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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Bradley C. Wardle

DATE: November 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Winter Fire School, January 2021

After thoughtful consideration and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel Winter Fire School scheduled for January 2021. As you all know, COVID-19 is impacting all aspects of life everywhere. Our organization has been affected by this disease as well. As a result, we have developed and implemented protocols designed to protect our staff, instructors and students from transmitting or becoming infected.

Unfortunately, it has become glaringly apparent that we cannot assure those who will be attending Winter Fire School adequate protection. Over the past few months we have worked hard to develop a plan that would address the concerns associated with COVID-19. But, current rate of spread, existing health department restrictions and the lack of assurance that we can shield all who participate in Winter Fire School, has precipitated this decision.

Moving forward, UFRA staff will be exploring the option of presenting some of the Winter Fire School classes remotely or in regional formats. We will also begin the planning process for Winter Fire School 2022.

I genuinely appreciate all of the work that has been done by our staff, they are truly remarkable! Additionally, I would like to thank Utah Valley University's - COVID-19 Essential Programs Working Group, the Utah State Fire Marshal, Coy Porter and the Utah State Fire Chiefs Association - Executive Leadership team for their support and collaboration in arriving at this decision.