



Fire Suppression Interim Committee

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AGENDA

Conference Call
February 22, 2008
Room 137, State Capitol
2:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to order, roll call** -- Sen. Cobb, chair

- II. **Appropriation transfer to DNRC for study of suppression costs in the WUI**
The committee will discuss and make a decision on whether to transfer \$10,000 of its budget to DNRC to conduct a study, with a contract partner, of the costs of fire suppression in the wildland-urban interface.

- III. **Recommended uses for fire suppression fund money**
*The committee will discuss and make a decision on the Infrastructure Subcommittee's recommendation to write a letter of support to the budget director for DNRC to utilize a portion of the \$40 million in the fire suppression fund to hire additional *seasonal* staff to fully support DNRC aviation and engine resources, provide fire business specialists on DNRC fires, and expand dispatch center staff. In addition, hire a modified 1.0 FTE to establish a section supervisor for the fire and aviation program to aid in statewide representation in fire management and the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group.*

- IV. **Public comment**

- V. **Adjourn**