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COLORADO NORTHWEST RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2009-01

Resolution in Support of Coordinated and Effective Interagency Air Quality Analyses

WHEREAS, although the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Colorado have stated their commitment to appropriate air quality management; coordination, communication, and cooperating among these agencies needs to be improved;

WHEREAS, the federal government and the State of Colorado have joint oversight of industrial development in Colorado to ensure long-term, sustained protection of air quality; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution precludes the appropriate use of prescribed fire, the natural fire cycle has been disrupted and BLM as a large land management agency is obligated to manage fuel loads through appropriate fuel management strategies,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council recommends that very high priority be given to continue interagency efforts by the BLM, USFS, NPS, EPA, CDPHE in developing a coordinated, timely and effective approach to air quality analysis and reasonable management:

- Creating a unified, easily accessed air inventory database
- Developing consistent standards or protocols for air emissions inventory, air quality analysis protocols, and modeling.
- Establishing joint funding for modeling and monitoring.

THEREFORE, Be it further resolved that impacts from fuel management on air quality may be intermittent but less than those of a large wildland fire event.

Passed, approved and adopted May 28, 2009.

Received by Designated Federal Officer
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