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To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Jaime FitzSimons, Sheriff 
Date: March 04, 2021
Re: Summit County Wildland Fire Operation Plan (formerly Summit County Annual Operating Plan)

Request:

We are requesting the BOCC enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff and the State of Colorado for the purpose of participation in the Summit County Operation Plan for 2021.

Background:

- Summit County Sheriff, Summit County Attorney's Office, Fire Districts, Federal Agencies, and DFPC met on January 20, 2021 and reviewed the proposed Annual Operation Plan for 2021
- The group agreed to changes reflecting date updates, mutual aid resources, resource status, and clarified use of unified command and agency administrator throughout the document
 - Includes aviation as a mutual aid resource
 - Shifts the mutual aid period slightly, ending at midnight the first or second shift, very similar to the existing period
 - AOP no longer has to be signed every year if no changes are made
 - Changes agreement title from Annual Operating Plan (AOP) to Operating Plan (OP)

Discussion:

The Sheriff and Attorney's Office have reviewed this document and support the recommendations and respectfully request that the document be signed by the BOCC. In 2020, the BOCC signed the companion documents titled the State and County Cooperative Wildfire Protection Agreement and the Colorado Emergency Fire Fund (EFF). These two documents are five-year agreements. The three documents comprise the necessary portfolio of agreements for our wildfire preparedness with the DFPC and the State of Colorado.