

2014 Annual Wildfire Briefing
May 12, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m.-11:10 a.m.
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BACKGROUND: This is the annual Governor's fire briefing. From approximately 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m., the event will begin with a "private" (i.e. no press) meeting where the Director of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control will brief the Governor on the Wildfire Potential for 2014 and the level of state preparedness. The USFS Regional Forester and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (Colorado Office) will add remarks. The Governor's cabinet members may comment.

After the private meeting, the Governor will do a Media Briefing, including a short brief (5-10 minutes) followed by Q and A. The Media Briefing will take place in a hangar at Centennial Airport with a podium and sound system. You will brief the media on the 2014 Wildfire Potential and the state of readiness of state resources and the interagency cooperation that is in place for wildfire response.

AUDIENCE: At the media briefing, expect to see DFPC, USFS, and BLM and other agency staff.

MEDIA: Total or expected number of attendees for private briefing 12 – 15; Media briefing and photo opportunities 30 –50. Attendees for private meeting:

- Roxane White, Chief of Staff, Governor Hickenlooper
- Paul Cooke, Director, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control
- Brian Ferebee, Deputy Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Forest Service
- Willie Thompson, Director of Safety, Fire & Aviation Management, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Forest Service
- Tim Mathewson, Fire Meteorologist, Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center
- Kathy Sasak, Interim Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety
- Kevin Klein, Director, Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Colonel Kevin Kick, Colorado National Guard (representing The Adjutant General)
- Mr. Jack Laughlin, Colorado Department of Corrections (representing Rick Raemisch, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Corrections)
- Mike King, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources (invited)
- Ruth Welch, Bureau of Land Management, State Director, Colorado State Office (invited)
- Todd Richardson, Bureau of Land Management, Fire Management Officer, Colorado State Office, Branch of Fire and Aviation
- Chief Mike Morgan, President of Colorado State Fire Chiefs, or designee (invited)
- Sheriff James Casias, President of County Sheriffs of Colorado, or designee (invited)

Attending Press Conference (Not Briefing)

- Sharon Allen-Brick, Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center Manager (invited)
- Dave Hard, Emergency Management Director, DHSEM
- Chris Strebis, Media Officer, U.S. Forest Service
- Captain J.P. Burt, Colorado Information Analysis Center
- Deanna Masterson, Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Specialist, Colorado State Office
- Tina Brown, Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Specialist, New Media, Colorado State Office
- Valerie Baca, External Affairs Director, U.S. Forest Service
- Micki Trost, Strategic Communications Director, DHSEM

AGENDA

10:30 a.m.-11:10 a.m. Private briefing for the Governor (Denver Jet Center, Denver Room)

10:35 a.m. Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control

10:45 a.m. U.S. Forest Service

10:50 a.m. Bureau of Land Management

10:55 a.m. Governor

11:10 a.m. – move outside to the hanger for media and community briefing

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Media and Community Briefing in Centennial Airplane Hangar A

11:15 a.m. Gov. Hickenlooper gives brief to media and community on wildfire situation for 2014

11:20 a.m. Gov. Hickenlooper signs Executive Order implementing Wildfire Preparedness Plan for 2014; SB14-164 "Aerial Firefighting Fleet Acquisitions" (Carroll and King / Gardner and McLachlan); HB14-1008 "Allow CWRPDA Private Entity Forest Health Loans" (Hamner / Schwartz); and HB14-1010 "Corrections to Prescribed Burning Program Laws" (Hamner / Rivera). Comments by bill sponsors.

11:30 a.m. Q & A and photo opportunities

11:40 a.m. Wrap up and photo opportunities with firefighting aircraft and apparatus

LOCATION:

Centennial Airport, Jet Center, Denver Room and Hangar A

The exact address for the Jet Center is 7625 South Peoria Circle, Englewood, Colorado. Please park in the big lot just outside of the Jet Center. There is a loading/unloading zone directly in front of the main doors as well. Check in at the desk to gain access to the Hangar A. You do need to check in order to head upstairs to the Denver Room (take a left at the top of the stairs. Denver Room is straight ahead down the hallway).

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT THE EVENT:

If anything technical comes up during the press conference, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control staff can take those questions.

Governor will be signing SB14-164 Aerial Firefighting Fleet Acquisitions and Executive Order implementing Wildfire Preparedness Plan for 2014.