



Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

P.O. Box 3100
Wrightwood, CA 92397
(760) 249-5248

www.wrightwoodfsc.com

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by John Bauer on October 23, 2014 at 1900 hours local time, at the Wrightwood Community Center, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

The following agency representatives were present: Bob Blount (ANF District Ranger), Tom Contreras (ANF Supervisor), Ron Frame (Supervisor Lovingood's Field Rep), Norm Hickling (LA County Supervisor Antonovich Field Rep), Wally Linn (Congressman Cook's field Rep), Daniel Lovato (ANF Deputy Forest Supervisor), Bonnie Ross (CERT), Ed Ross (CERT), Brian Skerston (ANF), John Todd (LA Co Fire), Mark Wright (SB County Fire), Various SBCO Fire representatives, Various Cal Fire representatives.

Flag Salute: The flag salute was led by Bruce LaClaire.

San Gabriel Mountains National Monument:

(John Aziz) Gave a brief history and timeline leading up to this Monument declaration:

- July 2003 Congress asked National Park Service to conduct a "special resource study" that included portions of the ANF.
- National Park Service completed the study and submitted National Recreation Area recommendations to Congress April 10, 2013.
- June 2014 Congresswoman Judy Chu introduced a bill to Congress, HR 4858 the San Gabriel National Recreation Area Act. The bill stalled in the Senate.
- Aug 16 2014 Representative Chu announced that she asked President Obama to use his executive power to create a San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, using the Antiquities Act of 1906.
- Congressman Paul Cook and San Bernardino County Board Of Supervisors expressed concerns about extending a National Monument into San Bernardino County as there were so many unanswered questions. Supervisor Lovingood met with U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie.

Tom Contreras: Discussed monument management plan, which can take up to 3 years. He discussed the interim guidance, which will direct operations until the management plan is in place. They want public participation and help putting the management plan together. Interim management manager is Shane Jeffries, who was a deputy forest supervisor, from the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon. In response to questions from the audience, Tom indicated that we are not losing anything (Hunting, OHV, etc.), and there will be no entrance fees. Tom had no answer as to why our local area was not notified or kept informed about this designation before it happened. Private land ownership is not

affected, and no eminent domain procedures would take place on private property. There will be no effect on existing water rights. There will be no additional flight restrictions over the Monument.

Tom spent a considerable amount of time answering other questions from audience members. ANF Admit that not a lot of information is completely known yet, because this is so new.

Bob Blount: Discussed Williamson Rock, and future plans to re-open it for recreational activities. Bob also mentioned that 3N39 will reopen past Guffy on 10/24/2014. Big Pines staffing will change. It is likely that the visitor center will re-open as a result of Monument status.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on November 18, 2014.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Comperini". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council