve Sagen’s replacement). Pulled together information for issue paper and other wildfire resource info and better way to present fire restrictions in the area.**
- Fire Adapted Communities - Sheryl
 - **Developing talking points based off of the National Fire Adapted Communities.**
- Wildfire Info & Resource Center – CO Wildfire Bill Update – Sheryl
 - **No word on this yet.**
- Charter – Mission Statement update, approved by Committee, send to RMCG for approval. Emailed Brooke Malcolm. Completed and posted to website.
 - **The updated Charter is now posted on the RMCG website**
- National Wildland Interface Day – Traci
 - **Saturday (May 3) is National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Please post your events on the site.**

- Round Robin – Agencies and Team PIOs
 - Sheryl Page**
 - ✓ Working on updating the strategic plan
 - ✓ Colorado Wildland Conference - good turnout in Glenwood Springs, CO. Participants included a range of leadership from around the area. Focus was on the true cost of wildland fires.
 - ✓ Wendelin Replica Paintings are available for exhibit. Currently they be showcased in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming

Cathy Lujan

- ✓ State Arbor Day was celebrated in Cheyenne Wyoming on April 28, 2014.
- ✓ May 3, 2014 Firewise Education Day at Curt Gowdy Visitor’s Center
- ✓ Wendelin Replica Paintings will be displayed at the Wyoming State Museum in November 2014.

- ✓ Working with State Museum staff on 4 Kids Extreme workshops in regards to wildland fire.
- ✓ May 16-17 WYOFIRE (Wyoming Fire Incident Readiness Exercise), Guernsey Camp.

GayLene Rossiter

- ✓ Colorado State Forest Service held several Arbor Day planting events. Donations helped purchase 10,000 seedlings for post-High Park Fire restoration; these seedling trees were provided at no cost to landowners impacted by the fire.
- ✓ Launched the Natural Resources Grants & Assistance Database on Colorado State Forest Service website.
- ✓ Redesign of the public site is in process to better highlight agency programs.

Jeni Lawver

- ✓ South Dakota is hosting the first Wildfire Awareness Week from May 2-10. Formed an interagency committee to plan events, documentation, media, and promotion.
- ✓ Working closely with the Great Plains Fire Council to create PSA's and an outdoor advertising campaign.
- ✓ Update the SDWF website and added a prevention tab.
- ✓ Held a Great Plains Initial Attack PIO training utilizing all google products along with a social media training.
- ✓ Type 2 Teams will go on rotation April 30, 2014.

Jason Hartman

- ✓ Several Kansas agencies partnered on setting the week of February 16-22 as Kansas Wildfire Awareness Week. This was marked primarily by media campaign efforts rather than public events. It was well covered in print, radio, TV, and social platforms. It was an inter-agency effort from the local thru the federal levels.
- ✓ The air quality and smoke issues that go along with the large amount of prescribed burning done by Kansas Flint Hills ranchers has been getting regional, and even some national media attention, so we've been doing our best to be involved in that media/public education process.
- ✓ The NFPA/Firewise National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day campaign included a grant program sponsored by State Farm Insurance to help communities with their Preparedness Day projects. A Kansas Firewise Community was selected as one of the recipients. They used the grant money to help with a March 23rd (selected an earlier date because May 3rd is at the end of our fire season so doesn't really fit a preparedness theme) workday to improve, secure, and do maintenance on the equipment for a large community burn pile site for disposing of fuels that have been cleared from around the residences of the community.

- ✓ We're very pleased to be getting the Wendelin paintings, especially since Mr. Wendelin is a Kansas native born in NW Kansas. It will be the National Park units of Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Fort Scott NHS, and Fort Larned NHS, that will most likely be the hosts. We have not yet determined if we will rotate all 19 paintings thru each location or divide them up between the three host sites for the duration of their stay in Kansas.

Tracy Weaver

- ✓ Held a S203 Class in Riverton, WY
- ✓ Burnings will be in Mesa Verde, Colorado
- ✓ Shared information about the California One Less Spark Campaign. Do we want to look at and pursue?
- ✓ Working on the Teton County CWPP which is very challenging.

Next Conference Call:

July 23, 2014

Possible agenda items:

Introduce Lawrence Lujan
CWPP discussion
Mountain West Regional Retrofit
Cohesive Strategy Update

LINKS of Interest:

firerestrictions.us

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Restrictions and Closures.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/Restrictions_and_Closures.htm)

One Less Spark Campaign. <http://www.preventwildfireca.org/OneLessSpark/>

Smokey 70th Campaign Resources <http://smokeybear.adcouncil.org/>

Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network blog <http://facnetwork.org/about/>