

ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: April 2, 2019	ITEM TIME: 2:00 p.m.

FROM:	David 'Mo' DeMorat, Emergency Operations Director
TODAY'S DATE:	March 26, 2019
AGENDA TITLE:	Wildfire Mitigation Conference

CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION ITEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:
Consideration for approval to authorize a \$1,000 one-time expenditure to support the 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Conference in Steamboat Springs, CO

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:
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III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):
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PROPOSED REVENUE: N/A
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$1,000
FUNDING SOURCE: Community Services – Discretionary Fund

IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):

N/A

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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Routt County and northwest Colorado were impacted by several large wildland fires last fire season that threatened homes and property. Wildland fire is part of our environment and we all are exposed to some risk, no matter where we live in the county. This two-day conference that brings together local and regional experts to help the community understand wildfire risks and the steps we can all take to mitigate them. The first day of the conference is limited to government personnel to include discussion on policy and concerns. The second day of the conference will be public sessions to inform and educate homeowners and communities on the benefits of mitigation as well as learn about resources available. It will begin with local wildland fire experts speaking on local and regional weather and fire conditions. The afternoon will include breakout sessions that will target more specific interests. There will be exhibitors tabling throughout the conference to provide information and resources about wildfire preparedness and mitigation.

The conference has three goals: 1) to raise awareness and provide information on past and current wildfire mitigation efforts; 2) to build upon and replicate success stories; and 3) to learn about resources available in Routt County to reduce the risk of wildfire through mitigation. The conference aims to promote mitigation at different levels and scales, from the individual homeowner to HOAs, public and private, challenging us to think of our landscape as a whole. As the saying goes: "A dollar invested in mitigation saves many more dollars in firefighting."

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

N/A

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

N/A

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

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