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2012 NWSA Conference

YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE 2012

Coming up fast! The dates are February 27 & 28th, 2012 at the Peppermill in Reno.

We worked hard to get you the most for your dollar at the conference and were able NOT to have to raise any of our Registration fees for the 3rd year in a row.

You will find the registration form included in this newsletter, be sure and make your room reservation ASAP and the cutoff date if **January 25, 2012** to get our discount. Utilizing our discounted room rate and block of rooms help us ensure that we can keep down our costs for the conference.

You will be receiving an email with the current agenda in a few days.

Some highlights are:

- Joe Stutler, Presentation on the National Cohesive Strategy
- Gary Bennett, 2012 Fire Outlook Weather Presentation
- Colby Marshall, Former Legislative Aide to Greg Walden is our Key Note speaker at our Dinner/Auction Event.
- We will have a table at our Vendor show for anyone wanting to bring in pamphlets/info about potential candidates in their area nationally that folks can pick up. We will also have information on voter registration in all the areas that we have membership.
- As part of our Contractor Certification Mike Edrington will be doing a segment on Business Ethics, and the Procurement Technical Assistance Center will do a segment on the services that they can provide people doing business with the government.

DON'T forget to donate items for the Benefit Auction for the Wildland Firefighters Foundation.

Welcome New Members

Wildlands Fire Service Inc. - FL

Member Companies work with Major Corporations on Advertisement Videos

At least two of our members companies have worked with some major corporations to create some great videos:

Grayback Forestry - With Levi Corporation "[Americana, The Oregon Fire Lines](#)"

Grayback Forestry - Levi's Workwear by Filson – "[Oregon Fire Lines](#)"

Miller Timber – Ford Corporation – "[We Own Work](#)"

If any of the rest of you have a story in the paper, an ad or anything else, and would like to share, please email the NWSA office.

Trainers Corner - Stan Kunzman, NWSA Training Coordinator

Training Committee: The Training Committee met on December 6, 2011 in Redmond, OR. Topics covered: Revision of the Chainsaw section in Chapter 50 of the NWSA Training Manual. You can go online at www.nwsa.us to review the changes.

Instructor Currency; there are still 6 instructors that need to send in their most recent fire performance rating. A second reminder will be sent. The committee also agreed to petition NWCG to use the 300 to 500 level currency criteria for 100 and 200 level courses.

Training committee is making recommendations to the proposed Northern Rockies Coordinating Group MOU.

Since there will not be an instructors session this year in Reno all instructor's will receive an electronic update of training topics in January.

Due to another slow fire season, the NWSA 2012 conference in Reno will only be two days on February 27 and 28. The NWSA Board agreed to have a formal instructor's session every other year beginning with the 2013 conference.

Since this is the first year of the new Training MOU with PNWCG, we are doing an audit of notification compliance by instructors

NWSA Board Meeting

You Board of Directors flew/drove from all parts of the United States to meet for a day and half workshop in December.

Each of the committees below met and will be giving presentations to the general membership meeting in Reno:

Political - They will be giving a presentation on how you can motivate your employees to participate in the upcoming vote. Also how you personally as well as well as your company can get active! A very important upcoming year!

Agency Relations - This group will be doing a presentation on how Chapters can work on developing relationships with various agencies to help promote their issues and the industry.

Cost Committee - This committee probably is giving a very enlightening Cost comparison based the Agency (USFS Incident Management) 2009 Standard Worksheet comparing direct costs of the agency to direct costs of the contract industry. Should be a valuable tool for us in our discussions with the agencies.

The Political Corner submitted by Debbie Miley

Things you can do locally:

- Attend Town Hall meetings sponsored by candidates.
- Volunteer with your local candidate's office to post signs on your property, help with phone trees, fundraising efforts. (Remember even \$10.00 can help).
- Visit the Candidates website and educate yourself on their positions that would most benefit you and your business.
- Encourage your employees to Register to Vote!
- Watch political debates on TV!!!

Does my Vote Count?

Yes, your vote counts. Some people have complained since 2000 that if the winner of the popular vote doesn't become president, their vote doesn't really count, so why vote at all? But every vote does count; it just counts in a more complicated way.

When you vote for president, remember that you're voting in a *state election*, not a national election. So your vote counts just as much as anyone else's in your state — but it may count more or less than that of someone living in another state!



Chapter News

Region 6 News

Debbie Miley presented Ken Snell, retiring USFS R6 Fire and Aviation Director with a plaque at his retirement party thanking him for his long term leadership in creating a good working relationship with our industry.

The Region 6 Chapter has set up a Meet and Greet with the new Regional Forester Kent Connaughton in R6 and that meeting will also include Nancy Hirsch who recently was named Division Chief Fire Protection Division for Oregon Department of Forestry.

Region 6 Crew Chapter met in Salem on December 13 and guest speakers were Travis Medema, Deputy Chief Fire Protection Division (ODF) and Nancy Hirsch, Chief of Fire Protection Division(ODF).

VIPR Vendor Meetings for R6 Contractors are scheduled for:

***Note: if you have meetings coming up in your area, please email the info to the NWSA office so I can post them.**

January 30th – Wenatchee Community Center – 6:30 p.m.

January 31st – Pendleton at Wild Horse Casino – 6:30 p.m

Feb. 1st – Bend at Deschutes National Forest Conference Room 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 2nd – Canyonville – Seven Feathers Casino – 6:30 p.m.

“Like” us on our Facebook Page

In an effort to cut down on the amount of emails sent out we are posting a lot of great information on our Facebook Page. You do NOT have to Friend us just go to <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/National-Wildfire-Suppression-Association/185416658920> and click the LIKE button to get updates on your page. If you don't have a facebook page, just keep checking back for current info.

You can SHARE posts that you like, and make appropriate comments if you want on the page!

If your Chapter has some info they want posted just email details to info@nwsa.us

Your 2012 Board of Director

NWSA President	Rick Dice - OR
NWSA Vice President	Don Moss - OR
NWSA Sec. – Treasurer	Lee Miller - OR
General Members:	John Timmerman - Missouri Tom Wesley - CA
Specialized Resource:	Mike Edrington - OR Jeff Hammond - CA
Crews:	Karyn McNeil - OR Jess Wills - CA Mike Sulffridge - OR
Waterhandling:	Don Pollard - OR Aaron Verkist - OR Dale Jenner - OR
Region 6 Chapter:	Bruce Ferguson - OR
Region 5 Chapter:	Claren Nilsson - CA
Region 1 Chapter:	Leonard Oftedahl – MT
Region 2 Chapter:	Jerry Fullerton - CO
Region 8 Chapter	Kevin Carter - FL
National Resource Chapter:	Mike Wheelock - OR
Great Basin Chapter:	Dave Bergette - ID

Advisory:

Oregon Firefighter Contractors Association:	Steve Clarke
NW Contract Firefighters Association:	Warren Giles
National Caterers & Showers:	Steve Nelson
Three Sisters Wildfire Training Assn.	Paul Asher

Educational Partners:

Blue Mountain Community College
Linn Benton Community College
Central Oregon Community College
Umpqua Community College

Other NWSA Info

Links to Useful Resources

Memorandum of Understands for Training
NWSA Instructor's Guide

<http://www.nwsa.us/memorandums-of-understanding>

NWSA Database Training Manual for Instructor/Company Owners

<http://www.nwsa.us/memorandums-of-understanding>

NWSA Database Transfer Form

<http://www.nwsa.us/Websites/nwsa/Images/Company%20Data%20Transfer%20Request.pdf>

NWSA on Facebook – We post lots of relevant information through Facebook so sign up and Like our page for updates in your email box.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/National-Wildfire-Suppression-Association/185416658920>

NWSA Home Page (Member Only Page) If you have forgotten the login to this page, email info@nwsa.us. Remember this login is not the same as the login to the NWSA Database Base Storage System.

<http://www.nwsa.us/>

You can find the Power Point Presentation from our Reno Conference on the NWSA home page under Members Only Section <http://www.nwsa.us>

If you are looking for training classes, we have a training schedule of classes that have been submitted by our trainers on the NWSA Home page under the Training Tab. <http://www.nwsa.us/class-schedule>

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors

Click on the ad to take you to their links



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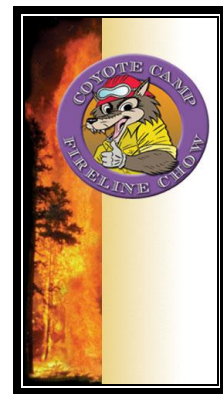
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2012 NWSA Conference

Peppermill ~ Reno, Nevada ~ February 27-28, 2012

To reserve rooms at the **Discounted Room Rates** Call: **1-800-282-2444**,
Online reservation website: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3538556&utm_source=7268&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5211930
Use this code for discounted rooms: ANWS212
Room rates are: **Peppermill North Tower Rooms - \$55 (Sun.-Wed.)**
Peppermill Tower Rooms - \$65 (Sun.-Wed.)
Tuscany Tower Suites - \$105 (Sun.-Wed.)
Reservations must be made by February 1, 2012 to insure the discounted rate.

REGISTRATION FORM

Company Name: _____

Names of Attendees: _____ (Please check boxes)

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Meeting	Certification
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All Monies Are
Non-Refundable

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

- Complimentary Breakfast & Coffee each morning of conference
- Meeting Rate is: **\$150.00 per person** if pre-registered • or: **\$175.00 per person** at the door if not pre-registered
- Prayer Breakfast - **Donations Accepted** (Tuesday Morning)
- Cost to attend buffet luncheon: **\$15.00 per person** (Tuesday)
- Cost to attend dinner: **\$60.00 per person** (Tuesday)
- Cost for Professional Contractor Certification: 1st Time **\$100.00**; Returning: **\$30.00**.

The options to pay are: **BY CHECK WITH REGISTRATION FORM.**

Mail to: National Wildfire Suppression Association
Deborah K. Miley ~ P.O. Box 330 ~ Lyons, OR 97358

or by using Credit Card:

Type of Card: _____ Visa? _____ MC? Card No. _____

Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Ph. No. _____

Billing Address: _____

For more information call: Deborah Miley ~ 1-877-676-6972
Fax: 1-866-854-8186 or Email: info@nwsa.us



2012 Auction Donation

Pledge Form

National Wildfire Suppression Association

The National Wildfire Suppression Association will be holding a Benefit Auction at our Conference in March 2012. 50% of the proceeds from this auction will be donated to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation (www.wffoundation.org).

If the item is large please provide a gift certificate to be redeemed by the winning bidder and information on how they can do that. We must have all donations by January 15th! Or let us know if you will be bringing it with you to the conference February 27, 2012.

Please mail your donation to: NWSA C/O Stephanie Foxx, PO Box 1508, Springfield, OR 97478 OR if FEDX or UPS 1322 N. 30th Street, Springfield, OR 97478 Questions about shipping call Steph at 541-746-7528.

We want to thank you in advance for your support for our industry, if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Miley, Executive Director for the National Wildfire Suppression Association at 1-877-676-6972 or email at info@nwsa.us

Donor Information (please print or type)

Company Name	
Owner	
Billing Address	
City	
State / Zip Code	
Telephone (business)	
Fax	
E-Mail	

Pledge Information - We would like to make a donation of the following:

Item Description	
Gift Cert: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Items to be Delivered to Auction site: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Item Value	

Acknowledgement

Signature(s)	Date:
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Please make checks, corporate matches, or other gifts payable to:

Wildland Firefighter Foundation c/o NWSA P.O. Box 330, Lyons, OR 97358

The Wildland Firefighter Foundation will be issuing receipts for your donation following the auction to the address you have listed above. Thank you for your support!



2012 Vendor Registration Form

Company Name

Contact Name

Address

Phone

City State Zip

Fax

Type of Business

Email

List of Attendees (For Name Badges) First & Last Names

\$699.00 Vendor Fee Includes:

- ✓ One Skirted Table at Vendor Show in 10X10 spaces.
- ✓ Vendors will host a Welcome Reception 5pm-7pm February 27th.
- ✓ Three minute presentation at Vendor Sponsored Lunch February 28th.
- ✓ **TWO FREE Lunches** for Vendor Sponsored Luncheon.
- ✓ Coffee Service WITHIN the Vendor Area (Increase that foot traffic!)
- ✓ **TWO FREE dinners** for the Dinner/Auction Event within the Vendor Area.
- ✓ FREE business card size AD in the NWSA Conference Program.
- ✓ **Artwork for ad DUE JANUARY 10, 2012!!**
- ✓ FREE insertion into Goodie bags handed out to each person at registration.

Extras that are available: (Please Mark if Needed)

 \$699 Base Fee

 Extra Table (\$30)

 Electricity (\$70 per Table)

 FULL Page Ad (\$200)

 Half Page Ad (\$125)

 Additional Lunch Tickets (\$20ea)

 Additional Dinner Tickets (\$35ea)

 ****\$100 Discount for FULL Corporate Sponsors! Email me for more info how to become a sponsor and the benefits for you!**

 Total submitted in check payable to NWSA or Credit Card info below!

Mail to PO Box 330, Lyons, OR 97358 OR Fax to 1-866-854-8186

Credit Card Info: Visa MC Card No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name On Card: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State _____

Zip _____

Questions, Please contact:

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