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May 12, 2016

To: Selected Nominees

From: Kim Bang, Course Coordinator

Subject: Rocky Mountain Leadership Staff Ride (RMLSR)

Congratulations, you have been selected to attend the Rocky Mountain Leadership Staff Ride (RMLSR) to be held in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, May 25th and 26th.

The South Canyon Staff Ride consists of a mandatory orientation on the evening of Wednesday, May 25th, and a field day on Storm King Mountain, on Thursday. The **orientation begins at 1800 on Wednesday at the Hotel Colorado (526 Pine St., Glenwood Springs, CO 81601). Check in will start at 1730.** Please note the orientation is done in a classroom setting beginning at 1800. Attached is a participant schedule and travel maps. Please review them carefully.

You will need to make your own lodging reservations. There is a group rate of \$89 a night available at the Residence Inn by Marriott. This room rate is the approved government rate for Glenwood Springs and is being held under the name *Bureau of Land Management Room Block*. **To assure you receive this rate, you must make your reservation by May 2nd.** The contact information for the [Residence Inn](#) is **970-928-0900**. It is located at 125 Wulfsohn Road, Glenwood Springs, CO.

Here is the reservation link you can use to make online reservations:

[Book your group rate for Bureau of Land Management](#)

Pre-work: Staff rides include a preliminary study phase. The intent of this is to ensure all participants have common incident background information prior to group discussions. The website for this material is http://www.fireleadership.gov/toolbox/staffride/lsr9_information.html. To get the most out of your experience, you are highly encouraged to review all the South Canyon Fire materials listed on this site. At minimum, you are required to be familiar with the information in the following documents:

1. Executive Summary of the Accident Investigation (1994) (South Canyon Accident Investigation Report)
2. Fire Behavior Associated with the South Canyon Fire (1998) (South Canyon Fire Behavior Report)

Visit the fire leadership website for additional information on Leadership and Staff Rides. The website is <http://www.fireleadership.gov/toolbox/toolbox.html>.

Additionally, please watch the 1994 South Canyon Fire on Storm King Mountain video:

http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/library_HumanFactors.html#SouthCanyon

You should bring a small backpack for food and water, good hiking shoes, sunscreen, and bug spray for the field day. Full PPE is not required. **You will need to bring your own sack lunch.** We ask that you also bring your BK (Bendix-King) radio, if you have one issued to you.

The weather for Glenwood Springs in mid-May has averages temperatures around 72 for highs and 39 for lows. Average rainfall for the month is around two inches. It is recommended to monitor the weather in advance and be prepared for the elements during the staff ride.

Please direct Staff Ride questions to either of us. We look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Thank You,

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Rocky Mountain Leadership Staff Ride: South Canyon Fire Glenwood Springs, Colorado 2016

Participant Schedule, Travel Directions, and Travel Maps

May 25

1730	Staff Ride Check-in	Hotel Colorado (Colorado Ballroom)
1800 – 2030*	Staff Ride Orientation	Hotel Colorado (Colorado Ballroom)

*Plan dinner before check in or after orientation.

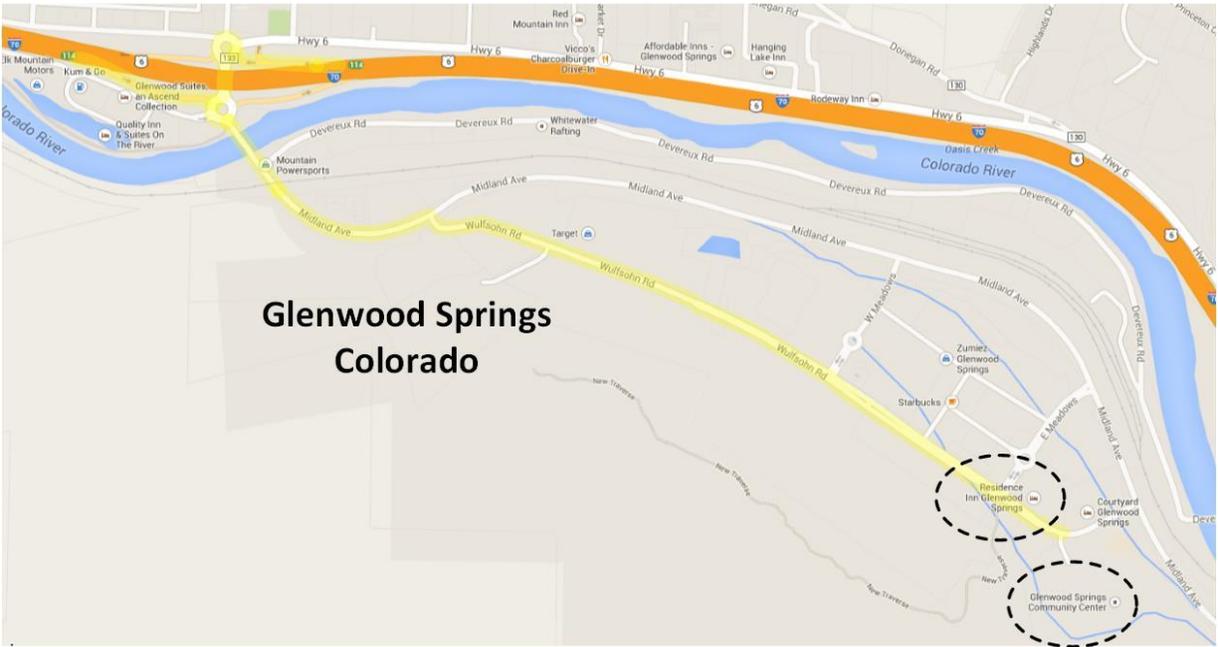
May 26

0700	Groups Gather for Briefing	Residence Inn Parking Lot
0730	Depart for Trailhead	
0800	Begin Staff Ride	Trailhead
1500	Integration	Trailhead
1800 - 2030	Integration Dinner* Cash Only	Glenwood Springs Community Center

May 27 Return Travel to Home Unit

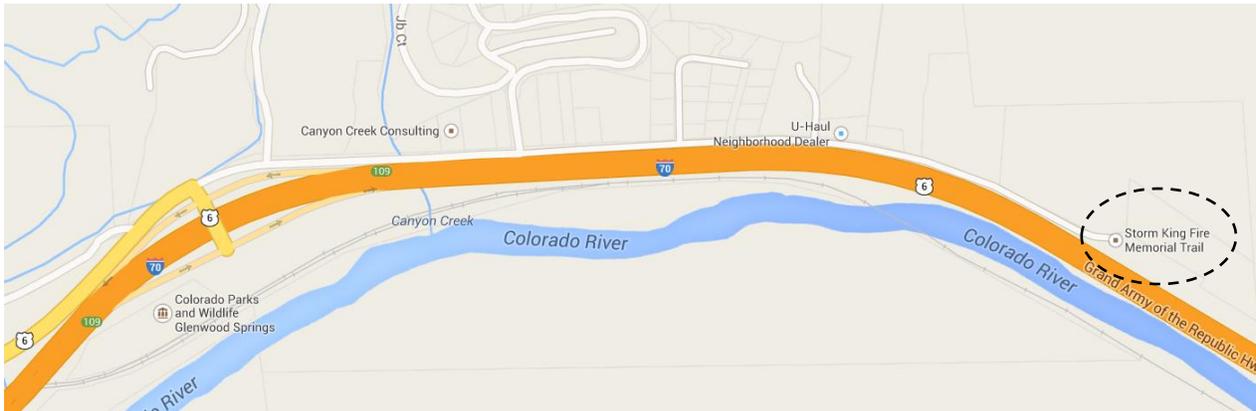
Direction to the Residence Inn from I-70:

- Take I-70 exit take exit 114
- If coming from the east (Denver):
 - Enter the round-a-about at the end of ramp
 - Take the south round-a-about exit and pass under I-70 (towards Midland Ave)
 - Enter a second round-a-about and take the south round-a-about exit on to Midland Ave
- If coming from the west (Grand Junction):
 - Enter the round-a-about at the end of ramp
 - Take the south round-a-about exit on to Midland Ave
- Once on Midland Ave go 0.3 miles (you will cross the Colorado River)
- Turn right onto Wulfsohn Road
- Go approximately 1 mile: The Residence Inn will be on your left (there is also a Marriott Courtyard on the same campus).



Directions to the Storm King Fire Memorial Trailhead from I-70:

- Take I-70 exit 109
- Turn right at the end of the ramp (if coming from Glenwood Springs)
- Turn right on the I-70 frontage road (towards Canyon Creek Estates)
- Go approximately 1 mile to the trailhead at the end of the road



Directions to The Hotel Colorado From The Residence Inn:

- Head northwest on Wulfsohn Rd toward E Meadows Dr.,
- Make a U-turn at E Meadows Dr ,
- Use any lane to turn right onto Midland Ave
- Turn left onto W 8th St
- Continue onto 7th St
- Turn right onto Colorado Ave
- Turn left onto 8th St
- Turn left onto Grand Ave
- Continue straight onto Pine St
- Destination will be on the right

Or:

- Take I-70 exit 116 onto CO-82 E toward Glenwood Springs/Aspen
- Use middle lane to turn Right on 6th St.
- Continue on 6th St. for 2 blocks, Turn Left onto Pine St.
- Destination is on the Right

