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STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Brian Bovaird, Director of Emergency Management
DATE: March 26, 2019 BOCC Meeting
SUBJECT: 2018 Wildfire Agreements and Annual Operating Plan

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Summit County Annual Operation Plan (AOP) planning meeting was held on January 23, 2019. The meeting attendees were representative of the agencies who are signatories to the plan. The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) conducted the meeting and presented a plan with no changes from the 2019 plan.

The signature deadline for the AOP is on or before April 1st, by the BOCC and Sheriff, Summit County Fire Districts, DFPC, White River National Forest, and United States Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management.

ANALYSIS

The Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection creates a linkage to the Emergency Fire Fund (EFF) and to the AOP. The AOP establishes responsibilities in initial response, mutual aid, resource ordering, and financial obligations. The understandings in this agreement are an important component of the overall comprehensive wildfire response system. This is an important agreement in our preparation for the 2019 wildfire season as the health of the forest and forest fuels continue to change.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends that the BOCC sign the 2019 Annual Operation Plan Agreement.