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TO: Western Regional Air Partnership – Fire Emissions Joint Forum

CC: Dan Olson, WDEQ-AQD Administrator
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FROM: Darla J. Potter, FEJF Co-chair *Darla Potter*

SUBJECT: FEJF State Co-Chair Position

DATE: November 30, 2005

The State of Wyoming is facing increasingly expanded and complex air quality issues. As a direct result, Dan Olson, WDEQ-AQD Administrator, has concluded that WDEQ-AQD can no longer afford the increased staff time necessary to provide leadership for the WRAP - FEJF. Therefore, I will be stepping down from the FEJF State Co-Chair position.

The FEJF must now identify a candidate to work in conjunction with Mark Fitch to provide leadership for the Forum. It would be ideal to come up with a candidate prior to the March FEJF meeting, as the IOC and TOC must approve FEJF Co-Chairs. I am hopeful that the approval process and State Co-Chair transition would take place by the March 7-8, 2006 FEJF meeting. I request that any suggestions or interest should be directed to Tom Moore, Mark Fitch and I.

It has been my pleasure to provide leadership to the WRAP - FEJF in implementation of the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission recommendations addressing fire effects on air quality and visibility and in addressing Regional Haze Rule requirements. Wyoming's commitment to support the WRAP remains strong and I have the support of WDEQ-AQD to continue to actively participate in the FEJF. My continued participation will make certain that the viewpoints of the WDEQ-AQD are taken into account as new technical and policy work products are developed to provide a consistent framework that states and tribes can use to efficiently develop and implement their individual regional haze implementation plans, long-term strategies, and periodic progress reports.

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