



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

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Fish and Wildlife Service (Mountain/Prairie Region)
Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region)
National Park Service (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)
State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas

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To: Rocky Mountain Area Coordinating Group Representatives

From: Chair, Rocky Mountain Area Coordinating Group

Subject: 2009 Protocols & Composition of Decision Support Group

Earlier this year RMCG tasked an adhoc group comprised of representatives of the Operations, Geospatial, and Fuels and Fire Use Committees to update RMA WFDSS protocols and develop protocols for a Decision Support Group. The purpose and need for such a group has its origins in new decision support technologies (WFDSS), the RMA IMT Succession Strategy (2008), as well as recent changes in the implementation of Federal Fire Policy (2009).

The purpose of the Decision Support Group (DSG) is to assist Agency Administrators (AA) and Incident Commanders (IC) with the analysis and development of a Decision Analysis Reports (DAR) and the associated course of action for an extended or long duration wildfires managed by local unit T3 Incident Management Organizations (IMOs).

On July 2nd RMCG adopted the attached Decision Support Protocols for 2009. Additionally, you will find an attachment which addresses the composition (recruitment, staffing, etc.) of this Decision Support Group.

Please share this information with your respective agency executives, unit line officers and fire management personnel.

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Chair, RMCG

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