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Mr. Dan Smith, Fire Director
Mr. Jim Karels, Chair, Wildland Fire Committee
National Association of State Foresters
3833 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705

Subject: Escaped Prescribed Fire Review – Little Valley Fire – Nevada

Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Karels:

On behalf of the State of Nevada, I formally request your assistance in identifying a team leader for an Escaped Prescribed Fire Review. This review will be focused on the Little Valley prescribed burn conducted October 3-7, 2016, by the Nevada Division of Forestry. The location of that burn was in west Washoe Valley between the communities of Carson City and Reno, Nevada.

We respectfully request that your organization recommend a review team leader to produce a thoughtful, objective and independent review of the Little Valley prescribed burn. The team leader should, at a minimum, choose team members who have experience and knowledge regarding fire behavior, fuel management, safety/risk management and any other team members that the team leader reasonably believes are needed to complete the review. We acknowledge and welcome the fact that the team leader and team members will represent a cross-section of jurisdictions and fire service organizations from across the nation, but we ask that the team not include anyone working for Nevada state government.

I look forward to your professional assistance with this matter and your recommendation of a team leader for this review. Upon your identification of a team leader, I will prepare a delegation of authority for this review. I will also wait to hear from the team leader as he or she establishes the timeline for the review process and the delivery of a final report. As one additional note, during the in-briefing of the review team I ask that representatives of the two other members of the initial unified command with jurisdictions impacted by the burn, the U.S. Forest Service and

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the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, be asked to share their thoughts and expectations for this review.

Thank you again and I look forward to hearing from you as we strive together to move this process forward in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kay Scherer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kay Scherer
Interim Director