

In April 1995, less than 12 months after 14 firefighters died on the South Canyon Fire in Colorado, the US Forest Service Technology & Development Center in Missoula, Montana USA hosted a "first-of-a-kind" gathering of diverse and incredibly talented folks to look at the "Human Factors in Wildland Firefighting".

The Workshop, and its resulting Proceedings, were not only well received by the fire community, but became the benchmark for all other efforts looking at the Human Dimension of fighting wildland fires.

On April 25-28, 2005, the International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) will host a 10th Anniversary Workshop, based on the original 1995 event. We will look at all the progress that has been made over the past 10 years, and develop a course of action that will incorporate the concepts of "Human Factors in Wildland Firefighting" into the wildfire culture around the world well into the 21st Century.

IAWF invites your involvement and participation!

We're in the early stages of getting ready for this Workshop, and would like you to join us! You can serve on one of our Committees for the Program, Facilities, Publicities, Papers & Posters, or just let us know that you'd like to stay informed about the Workshop as a potential attendee. Also, we appreciate any help that you can offer in passing the word to others in the wildland fire business that may have an interest.

I've attached the "Preliminary Announcement" that we're sending out to let everyone know as early as possible, so they can plan to attend.

If you'd like to receive future announcements and information about this Workshop, drop me an Email at blackbull@bigsky.net .

Hope to see you all in Missoula, Montana in April 2005 for the 10th Anniversary "Human Factors in Wildland Fire" Workshop!

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