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Senator Jeanne Nicholson, Chair
Wildfire Matters Review Committee
Colorado Legislative Council
State Capital
Denver, Colorado

Dear Senator Nicholson & Members of the Wildfire Matters Review Committee,

As presented in CSFC testimony to the Committee, in addition to the budgetary recommendations for support of the DTRS, DFPC, Resource Mobilization and aviation assets, the CSFC has one priority that will need the assistance and support of the Wildfire Matters Committee.....the establishment of a statewide mutual aid system that supports and compliments the Resource Mobilization Program.

CSFC has not yet completed the work necessary to provide the Committee with a draft of the legislation for the statewide mutual aid system, but we request that the Committee hold a position of the Committee's legislative agenda for this essential component in our state's emergency response system.

CSFC will continue to prepare the necessary documentation for the draft of the legislation and engage the other key stakeholders including the County Sheriffs of Colorado, Colorado Emergency Management Association, DFPC and DHSEM. We will get the draft to the Committee members and staff as soon as it is completed, and no later than the next meeting of the Committee on September 25th.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Thank you,

Garry Briese

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