

May 22, 2017

The Honorable Representative Jeni Arndt, Chair House Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources 200 East Colfax Ave., Room 223

The Honorable Senator Jerry Sonnenberg, Chair Senate Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy 200 East Colfax Ave., Room SSB-263

Dear Representative Arndt and Senator Sonnenberg,

On behalf of the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) I am excited to let you know that the Forest Health Advisory Council (FHAC) that was mandated by HB16-1255 is now up and running! We held our first meeting during April 2017 in Silverthorne. Mike Lester, Colorado State Forester is the Chair of the Council.

Our next FHAC meeting is on May 25, 2017 in Frisco at the Frisco County Commons from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are available we would like to have you attend. At our first meeting the FHAC members were highly engaged and appreciative of the opportunity to share with the State Forester their concerns and ideas that can ensure Colorado's forests continue to meet the increasing demands for resource values and outputs.

We appreciate your foresight to assemble this group of highly knowledgeable professionals. I will be working alongside the State Forester in serving as the lead for coordination and communication on the Council for the CSFS. Please feel free to get in touch with me regarding the Council at any time.

Most Sincerely,

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