



## Fire Suppression Interim Committee

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### 60th Montana Legislature

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### Agenda October 29, 2007 Room 137, State Capitol

*\*\* Please note: All times are approximate. Some agenda items may take more or less time than provided.*

- 9:00           **Call to order, roll call** -- Sen. Cobb, senior Senator
- 9:05           **Election of chair and vice-chair**
- 9:15           **Intent of enabling legislation (HB 1, September special session) and committee mandates** -- Committee members
- 9:30           **Budget considerations, travel** -- Karen Berger, Financial Services Manager, Legislative Services Division
- 9:45           **Fire Costs and Reimbursements** -- Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
1.       Update on 2007 season costs
  2.       How fire costs are reimbursed
- 10:15          **Staff reports** -- FSC staff and Legislative Audit Division
1.       Review previous work, recommendations that were made
  2.       Questions that have come up since special session, staff recommendations for study
  3.       2004 audit report, other related audits -- Joe Murray, Legislative Audit Division
- 11:15          **Agency reports**
- DNRC -- Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Administrator
1.       2004 audit recommendations - update
  2.       Performance goals
  3.       2007 fire season report
  4.       Perspective on what the Fire Suppression Committee should review

Federal agencies

1. Forest Service
2. Bureau of Land Management

12:30 **Lunch**

1:30 **Comment period to provide perspective on these questions with respect to wildland fire suppression policies, strategies, and cooperation among various jurisdictions:**

1. What works?
2. What are the problems?
3. How should the FSC address problems?

*Comment is welcome from interested members of the public, representatives of interested organizations, and legislators not serving on the FSC*

3:30 **Committee work session**

1. Meeting schedule and travel schedule
2. List the problems/questions to address during the interim.
3. Establish study topics, strategy
4. List background information needs (possible topics: county co-op program; how federal reimbursement works; others?)
5. Committee member expectations
6. Staff role

4:30 **Public comment on anything within the committee's purview**

5:00 **Next meeting location and agenda, instructions to staff**

5:15 **Adjourn**