



## Fire Suppression Interim Committee

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### AGENDA

Fire Suppression Committee Subcommittees  
February 15, 2008  
Room 137 State Capitol

#### *Wildland-urban interface*

8:30 **Call to order, roll call** - Rep. Wilson, chair

8:35 **WUI and insurance, lending industries**

Participants will address how their industry is responding to development in the WUI, how they may be able to in the future, what their role is and can be.

- >Keith Lessner - Vice President, Loss Control; Property Casualty Insurance Association of America
- >Barbara van der Mars, State Auditor's Office
- >Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance
- >Phil Johnson, President, First Interstate Bank
- >Dona Losett, Senior Real Estate Lender, First Interstate Bank

9:30 **Local firefighter position paper recommendations** - Scott Waldron, MT Fire Chiefs' Association

10:00 **WUI options - first round**

Staff will present the various options and subcommittee members will discuss, determine further action.

11:00 **Public comment**

11:45 **DNRC/Headwaters Economics Study Proposal** - Patty Gude, Headwaters Economics, Ted Mead, DNRC

12:00 **Instructions to staff, adjourn**

#### *Infrastructure*

1:00 **Call to Order** – Senator Cobb, chair

1:05 **“Will collaboration & coordination result in management? Will it help?”**

Lincoln County experience  
Beaverhead National Forest experience  
Montana Forest Restoration Committee

**2:30 Suppression funding options**

Staff will present various suppression funding options and subcommittee members will discuss, determine further action.

**Protection Fee – What is it, what are the issues?**

**3:15 Budget options –DNRC ideas**

**4:00 Follow up to AMR report** - Bob Harrington, DNRC and George Weldon, USFS

**4:30 Public Comment**

**5:00 Staff summary of March meeting, adjourn**