

Fire Suppression Interim Committee

60th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

Lewistown Sapphire Room, Yogo Inn May 16, 2008

- 10:30 **Presentation of Type 6 engines to Blaine and Fergus Counties; Q&A** --Yogo Inn parking lot
- 11:00 Call to order, roll call, approval of minutes Rep. Bill Wilson
- 11:05 Review committee mission, problems identified, comment received staff
- 11:30 Missouri River Conservation Districts Council Vicki Marquis
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Lewistown area/Hi-line area fires; local issues; volunteer firefighter issues; suggestions for committee action
 - Gary Kirpach, BLM fire management officer
 - Clive Rooney, DNRC area manager
 - Gary Granger, Barron Crawford, CMR National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)
 - John Jensen, Fergus County Commissioner
 - Dan Carney, Valley County Firewarden
 - Spike Thompson, Lewis & Clark NF Supervisor

2:15 **FSC Member reports** Williams/Ripley: Discussions with Budget Director Keane/Hansen: Contracting Cobb: 4/29 meeting with USFS Regional Forester Tidwell Other reports

- 2:30 Public comment
- 3:30 Adjourn

**Times are approximate. Some agenda items make take more or less time than indicated. The public comment period may be extended if public participation warrants an extension.