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International Association of Wildland Fire

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IAWF Elects Board of Directors and President

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The International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) has recently completed elections for several expiring terms on its Board of Directors, and is pleased to announce the following individuals have been elected:

- **Marc Titus**, Wildfire Prevention Coordinator for the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources at Sedro Wooley, to a 3 year term on the Board;
- **Chuck Bushey**, owner/president of Montana Prescribed fire Services in Billings and former IAWF Board member and vice-president, was elected to a new 3-year term. Bushey has been managing the IAWF's "Firenet" website (www.iawfonline.org/firenet.shmtl).
- **Rick Gale** of Boise, Idaho, Retired National Park Service Wildfire Director and currently with Organizational Quality Associates, was re-elected to a new 3-year term on the Board.

In addition to the election of these 3 Board members, IAWF President **Dick Mangan** was re-elected to a new 2-year term as President. Mangan, a retired US Forest Service forester, is now owner/president of Blackbull Wildfire Services in Missoula, Montana.

The Board also renewed the contract for Executive Director **Bill Gabbert** of Hot Springs, South Dakota. Gabbert retired as a Fire Management Officer with the US National Park Service, and is the owner/president of Sagacity Wildfire Services in Hot Springs, and has served as the IAWF Executive Director since January 2005.

The IAWF is an international organization founded to promote a better understanding of wildland fire, built on the belief that an understanding of this dynamic natural force is vital for natural resource management, for firefighter safety, and for harmonious interaction between people and their environment. IAWF has members across the US, Canada, Australia, throughout Europe and Asia. It hosts the annual Wildland Fire Safety Summit, a new series of Conferences "Fire Behavior and Fuels", and conducts wildland fire Policy Summits to address critical issues in the wildland fire community.

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