



MONTANA COUNTY FIRE WARDENS ASSOCIATION

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To Whom It May Concern;

With Montana entering our main wildland fire season for 2022 the Montana County Fire Warden's Association wants to reach out and ensure that your key county representatives are connected to the wildland fire system here in Montana.

The Montana County Fire Warden's Association represents the 56 County Fire Wardens from each Montana County to our interagency partners and elected officials. To effectively accomplish this, it's important for us to be able to reach you and you to be able to reach us. The Association maintains a very active mailing list to ensure members are informed of pertinent wildland fire information. We encourage your county's fire warden, emergency manager, fire chiefs and anyone else with involvement in wildfire response in your county to get registered to receive information.

We offer two options for people to collaborate. The first is to become a member of the association which helps financially support our activities (discussed below) supporting local government wildfire response. If that doesn't fit, at least register for a Partner Subscription and be part of the system. When you register for a partner subscription, it will ask you for a \$10 subscription, but this is not mandatory. If you just want the information, but are not able to support the association's operational cost, just ignore the automatic invoice and you'll be good to go. We'd rather you be connected and well informed. Visit <https://mtfirewardens.org/join-us> to get setup and increase your situational awareness.

The Association is the only group directly representing Montana Counties in the interagency wildland fire system. We work closely with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and our partner association, the Montana Fire Chiefs Association on much of this work. Montana County Fire Warden's Association holds a board seat on the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group as well as the Northern Rockies Multi Agency Coordinating Group which manages many of the interagency resources as well as prioritizes and allocates resources during times of high fire activity. We are also actively engaged with the legislature on topics related to wildland fire and actively support a variety of training activities across the state. Learn more about the Association activities and what your support is used towards at <https://mtfirewardens.org/join-us>.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this information and ask that you pass this on to anyone you think would value from a connection with us. We strive to enhance the situational awareness about wildland fire at the local government level.

The more connected we are, the better we can keep the Counties informed and look out for your interests.

Sincerely,

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