

# 2014 MINERAL COUNTY ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN

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## **PREAMBLE**

This annual operating plan is prepared pursuant to the Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (Statewide Agreement) for the State of Colorado signed and dated June 1, 2011 and as amended in 2013.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Annual Fire Operating Plan (AOP) is to set forth the standard operating procedures and responsibilities to implement cooperative wildfire protection on all lands within Mineral County. The use of "County" in this plan will refer to Mineral County.

## **AUTHORITIES**

- Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement Between:
- BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – COLORADO Agreement Number BLM-MOU-CO-538
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE – INTERMOUNTAIN REGION Agreement Number F1249110016
- BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS – SOUTHWEST REGION (no agreement number)
- UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE – MOUNTAIN PRAIRIE REGION
- UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE – ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION Agreement Number 11-FI-11020000-017
- Mineral County, Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund, CSFS #108
- Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection in Mineral County, CSFS #109

## **RECITALS**

The Mineral County Annual Operating Plan is promulgated to provide guidance to Local, State, and Federal Agencies in the prevention and suppression of wildland fire. The Mineral County Annual Operating Plan is required by the Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund and the Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection in Mineral County.

Federal and non-federal lands in Mineral County are intermingled or adjacent in some areas. Wildland fires on these intermingled or adjacent lands may present a threat to the lands of the other. Wildland fire protection responsibilities on non-federal lands follow a hierarchy of local jurisdiction from Fire Protection District to County Sheriff to State of Colorado with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control being the lead state agency for wildland fire management.

It is to the mutual advantage of the Parties to this Plan to coordinate efforts for the prevention, detection, and suppression of wildfires in and adjacent to their areas of responsibility, and to limit duplication and improve the effectiveness of wildland fire response.

## **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

### **Interagency Dispatch Centers**

Mineral County is served by Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center for areas of the county east of the Continental Divide and by the Durango Interagency Dispatch Center for areas of the county west of the Continental Divide.

### **Local Dispatch Centers**

Mineral County Sheriff's Office dispatch will dispatch for county and fire protection districts initial attack response east of the Continental Divide in Mineral County.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office dispatch will dispatch for county and fire protection districts initial attack response west of the Continental Divide in Mineral County.

### **Interagency Resources**

See "Directory of Personnel" section for resource and contact information in Exhibit C.

### **Standards**

Each jurisdictional agency is responsible for establishing standards for wildland fire response.

As per the NWCG memorandum Qualification Standards During Initial Action, March 22, 2004 and the PMS 310-1 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide:

- The 310-1 qualification/certification standards are mandatory only for national mobilization of wildland firefighting resources.
- During initial action, all agencies (federal, state, local and tribal) accept each other's standards. Once jurisdiction is clearly established, then the standards of the agency(s) with jurisdiction prevail.

## **PREPAREDNESS**

### **Protection Planning**

All Fire Protection Districts within Mineral County have completed Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). Fire Management Plans are in place for all federal lands in the SLV. SLV Counties are in the process of creating County Fire Plans or CWPPs authorized by HB-1283. Local CWPPs may be viewed at:

<http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/CommunityWildfireProtectionPlans.html>

## **Protection Areas and Boundaries**

Each jurisdictional agency has ultimate responsibility for wildland fire protection and management on its own lands. The County Sheriff is responsible for wildland fire protection on all non-federal lands in each County, including State Lands (CRS-30-10-513).

For all non-wildland fire emergencies, such as automobile accidents, medical, aircraft accidents, search & rescue, etc., notification should be to the County Sheriff's Office Dispatch and/or Colorado State Patrol Dispatch and to the agency with land management responsibility or nearest fire department.

## **Methods of Fire Protection and Suppression**

The agency that can take the quickest effective fire suppression action will be dispatched for initial attack. The jurisdictional agency will assume command of the suppression action at the earliest possible time. Notification of all other agencies that are affected is the responsibility of the responding agency.

## **Reciprocal (Mutual Aid) Fire Assistance**

The mechanism is in place for fire departments to cover each other through the San Luis Valley Fire Fighters Association mutual aid agreement. Federal agencies provide additional coverage through the Interagency Dispatch System.

The mutual aid protection area will be one (1) mile either side of the boundary between the jurisdictional agency's land and the nearest cooperating agency's land. No resources from other jurisdictions will reimburse each other from time of dispatch until midnight of the same day. Mutual aid will continue until midnight, unless commonly agreed upon at the discretion of the cooperating entities, that reimbursement should take place due to a fast moving and complex fire that could be cost shared for reimbursement. Any commonly agreed upon reimbursement will be documented.

At that time, the responsible agency will send the cooperator back to their home base or will request the cooperator to stay and pay will begin in accordance with the pay scales described in Exhibit B - Cooperative Resource Rate Form or Federal pay scale found in the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook (IIBM). Therefore, initial attack expenses are not reimbursable for mutual aid unless the above conditions are met.

Mutual aid fire protection zones are defined for initial attack purposes only. Assisting agencies will make initial attack on fires within the mutual aid zone based on which agency is in the best position at the time the fire is reported to take the most rapid and effective action. Each agency may make resources available upon request to the other agencies for fires. For such fires, the jurisdictional agency will reimburse the assisting agency for costs. It is understood, however, that no agency will be required or expected to commit its forces to assist another agency to the extent of jeopardizing coverage of their own lands.

The county may pay for suppression cost incurred beyond the mutual aid period. Notification will clearly state what agency has command of the incident. Responsibility for wildland fire suppression on private and state land within a fire protection district (FPD) is shared jointly by

the county and the FPD, and reimbursable costs shall be covered as mutually agreed upon by the county and district involved. The County Sheriff is limited in making financial obligations beyond initial attack. In order to have continuous fire suppression activities, the Board of County Commissioners will be notified as soon as County resources have been committed. A County Commissioner, or designee, shall be immediately available to the Sheriff.

### **Acquisition of Services**

Not Applicable within Mineral County.

### **Joint Projects and Project Plans**

Not applicable within Mineral County.

### **Fire Prevention**

#### **General Cooperative Activities**

Cooperating agencies may determine that the fire danger warrants fire prevention and suppression patrols. Expenses for these patrols are the responsibility of the home unit.

#### **Information and Education**

##### **Fire Danger Information**

Information on Fire Weather Stations, Fire Danger, Current Fire Situation, and more can be seen at the PIDC website: [http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch\\_centers/r2pbc/](http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2pbc/)

Fire Weather Station Locations - remote automated weather stations or RAWS data is available to the public at: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/index.html>

Fire Prevention Signs - each agency will determine when and where to place fire prevention signs.

##### **Joint or Single Agency Press Releases**

Each agency will prepare and release fire prevention material and media presentations according to its own prevention plans. Coordination with other agencies should be maintained in order to prevent a conflict in released material. Where pertinent, all news releases for fire prevention will carry a USFS, DFPC, BLM, fire district, or county sheriff by-line.

##### **Smokey Bear Program**

Cooperating agencies may purchase Smokey Bear materials through DFPC.

##### **Public Use Restrictions**

The purpose of fire restrictions and closures is to reduce the risk of human caused fires during high fire danger and/or burning conditions, and for the protection of human life and property. Fire restrictions and closures are invoked on federal, state, county, and private lands under federal and state laws. Public information about restrictions must be broad-based, clear, and coordinated.

All agencies may consult the "Pueblo Zone Procedures for Initiation or Rescinding Fire Restrictions and Purpose of Fire Restrictions & Emergency Closures" document when considering fire restrictions or closures found in

Fire ban information in Colorado may be found at:

<http://www.coemergency.com/p/fire-bans-danger.html>

In the case of any restrictions on burning or public movements because of extreme fire danger, either by Governor's proclamation or by local issue, the county sheriff will be responsible for enforcement on all non-federal lands, and may assist on other lands at the request of the appropriate agency.

### **Burning Permits**

Not applicable within Mineral County

### **Prescribed Fire (Planned Ignitions) and Fuels Management**

Wildfires resulting from escaped prescribed fires ignited by a party to this Agreement on lands it manages shall be the responsibility of that party. The party responsible for the prescribed fire will reimburse other parties to this Plan consistent with the terms and conditions contained herein for costs incurred in suppression of such fires. If parties to this Agreement conduct a cooperative prescribed fire, details covering cost sharing, reimbursement, and responsibility for suppression costs, should it escape, shall be agreed upon and documented in the burn plan.

### **Smoke Management**

Colorado Air Quality Control Commission requires that most outdoor burning have an air quality (smoke) permit. For a description of the exemptions for agriculture, backyard cooking fires, etc., and for other information about smoke permits, see <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/smoke/>. Smoke permits are separate from and in addition to burning permits that county agencies may require.

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Fire Notifications**

Assisting agencies making initial attack on fires within the mutual aid zone will ensure that the adjacent jurisdictional agency is promptly notified of the fire through their primary Dispatch. The County Sheriff's Office will typically be notified of all wildland fires. If the fire is on or threatening state or private land, and is expected to exceed the control capabilities of the county, the DFPC fire duty officer should be notified. If the fire is on or within 1 mile of land managed by the National Forest Service, BLM, US Fish and Wildlife Service or National Park Service, then the initial attack dispatch will notify Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center (719-553-1600).

### **Boundary Line Fires**

If a fire crosses, or threatens to cross, jurisdictional boundaries and becomes a boundary fire (see definition below) a Unified Command will be formed. The purpose of the Unified Command

will be to meet as a group and identify one common set of objectives for implementation by the suppression forces. The Unified Command will also determine reimbursement responsibilities and resource sharing between the agencies.

The Unified Command will include representatives from those entities that have financial responsibilities for the fire. In the event of a fire burning on lands of two or more jurisdictional agencies that are normally not dispatched by the same dispatch center, the Unified Command will coordinate and determine which center will do all dispatching.

Boundary Fires include:

- A fire burning in two or more agency jurisdictions, or will soon burn across the boundary, when the boundary line is known
- The fire location is known, but the jurisdictional boundary on the ground is unknown, or
- The location of a reported fire is uncertain in relation to the jurisdictional boundary.

## **Response to Wildland Fire**

### **Establishing Incident Command**

During initial attack, a single responder will establish incident command. This is most often done by the first resource to arrive in the area of the incident, regardless of jurisdiction. In extreme situations, command may be established by a resource in route for the purpose of ordering resources. In either case, it is imperative that all responding units and involved dispatch centers know command has been established. The establishing resource should, at minimum, provide a command name. This is generally based on the perceived geographic location of the fire. If known, the establishing resource should also provide a communications channel, staging area, and brief size up.

If the initial incident commander is not a representative of a jurisdictional or protecting agency for the location of the fire, command should be offered to an appropriate representative when they arrive. The offer may or may not be implemented depending on the situation. Should a transfer of command occur, all involved resources and dispatch centers should be notified.

### **Resource Ordering**

All orders placed for extended attack should go through PIDC as the single ordering point for fire ordering in the Mineral County. These orders will be documented on Resource Orders. It is understood that the agency requesting the resource shall also be responsible for payment.

PIDC will coordinate with federal and county dispatch centers as well as local emergency managers and EOCs to mobilize requested resources for incident response. All requests for federal resources are processed through PIDC.

### **After Action Review (AAR)**

An After Action Review (AAR) of incidents will be conducted at a level commensurate with the complexity of the incident. The jurisdictional agency will be responsible for conducting the AAR. Local agencies/entities that were not directly involved in the incident but could potentially benefit from participating in the post-incident action analysis will be invited to attend.

### **Special Management Considerations**

Suppression activities within designated wilderness areas will not be conducted without specific direction from the jurisdictional federal agency. Use of roads on federal lands presently closed to vehicular travel (outside of wilderness areas) is hereby authorized to all parties to this AOP, when said parties are on a fire detection, prevention, or suppression mission. Use of mechanized equipment such as bulldozers, graders, etc. will not be permitted on federal lands without the expressed approval of the appropriate federal official.

### **Decision Process**

A Decision Support System (DSS) may be completed for fires that have the potential to be designated as an EFF fire or that affects multiple jurisdictions and has the potential to go into extended attack. DFPC may assist with a non-EFF DSS, but has no authority to sign on non-EFF fires.

DFPC requires that a DSS be completed for all fires that receive a FEMA declaration and recommends a DSS is completed for all EFF fires. All agencies involved in extended attack on private and state lands will provide input to the DSS. The DFPC Line Officer will facilitate completion and review of the DSS for these fires. When a fire is burning on or threatens to burn on multiple jurisdictions, one DSS should be prepared that considers all jurisdictions and their interests.

Federal agencies are required to utilize the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) for fires on their lands. If multi-jurisdictional fires occur that involve federal lands, then one WFDSS should be completed for the incident that includes input from all affected jurisdictional agencies.

### **Cooperation**

All of the fire protection agencies within Mineral County have current mutual aid agreements in place and agree to cooperate to the extent possible to bring rapid stabilization of wildland fires occurring in, near, and around Mineral County.

The County, State, and Federal agencies agree to cooperate to the extent possible to plan for and respond to fire incidents within the county.

### **Communication**

All parties agree that a common communications plan is essential during a wildland fire event.

As such, a common "Command" talk group or channel will be established that all responders can operate on, and that can be monitored by PIDC and Alamosa CSP.

Separate "Tactical" talk groups should be established for each division of the fire. These need to be accessible to all responders assigned to that division as well as the Incident Commander.

See Exhibit E for an SLV-wide listing of local, state, federal, and common use frequencies.

## **Cost efficiency**

Maximizing cost effectiveness of any fire operation is the responsibility of all involved, including those that authorize, direct, or implement those operations. Cost effectiveness is the most economical use of suppression resources necessary to accomplish mission objectives.

Accomplishing fire objectives safely and efficiently will not be sacrificed for the sole purpose of "cost savings". Care will be taken to ensure that suppression expenditures are commensurate with values to be protected while understanding that other factors may influence spending decisions.

## **Delegation of Authority**

The agency administrator(s) shall furnish a Delegation of Authority to the Incident Commander or a team for all fires that escape initial attack. Public Safety cannot be delegated away from the county sheriff (CRS-30-10-513)

## **Preservation of Evidence**

The jurisdictional agency will have primary responsibility for fire cause investigation and any civil or criminal follow-up actions taken. The follow-up actions will list all agencies involved in the suppression effort. When initial attack is made by other than the jurisdictional agency, the protecting agency will immediately preserve information and evidence pertaining to the cause and origin of the fire for the jurisdictional agency. Fire cause determination is required for both EFF and FEMA incidents.

In the case of human-caused fires with a known suspected trespasser, each party to the AOP agrees to pursue cost recovery on behalf of all agencies involved with the fire suppression when the fire originates on lands within their jurisdiction. All costs of fire suppression and rehabilitation from the time of initial report will be included in the cost recovery effort regardless of mutual aid assistance. If the jurisdictional agency responsible for the fire chooses not to pursue cost recovery, the other parties to this AOP may pursue cost recovery on their own, through the procedures available to them to do so.

## **STATE EMERGENCY FIRE FUND (EFF)**

Mineral County is a participant in the EFF Agreement with DFPC. As a participant to this agreement, the State agrees to come to the aid of the County should suppression resource needs exceed County capability.

The EFF can only be implemented upon request of the County with mutual agreement by DFPC.

The County must notify DFPC immediately should an incident occur which has the potential to exceed County capability. This will allow time for a DFPC representative to travel to the scene.

Minimum County Commitment: In the event of an incident that qualifies and opens the Emergency Fire Fund, the County agrees to supply and pay for the following resources, if necessary for suppression, for the duration of the fire:

One (1) Sheriff's Office representative, 24-hour staffing if necessary  
One (1) water tender with operator, 24-hour staffing if necessary  
One (1) dozer or grader with operator, 24-hour staffing if necessary  
One (1) engine, fully staffed, 24-hour staffing if necessary

DFPC#108A: The criteria utilized for evaluating wildfires for possible EFF funding are listed in the form DFPC #108A. This evaluation is also used to determine the return of control to the County.

## **USE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERAGENCY FIRE RESOURCES**

### **Cost Share Agreement (Cost Share Methodologies)**

Written cost share agreements should be prepared when a wildfire burns across or threatens jurisdictional boundaries, and/or exceeds the mutual aid period. The intent is to appropriately distribute the financial burden based on a method agreed upon by a representative from each affected jurisdiction. A cost share agreement should be negotiated as soon as practical.

When a wildfire occurs on lands of more than one agency and costs are incurred beyond the mutual aid period, one of the following three options may be used to determine reimbursable costs to the agencies involved:

- Each agency assumes its own costs as expended by it in the fire control effort.
- Fire costs may be divided based upon ownership and acreage percentages.
- Costs may be divided as mutually agreed upon by agency representatives as soon as possible after the mutual aid period.

When a fire is accepted by the State as an EFF incident, the Fire Cost Share Principles agreed to by the State and Federal agencies may be used as a foundation of discussion

On incidents that go EFF, the value of work done by local fire districts will be tracked but may be included as the County's minimum contribution.

### **Training**

National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) wildfire training courses, meeting the Field Managers Coordinators Guide, are provided periodically by DFPC, Rio Grande NF, BLM, NPS, Fire Departments and other agencies. The Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy is another option for training. [www.cwfima.com](http://www.cwfima.com). As these courses are scheduled, all cooperators will be informed and invited to participate. Non NWCG courses may be scheduled as appropriate. DFPC will attempt to provide specific training opportunities for fire district personnel and other private organizations as requested, and as time allows.

The Pueblo Zone Training Committee (a sub-group to the Pueblo Interagency Fire Board) exists to promote wildland fire training throughout the Pueblo Zone. Contact your local DFPC Zone

Fire Management Officer to be included in the Pueblo Zone Training email distribution list to receive information regarding local to national wildland fire training information.

## **Communication Systems**

For the purposes of conducting business authorized by this plan, all parties to this operating plan agree that assisting agencies may use the jurisdictional agency's radio frequencies as needed to conduct emergency communications on fires of the jurisdictional agency. No party to this operating plan will use, or authorize others to use, another agency's radio frequencies for routine day to day operations.

Mineral County currently utilizes the state 800Mhz Digital Trunked Radio System for its daily operations. A State Mutual Aid Channel (MAC) may be assigned by dispatch for out of area resources responding within the county.

Federal land management agencies use a VHF Radio system for their daily operations.

Please see Exhibit E.

## **Fire Weather Systems**

### **Red Flag/Fire Weather Announcements**

The National Weather Service in Pueblo periodically issues "FIRE WEATHER" watch and "RED FLAG" warning bulletins. The Colorado State Patrol Dispatch in Denver will alert the County Sheriff's Offices when a Red Flag Warning is in effect. It is therefore the responsibility of the County Sheriff's office to relay this warning to their local Fire Departments.

**RED FLAG WARNING:** This warning is issued by the National Weather Service when weather conditions that will cause erratic fire behavior are predicted. These conditions may include very low humidity, high temperatures, high winds and the occurrence of dry lightning. Initial attack may require additional forces or air support under these conditions. This warning is issued to advise agencies of the imminent or actual occurrence of these weather conditions.

A "Fire Weather Watch" is issued to advise agencies of the possible development of red flag conditions in the near future. It will be issued by the fire weather forecaster for any part of or all of the Colorado fire weather zones. A watch shall be issued when the forecaster is reasonably confident that a Red Flag Event will occur within the next 12 to 72 hours. The Fire Weather Watch shall remain in effect until the forecaster determines that the critical weather conditions are imminent or are occurring (then upgrade to a warning), or until it can be determined that the expected event will not occur, and thus the watch will be canceled or allowed to expire.

## **Aviation Operations**

### **Aviation Map and Narrative**

The Interagency Dispatch Centers (Pueblo, Montrose, Durango, and Taos) have mapped aviation hazards, flight routes, and other information. They are on file with their agency Aviation Plans and Fire Management Action Plans. All air resources go through the appropriate interagency dispatch center.

### **Flight Following/Frequency Management**

The Interagency Dispatch Centers (Pueblo, Montrose, Durango, and Taos) will flight follow per national direction for aircraft ordered through them.

### **Aviation Ordering Procedure**

Aircraft are ordered through normal dispatching procedures. The appropriate Federal Interagency Dispatch Center will receive Aircraft orders from the Incident Commander or their designee.

### **Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Bases**

There are SEAT bases at San Luis Valley Regional Airport (Bergman Field). Federal or State contracted SEAT aircraft may be prepositioned at Bergman Field if conditions warrant.

### **Lead Plane/Air Attack Activation**

Aviation orders are accepted as to what is available and is the closest resource. A lead plane may be necessary and activated. Be as specific as possible when ordering an air resource and be aware that other requirements and expenses may be necessary.

### **Aviation Requests and Operations**

Aircraft orders will be made through the appropriate Federal Interagency Dispatch Center and will only be accepted from the Incident Commander or designee. Each County will establish ordering procedures. The following information will be included in the aircraft request:

Incident name

- Location (latitude and longitude) degrees, decimal minutes
- Jurisdiction
- Air contact with air to air radio frequency (if other aircraft present)
- Any other aircraft in the area.
- Values at risk (structures, type, etc)
- Hazards (power lines, towers, etc)
- Ground Contact with air to ground radio frequency
  - Zone CO-06, East of Hwy. 285 - A/G (35) - 167.2250 or A/G (58) 169.0875
  - Zone CO-04, West of Hwy. 285 - A/G (15) - 167.5250 or A/G (7) 166.8500

### **Inspection Schedules**

No aircraft inspections are scheduled as part of this AOP.

### **Billing Procedures**

The procedure for reimbursement for local agencies through DFPC will occur via the Cooperative Resource Rate Form (CRRF). Billing may be made for equipment and/or personnel listed on the CRRF with the corresponding documentation. Current procedures and forms can found at the DFPC website: <http://dfs.state.co.us/>

### **Cost Recovery**

Both the County and the State reserve the right to pursue reasonable cost recovery efforts for equipment, personnel, and supplies utilized in response to a wildland fire that extends beyond

the mutual aid period. This includes the facilities and administrative fee, also known as indirect rate. This includes pursuing legal action against any party determined to be responsible for the cause of the fire.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

This AOP is the framework for cooperation between the State and the County. It does not supersede any other lawful policy, rule, or procedure. This AOP may be utilized as part of the Counties master emergency operations plan. The County is encouraged to create AOP's, MOU's and Agreements with their local response agencies.

### **Personnel Policy**

All government employees shall be employed at their regular salary rate. All non-government employees will be paid at agency department rates. If no agency department rates have been set, then DFPC established rates will be used. These can be found at the DFPC website <http://dfs.state.co.us/>

### **Modification**

Changes may be made to this plan at any time during the plan cycle as needed. These changes must have the concurrence of all parties before being placed into the plan document.

### **Annual Review**

The annual operating plan must be reviewed annually. If no changes are made, a statement letter with signatures of all parties to this AOP will be distributed. A meeting of cooperating agencies will be held each year. The updated plan will be circulated for signatures prior to May.

### **Duration of Agreement**

This plan is to be considered in full effect upon the date of the signatures. This plan will remain in effect until rescinded by the parties, or until May 1, 2015, whichever occurs first.

### **Previous Agreements Superseded**

Any and all previously dated Annual Operating Plans pertaining to wildland fire within Mineral County are hereby null and void upon the date of the signatures on this current plan.

**SIGNATURES**

Authorized Representatives

**MINERAL COUNTY**

  
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Signature

Fred Hosselkus, County Sheriff

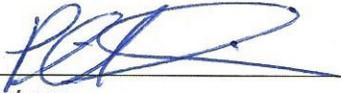
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Scott Lamb, County Commissioner

4/2/14  
Date

**COLORADO DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION & CONTROL**

  
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Signature

Phillip Daniels, Regional Fire Management Officer

4/2/2014  
Date

FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

*D.S. Dallas*

Signature

Dan Dallas, Forest Supervisor  
United States Forest Service, Rio Grande National Forest

03/26/2014  
Date

*Michael G. J...*

Signature

Forest Supervisor  
United States Forest Service, San Juan National Forest

4/3/2014  
Date

Acting

*Andrew Archuleta*

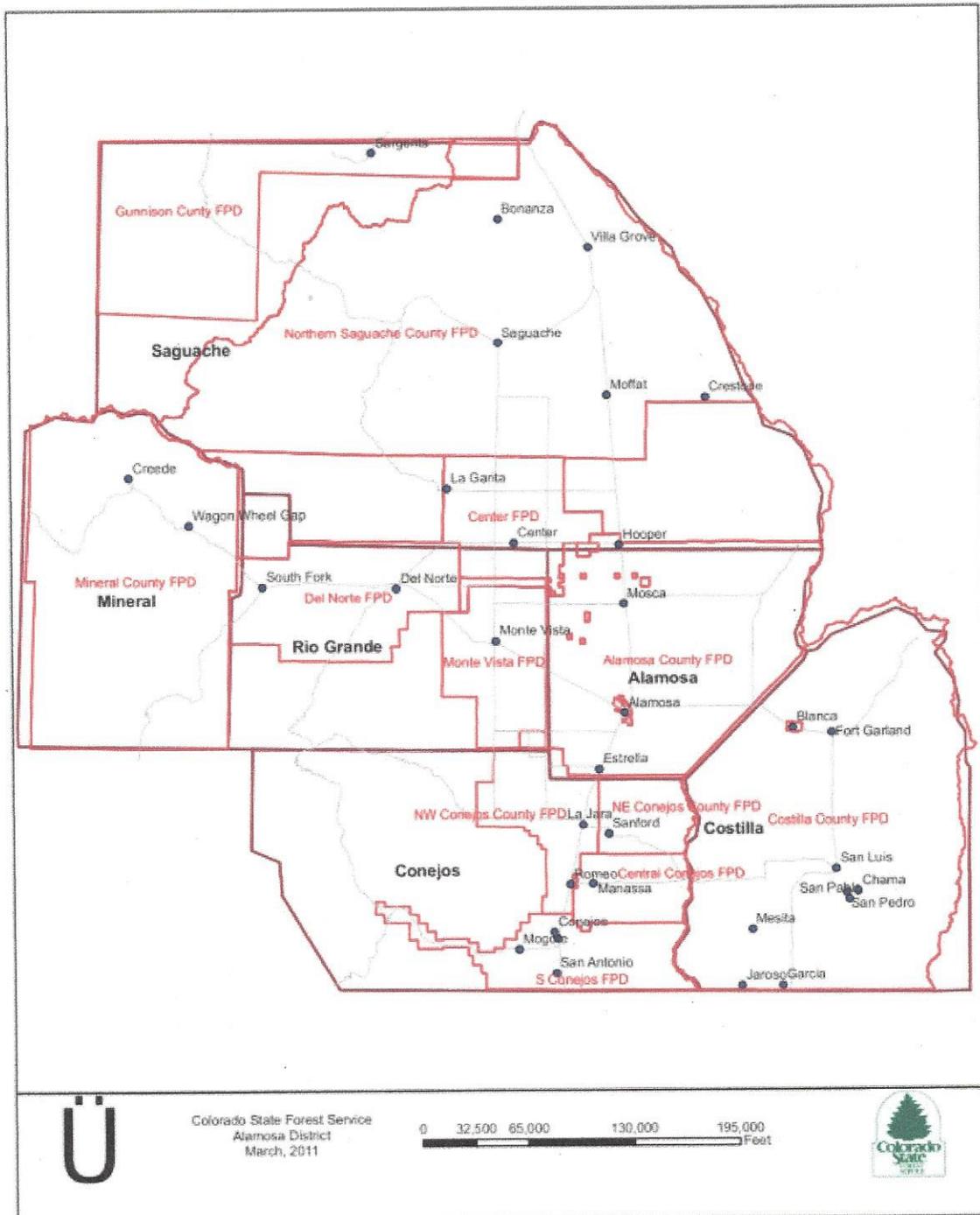
Signature

Andrew Archuleta, Field Manager  
Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office

4/23/14  
Date

# Exhibit A: Maps

## SLV Wildfire Protection Boundary Map



## Exhibit B: Colorado Resource Rate Forms

 <b>COLORADO RESOURCE RATE FORM (CRRF) 2014 -2017</b> Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)		
<b>1. ORDERING OFFICE</b> Ordering of Cooperator resources is outlined in the Annual Operating Plan for the county shown in Block 2 and the State of Colorado Emergency Operations Plan.  Agency References: NPS Agreement F1249110016 BLM Agreement BLM-MOU-CO-538 USFS Agreement 11-FI-11020000-017 BIA Agreement A11PG00030 F&WS Agreement none FEMA Agreement none	<b>2. COUNTY</b> Mineral	<b>3. INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER</b> Pueblo
	<b>4. EFFECTIVE DATES</b> - May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2017	
	<b>5. COOPERATOR</b> Unit Identifier: CO- MINX Vendor ID: 841105634 Name: Mineral County Fire Protection District Address: PO Box 298 City: Creede State: CO Zip Code: 81130 Admin Email: mincofire@live.com Admin Phone: 719-658-2600, 719-849-3903 Fax: 719-658-2764 Dispatch / 24 hour Phone: 719-658-2600	
<b>6. CONTACTS – FIRE</b> DFPC Business staff (970) 491-8538 <a href="http://dfpc.state.co.us/">http://dfpc.state.co.us/</a>	<b>7. PAYMENT OFFICE – FIRE INCIDENTS</b> Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control Building 1049, 5060 Campus Delivery Fort Collins, CO 80523-5060	
<b>8. CONTACTS – ALL HAZARD</b> DHSEM Main Office (720) 852-6689 <a href="http://dhsem.state.co.us/">http://dhsem.state.co.us/</a>	<b>9. PAYMENT OFFICE – ALL-HAZARD INCIDENTS</b> Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management – Logistics Unit 9195 East Mineral Avenue – Suite 200 Centennial, CO 80112	
<b>10. COOPERATOR EMERGENCY CONTACT ( Name, Phone, and Fax)</b> Robert Hosselkus Jr 719-658-2600, 719-658-2764(fax), 719-849-3903(cell)		
<b>11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>12. BILLING INFORMATION</b> Originals of all payment documents should be given to the cooperator at time of release from incident. <b>Incident agency should keep the file copies only.</b> Cooperators must submit <u>original payment documents</u> to the appropriate payment office listed above for reimbursement. DFPC or DHSEM will bill the appropriate incident jurisdictional agency.  Personnel time will be documented and billed at actual cost for incident assignments. All cooperator personnel will be compensated at established rates as documented with the Colorado DPS.		

I understand this document is not an agreement or contract. As a Cooperator, this identifies costs associated with the listed resources. Availability of these resources is not guaranteed. If available when requested, these resources will be supplied under the above conditions at the indicated cost subject to the conditions detailed in the attached CRRF Use and Conditions document. **I certify that the equipment listed here is either Cooperator-owned, or placed under agreement with the State of Colorado.** All Cooperator personnel have cooperator-provided workers compensation coverage.

As a Cooperator, I certify by signing this document that neither the Cooperator nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. I also agree to immediately provide an update to the Colorado Department of Public Safety in the event this status changes.

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 Cooperator Signature

Robert Hosselkus Jr/Fire Chief  
 Printed Name and Title

29 Jan 2014  
 Date

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 CDPS Approval Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name, Title, and Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

CDPS-CRRF-2014-2017  
 Email to [CDPS\\_SEOC\\_LOGISTICS@STATE.CO.US](mailto:CDPS_SEOC_LOGISTICS@STATE.CO.US)

**Cooperator Name:**  
**Unit Identifier: CO- MINX**

Equipment work rates do not include personnel or operating supplies (fuel and oil).

13. Resource Description <small>(include call sign, make, model, year, VIN, license number)</small>	14. Kind	15. Type	16. Work Rate		17. Minimum Daily Guarantee	18. Ordering System STATE USE ONLY
			a. Rate \$	b. Unit		
(a) Creede Fire 1 1999 International VIN# 1HTSDAR4XH656020 LIC# GVT627AVM 1000gal/foam	Engine	I	\$120.00	HOURLY	\$960.00	
(b) Creede Fire 2 1978 Chevrolet VIN# CCE668V130373 LIC# GVT614AVM 750 gal	Engine	II	\$110.00	HOURLY	\$880.00	
(c) Creede Fire 3 1975 Ford VIN# V60EVW60954 LIC# GVT619AVM 250 gal	Engine	VI	\$65.00	HOURLY	\$520.00	
(d) Creede Fire 4 2001 Freightliner VIN# 1FVHAEASO2PK0434 LIC# GVT639AVM 4000 gal	Tactical Tender	II	\$95.00	HOURLY	\$760.00	
(e) Creede Fire 5 1984 Ford VIN# 1FDYA90XXEVA35216 LIC# GVT629AVM 4000 gal	Tender	II	\$95.00	HOURLY	\$760.00	
(f) Creede Fire 6 1970 AM General 4x4 1000gal SN# 052022254 NFC# AG0001598824 CSFS OWNED	Engine	III	\$98.00	HOURLY	\$520.00	
(g) Creede Fire 7 2004 F550 Ford, Quick Attack VIN# 1FDAX57P4BC30505 LIC# GVT643AVM 320gal/foam	Engine	VI	\$65.00	HOURLY	\$520.00	
(h) Creede Fire 8 1994 Ford F250 VIN# 1FTHF26H1RLB21996 LIC# GVT611AVM	Support Vehicle		\$55.00	DAILY		
(i) Creede Fire 9 2013 Freightliner VIN# 1FVDCYDTXDHFH3669 LIC# GVT616AVM 1000gal/foam	Engine	III	\$100.00	HOURLY	\$800.00	
(j) Creede Big Red UTV 2012 Polaris VIN# 4XAHR76A9C4719544 Fire/FMS Slip-in 70gal/foam	UTV		\$40.00	DAILY		

Cooperator Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
CDPS Signature

Robert Hosselkus Jr/Fire Chief Mineral County FPD  
Printed Name, Title, and Agency

29 Jan 2014  
Date

## **Exhibit C: Directory of Personnel**

### ***Dispatch Centers***

COLORADO STATE PATROL DISPATCH	719-589-5807
PUEBLO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER	719-553-1600
MONTROSE INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER	970-249-1010
DURANGO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER	970-385-1324
TAOS ZONE DISPATCH CENTER	575-758-6208
COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE	719-587-6900

### ***County Commissioners***

Alamosa	719-589-4848
Conejos	719-376-5654
Costilla	719-672-3372
Mineral	719-658-2331
Rio Grande	719-657-2744
Saguache	719-655-2231

### ***County Sheriff's***

Alamosa	Dave Stong	719-589-6608
Conejos	Robert Gurule	719-376-6778
Costilla	Amos Medina	719-672-0673
Mineral	Fred Hosselkus	719-658-2600
Rio Grande	Brian Norton	719-657-4000
Saguache	Mike Norris	719-655-2544

### ***San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit (USFS, BLM, UFWS &NPS)***

- SLV Public Lands Center FMO @ Monte Vista, Jim Jaminet (ofc) 719-852-6292 (cell) 719-850-2380
- SLV Public Lands Center Asst FMO @ Saguache, Lary Floyd (ofc) 719-655-6129 (cell) 719-850-2379
- SLV Public Lands Center Fire Operations Specialist, Paul Duarte (ofc) 719-852-6295 (cell) 719-850-2387

**GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK**

For fires on or near the Great Sand Dune National Park contact Colorado State Patrol Dispatch 719-589-5807 or 911 or Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center 719-553-1600.

**ALAMOSA AND MONTE VISTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

For fires on or near the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuges or the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge contact Colorado State Patrol Dispatch 719-589-5807 or 911.

**GMUG NATIONAL FORESTS/GUNNISON FIELD OFFICE BLM**

For fires on or near the Gunnison National Forest or Gunnison Field Office BLM lands or to contact Federal fire personnel contact Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center 970-249-1010.

**COLORADO PARKS and WILDLIFE**

For fires on or near CDOW lands, a courtesy call is warranted although responsibility for fire suppression still falls to the County Sheriff. The CDOW office in Monte Vista is 719-587-6900 and for emergencies 587-6925. Colorado State Patrol can contact an "On Call" Wildlife Officer.

**COUNTY FIRE CONTACTS**

**Alamosa**

Alamosa Fire Department	Chief Don Chapman	719-580-2201
Mosca / Hooper Fire Department	Chief Blaine Witherspoon	719-588-7489
Alamosa County OEM	David Osborn	719-588-5600

**Conejos**

Antonito Fire Department	Chief Rossi Duran	719-580-0381
Capulin Fire Department	Chief Lionel Valdez	719-274-5822
Carmel Fire Department	Chief Ron Escherman	719-589-2081
Central Conejos Fire Prot Dist	Chief Richard Martin	719-843-5818
La Jara Fire Department	Chief Austin Valdez	719-588-0972
Fox Creek Fire Department	Chief Louis Mondragon	719-376-5691
Romeo Fire Department	Chief Steve Sorenson	719-580-5024
NE Conejos Fire Prot Dist	Chief Mike McCarroll	719-274-3511

**Costilla**

Blanca Fire Department	Chief Cole Wagasugi	719-588-2629
Costilla County Fire Dept	Chief Alfred Mondragon	719-588-5232
Trinchera Ranch	Ty Ryland	719-379-3263

**Mineral**

Creede Fire Department                      Chief Robert Hosselkus                      719-849-3903

**Rio Grande**

Del Norte Fire Department                      Chief Gilbert Trujillo                      719-588-3162

Monte Vista Fire Department                      Chief Charles Archer                      719-849-9591

South Fork Fire Protection District                      Chief Tyler Off                      970-218-6671

**Saguache**

Baca Grande Fire Department                      Chief Jack Johnson                      719-588-9888

Kundalini Fire Management                      Chief Peter May                      719-588-1888

Center Fire Department                      Chief Russell Brown                      719-580-3540

Northern Saguache County FPD                      Chief Wes Moores                      719-221-9948

Gunnison County FPD                      Chief Walter Cranor                      970-209-1218

**Exhibit D: Wildfire Emergency Response Fund (WERF) Guidelines**  
**Wildfire Emergency Response Fund (WERF)**  
**2014 Guidelines**

The Wildfire Emergency Response Fund (Ref: CRS §24-33.5-1226) was created to assist local jurisdictions with initial attack wildland fire response on state and private lands within the state of Colorado. Any County Sheriff, municipal fire department, or fire protection district within Colorado may request WERF reimbursement as the official Requesting Agency. WERF will reimburse, if funds are available, the Requesting Agency the cost of eligible wildland firefighting resources.

<b>ELIGIBLE FOR WERF REIMBURSEMENT</b>	
Both aerial resource use and hand crew use on the same incident.	
AERIAL RESOURCES	First hour of firefighting helicopter rotor time + pilot time OR First aerial tanker flight + drop + retardant*
	OAS-carded & USFS-carded pilots, if federal resources are involved.
HAND CREW	Up to 2 hand crew days within the first 2 operational periods of an incident, beginning from time of departure to fire. <i>Type 1, Type 2 Initial Attack, or Type 2 NWCG-qualified crews.</i>
	Hand crews should be ordered based on incident needs, crew Type and capabilities, and proximity to incident. There is a preference for the use and reimbursement of State of Colorado inmate crews.
	Different crews may be used, but only for a total of 2 hand crew days.

There are often additional costs associated with the use of aircraft and hand crews that are not reimbursable.

<b>NOT ELIGIBLE FOR WERF REIMBURSEMENT</b>	
AERIAL RESOURCES	Fixed wing aircraft reimbursement does not include lead plane or aerial observer aircraft.
	Additional helicopter personnel (helicopter crew).
	Ferry time/flight time to bring aerial resource to Colorado.
	Fuel truck. Chase truck.
HAND CREW	Travel time to bring hand crews from outside Colorado.
	Hand crew logistics costs of lodging, camping, and per diem.

Consult the County Annual Operating Plan for the local, state, and federal dispatch procedures to order resources eligible for WERF reimbursement. The Requesting Agency must notify the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) of each WERF reimbursement request. Requests should be emailed to DFPC at [firebill@cdfpc.org](mailto:firebill@cdfpc.org) within 7 days of resource use and include the following information: who requested the resource (Sheriff, fire chief, etc.), fire name, incident number (whenever available), resource name, date(s) of use, and copies of resource orders (whenever available). Since the DFPC has been tasked by the Colorado State Legislature to administer and manage this fund, it is critical that DFPC

receives notification of any and all WERF requests to maintain an accurate balance for the fund.

\*Any request for a Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) must be approved by the DFPC Deputy Chief of Operations or their designee prior to use.

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## Exhibit E: Communication Plan

	RX Freq	RX Tone	TX Freq	TX Tone
<b>ALAMOSA COUNTY</b>				
Alamosa Ambulance	154.800		159.210	156.7
Alamosa County (Pagers)	155.940			
Alamosa County Sheriff	155.415	114.8	159.150	114.8
Alamosa County Shop 1	159.120	82.5	155.075	82.5
Alamosa County Shop 2	158.940	82.5	158.940	82.5
Alamosa Fire Prot. Dist.	154.220		154.220	
SLV Regional Medical Center UHF				
Med 9	462.950			
Med 7	462.975			
Med 6	463.175			
Alamosa Police	154.800		159.210	156.7
City of Alamosa	154.040		154.040	
<b>CONEJOS COUNTY</b>				
Antonito Police Dept 1	154.695	156.7	154.695	156.7
Antonito Police Dept 2	154.845	156.7	154.845	156.7
Antonito Police Dept 3	155.475	156.7	155.475	156.7
Conejos County Hospital	154.985		154.985	
Conejos County Sheriff	155.670	127.3	158.850	127.3
Cumbers Toltac R/R 1	161.505		160.305	
Cumbers Toltac R/R 2	161.505		161.505	
Conejos County Fire	154.145		154.145	
La Jara Fire	154.145		154.145	
Manitou Fire Dept.	154.145		154.145	
Romeo Fire Dept	154.145		154.145	
Sanford Fire	154.145		154.145	
<b>COSTILLA COUNTY</b>				
Blanca Municipal	153.845		153.845	
Blanca Fire (pagers)	154.325			
Blanca Fire Dept	154.325	110.9	154.325	110.9
Costilla Ambulance (pagers)	154.325			
Costilla County 1	155.865	141.3	155.865	141.3
Costilla County 2	151.955	141.3	151.955	141.3
Costilla County Ambulance	155.685	179.9	155.685	179.9
Costilla County Ambulance	156.630		156.630	
Costilla SO	155.685	179.9	156.030	179.9
<b>MINERAL COUNTY</b>				
City of Creede	154.464		154.464	
Mineral Co. Road and Bridge	155.805	156.7	154.100	156.7
Mineral Co. Road and Bridge	155.805	141.3	154.100	141.3
Mineral Co. Road and Bridge T/A	155.805	156.7	155.805	156.7
Mineral County Sheriff	155.910	156.7	158.910	156.7
Mineral County Sheriff	155.910	141.3	158.910	141.3
Creede Fire / EMS	154.695	156.7	154.695	156.7
Mineral Co. Search & Rescue	155.160		155.160	

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY**

Del Norte Fire (pagery)	155.955			
Del Norte Fire (siren)	155.955			
Del Norte Fire Dept.	155.940	156.7	153.920	156.7
Del Norte Police & City 1	155.835		158.825	
Del Norte Police & City 2	154.940		153.920	
Monte Vista Ambulance	155.760			
Monte Vista Fire (Pagery)	155.760			
Monte Vista Fire/Amb	154.250		150.790	156.7
Monte Vista Truck/Truck	154.250		154.250	
Rio Grande Hospital UHF				
Med 9	462.950			
Med 7	462.975			
Med 6	463.175			
Monte Vista Police	155.760	156.7	155.760	156.7
Rio Grande County Road	154.115	103.5	158.955	82.5
Rio Grande County Sheriff	155.940	156.7	153.920	156.7
South Fork Fire Dept 1	154.355	156.7	153.890	156.7
South Fork Fire Dept 2	154.355	156.7	154.355	156.7

**SAGUACHE COUNTY**

Baca Fire 1	154.445	110.9	159.445	110.9
Baca Fire Talk	154.445	110.9	154.445	110.9
Baca Grande Ambulance	155.340	110.9	155.340	110.9
Baca Grande POA	154.515	110.9	154.515	110.9
Center Fire Prot. Dist.	155.010	123.0	159.030	123.0
Center Police Dept.	155.010	123.0	159.030	123.0
Saguache County Ambulance	154.190		154.190	
Saguache County Fire Dept.	154.190	261	155.745	261
Saguache County Sheriff	154.785	162.2	158.775	162.2
N. Saguache FPD	154.190		154.190	

**FEDERAL AGENCIES**

RGF (Direct)	164.150		164.150	123.0
RGF - Bristol Head	164.150		164.9125	138.5
RGF - Grey Back	164.150		164.9125	148.2
RGF - Methodist Mtn	164.150		164.9125	131.8
RGF - San Antonio Mtn	164.150		164.9125	158.7
RGF - Work 1	163.100		163.100	
RGF - Work 2	164.9875		164.9875	
RGF - Boot Mountain	164.150		164.9125	110.9
Great Sand Dunes 1	166.350		166.350	
Great Sand Dunes 2	166.350		166.950	
National EMS	155.340		155.340	

**STATE AGENCIES**

Colo. Search & Rescue	155.160		155.160	
Colorado State Patrol 1	154.695	156.7	154.695	156.7
Colorado State Patrol 3	154.905		154.905	
Colorado State Patrol (spec)	151.190		151.190	

Colorado State Patrol - Creed	154,695		155,445	103.5
DOW Mobile	151,400		151,400	
DOW SW (Pool Table)	151,190		159,330	141.3
DOW SE (La Veta Pass)	151,460		151,175	146.2
CSP Repeater (Sag)	151,695	146.2	155,445	146.2
Colorado State Forest Service	151,340		151,340	

**COMMON USE**

FERN I	154,280		154,280	
FERN II	154,295		154,295	
FERN III	154,265		154,265	
NLEEC	155,475		155,475	
A/G 37 WEST OF 285	172,275		172,275	
A/G 31 WEST OF 285	171,525		171,525	
A/G 35 EAST OF 285	172,225		172,225	
A/G 16 EAST OF 285	167,850		167,850	
AIR GUARD EMERGENCY	168,625		168,625	
National Weather Service	162,475			
	162,400			
	162,550			