



## MINUTES

### Wildland Section Meeting

October 10, 2017 at 17:00

Keystone Resort Conference Center – Torreys I

- **Meeting called to order by Doug Cupp, Chairman at 17:00**
- **Introductions**
  - *Only four fire departments represented...Grand Fire, Greater Eagle Fire, Left Hand Fire and Los Piños Fire—thank you all for attending*
- **Review Minutes from 2016**
- **CDFPC Updates:**
  - DFPC took delivery of five new engines, all in service. They are winding down after a busy fire season with ten state responsibility fires, many in the NW region. The Type 2 helicopters were down in flight hours this year compared to last year, but the amount of water and personnel utilized was up—proving efficiency of their operations.
  - Their grant manager left the agency and a candidate is being interviewed currently so the VFA grant process/announcement has been delayed. The last round of grants was awarded in the Spring of 2016. DFPC will open the grant opportunity as soon as possible. Comments from cooperators: “Seems that the grant cycle has been extended” “We would like to see it happen annually as it is an important source of funding for volunteer departments” “We would like to be informed on the criteria” --some departments did not know that they would be ineligible if they had any full-time staff.
  - In June of 2016, Director Morgan received a disturbing email from the USFS stating that they would not be reimbursing for invoice preparation. DFPC has been paying cooperators for their admin time. If the USFS is going to change the rules, they need to inform their partners in January, not in the middle of wildfire season.
  - There needs to be some education regarding normal wear and tear on deployment apparatus versus damage caused by the incident. It is a risk that cooperators take when sending apparatus.
  - Rocco Snart has received a lot of positive feedback on the reimbursement process this year. Next CRRF cycle a change will be incorporated: generic “sedan” or “pickup” vehicles will not have an E#.

- Bruce Dikken asked that the link to the Avenza software be sent to the section members. *“Avenza Pro allows users to import an unlimited number of maps and to import and export shape files. If you would like to purchase licenses (one per device) for group pricing (\$40, regularly \$130), please submit this form [https://docs.google.com/a/state.co.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoGZpEj4NjcamQRB1mEELZ6\\_C8KGqnyl\\_svTAj2pCjgSI7jq/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/state.co.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoGZpEj4NjcamQRB1mEELZ6_C8KGqnyl_svTAj2pCjgSI7jq/viewform). You are committing to buying the licenses you pledge for on this form. If we receive requests for over 500 licenses, the cost per license will be no more than \$40. If we do not receive 500 requests, we will contact you to confirm that you are still interested in purchasing for a discounted price (potentially over \$40). More information on the group purchase will be made available in December 2017, with the purchase itself tentatively scheduled for early January 2018.”*
- DFPC is sponsoring L-380 and L-381 at the Winter CWFIMA (CO Springs, January 8-12, 2018)
- Melissa Lineberger is the new DFPC Chief of Staff
- DFPC strategic planning process is still ongoing. Director Morgan will email the document to the Wildland Section BOD. They are working to align the state’s resources to match its wildfire season. They want to continue to be proactive; they want to work closely with the Wildland Section and the Ops Section of the CSFC to make sure they are meeting the needs of the cooperators.
- **New Business**
  - Fire Adapted Colorado update: The Board of Directors of FACO met in Granby in October. They also held a workshop for members. *“For many years, thousands of interested individuals from all walks of life have come together to protect their homes, communities and wildlands. These individuals have different motives, interests and backgrounds, but can all agree that something must be done to allow healthy natural fires burn while also mitigating the risk of unhealthy and uncharacteristic wildfires. At Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO) we understand how vital it is that we understand our place, the need for fire, and the importance of coming together to reduce our state’s risk to catastrophic fires. With numerous efforts occurring across the state, such as; forest management projects, Firewise initiatives, community chipper days, slash sites, prescribed fire use, Fire Adapted Communities, Ready, Set, Go, working groups and numerous collaboratives, it has become apparent that a statewide initiative be created to bring everyone together around this issue. We are excited to share our stories, to learn and to teach, to work together and to acknowledge that when damaging fires strike anywhere in the state, they impact all of us. Wildland Fire Mitigation Practitioners go to [www.fireadaptedco.org](http://www.fireadaptedco.org) to fill out a membership application (Information also attached).”*
  - FACO is the fiscal agent for the Colorado Wildland Fire Conference. The next conference is in Crested Butte in September of 2018. <http://www.wildfire-colorado.com>.
  - FACO is also the fiscal agent for Wirē, the Wildfire Research Team. Wirē is an interdisciplinary collaboration focused on homeowner wildfire risk mitigation and community wildfire adaptedness. Their website showcases some of their academic and applied findings, reflecting their desire to bridge between use-inspired research and on-the-ground programs, management, and policy. <https://wildfireresearchcenter.org/>

- **Goals/Objectives Discussion**

- Pursue the statewide mutual aid agreement (work with Ops Section). CSFC/Ops/DFPC talking about mutual aid (9-1-1 side), with immediate neighbors, need to build a system everyone can rely on....
  - Eagle County has a ten-county mutual aid agreement/area
  - Work with the five regional CO IMTs
  - Need to answer the WebEOC versus ROSS issue; how do we ensure agencies are using the right system for the right reasons? Will they ever be merged into one program?? Future of ROSS—“IROC”—Interagency Resource Ordering Capability
  - What do members of this section want to see moving forward?? Please send ideas, expectations, speakers, agenda items, and thoughts about charging dues?
- **Review, Amendment and Adoption of Bylaws**
    - Brad White made the motion to adopt the bylaws with minor changes. Seconded by Schelly Olson, motion passed.
- **Election of Section Officers**
    - Brad White, Assistant Chief, Grand Fire Protection District, elected Chairman (1<sup>st</sup> term)
    - Schelly Olson, Assistant Chief, Grand Fire Protection District, elected Vice Chair (1<sup>st</sup> term)
    - Vacancy for Secretary/Treasurer (please contact Brad or Schelly to be appointed)

## **Next Meeting:**

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

**4:30pm**

**Clyde's Restaurant on the USSC Campus**

**UCCS Pedestrian Spine, Colorado Springs, CO 80918**