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To: RCRC & CSAC Board Members & County CAOs
From: Cyndi Hillery, RCRC Legislative Advocate
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Re: Public Lands Management Survey

As you may recall, RCRC and CSAC conducted a survey several months ago regarding fuels management and the US Forest Service. We received valuable input from counties, and it is helping us to better tell the “story” of local governments and wildfire prevention.

Through this process, it has become clear that there are several different and important components to community wildfire prevention, including public lands management. While related, these two issues are somewhat different. Consequently, RCRC and CSAC need your help and are requesting some additional information on the public lands management component.

We are seeking additional information regarding the county relationship with public land management agencies. The results of this survey will help us get a better understanding of the challenges and successes that local governments are facing when dealing with state and federal agencies on this particular issue.

Any information that you can provide regarding your county’s experiences would be most helpful. Please return this information by **June 1, 2010**.

- 1) On behalf of which county are you completing this survey?
- 2) What is your name, position/ title within the county?
- 3) What public land management agencies are within your county’s jurisdiction?
- 4) What are your experiences dealing with public lands management agency staff members? Please provide examples and explain any reasons you perceive for these experiences.
- 5) Please describe the relationship, generally, that your county and county staff has with the local public lands management agency staff members.
- 6) What policy issues does your county typically interact with the with public land management agencies on? (Forest management plans, roadless rules, Native American affairs, endangered species, watershed management, etc.)

- 7) Please feel free to include any additional information you feel would be relevant and helpful in our advocacy and policy efforts regarding the relationship between local governments and the public lands management agencies.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Please return your comments and responses by mail, email or fax to either:

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