

Peak Resources
Weekly Update for CWMA
2/21/09

On Monday, February 16, CWMA was scheduled to meet with Rep. Cindy Acree, however Rep. Acree had to reschedule the meeting for Friday afternoon. On Tuesday, February 18th, CWMA met with Senator Greg Brophy of Wray. Senator Brophy comes from an agriculture background and understands our issues however he did not think favorably on CWMA benefitting from federal stimulus money. We asked Senator Brophy to attend our luncheon on March 12 and he indicated he does not organize his schedule until the week before.

A new opportunity emerged for CWMA via House Bill 1199, “Colorado Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Act of 2009”. We were able to get “county noxious weed programs” inserted in the bill where it calls for essential stakeholders in the community wildfire protection plan organizing process. This language will ensure that county weed programs will have a seat at the table when developing wildfire protection plans and will be involved from the beginning. Our challenge now is to make sure our language remains in the bill throughout the rest of the process and Tracee will keep you apprised of any threat to remove it.

On Friday, February 20, CWMA was scheduled to meet with Rep. Cindy Acree and once again she indicated she had another commitment and asked to reschedule.

Next Steps:

- Finish/fine tune presentation for Joint Ag Committee on Feb. 25th
- Meet with Rep. Cindy Acree on Feb. 25th at 8:30, after Joint Ag Presentation
- Continue to meet with Members of House and Senate Ag Committees

- Solidify Legislative Luncheon agenda/details.
- Meet with Dept. of Correction to discuss partnership opportunities
- Meet with CDOT to discuss partnership opportunities