



May - Wildfire Awareness Month

What: News Conference

When: Wednesday May 6, 2015, 2:15pm (following the Governor's Fire Briefing)

Where: Rotunda, Capitol, Helena, MT

Why: Recognize Montana and Governor Bullock's efforts in joining Idaho, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Nevada, and California in signing a multi-state proclamation designating May as Wildfire Awareness Month

Encourage Montanans to take time this spring to prepare their homes and property; learn how to prevent human-caused fires; and practice emergency routes and communication plans.

Who: Governor Bullock, all fire representatives who attended the fire briefing, and representatives from the following agencies and organizations: Fire Safe Montana; Keep Montana Green; Governor's Office of Community Service; Montana County Fire Wardens Association; Montana Fire Chiefs Association; Montana Association of DES Coordinators; local fire departments; local fire professionals; USFS; BLM; DNRC; BIA; Tribal; FWP and local government agencies. FireSafe Councils, community groups, and citizens who are receiving an award will also be present.

Audience: Media and public

Message: Governor Bullock signs multi-state proclamation designating May as Wildfire Awareness Month

Agenda:

- Welcome by DNRC
- Individual preparedness tips from Betsy Miller, Office of Community Service
- FireSafe Montana award recognition, Mandy Randall
- Remarks from DNRC Director, John Tubbs
- Closing remarks from Governor Bullock

Purpose of Wildfire Awareness Month:

- Raise awareness about the importance of preparing for wildfires
- Encourage the public to take action in preparing for and reducing their risk of starting a wildfire

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