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Utah League of Cities and Towns Elected Officials Wildfire Policy Work Group DNR State Office & videoconference 4 May 2015 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome, and Agenda & G2M Review—Brian Cottam and Buck Ehler (5 mins)
2. Introductions and Your Role Locally with Wildfire Issues—work group participants (10 mins)
3. Definitions (15 mins)
 - a. Prevention, Preparedness, Mitigation, Suppression
4. Setting the Stage (30 mins)
 - a. Governor Herbert's Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy
 - b. Senator Vicker's SB 56 and development of a "Comprehensive, Statewide Wildland Fire Prevention, Preparedness and Suppression Policy"
5. Primary Work Group Policy Issues (10 mins)
6. UAC Work Group Update (5 mins)
7. Questions to Consider for Next Meeting, and open discussion (10 mins)
8. Schedule Next Meeting (5 mins)



Wildfire Policy Questions to Consider

- Should state, county & municipality all share statutory responsibility for wildfire abatement?
- What should be the responsibility of a municipality?
- How do we continue to ensure *effective* initial attack by local forces (often volunteer fire departments) on wildfire in your jurisdiction?
- What is the most important role(s) of the county fire warden?

Do we want to simply recommend an alternative to default to legislative intent and work within the existing system???

Either, 1) municipality pays state directly as is currently happening, or 2) municipality and county work out payment system as current statute envisioned.