



International Association of Wildland Fire

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Wildfire Safety Summit In Missoula, Montana

As much of the Northern Rockies and the Pacific Northwest gets ready for the potential of a serious 2005 wildfire season, a major conference dealing with the issues of firefighter safety will occur in Missoula, Montana on April 26-28 at the University Center on the campus of the University of Montana.

The 8th "**Wildland Fire Safety Summit**", sponsored by the International Association of Wildland Fire" will bring together more than 400 wildland firefighters and fire managers from around the world, including Portugal, France, Australia and Canada, to discuss issues critical to the safety of wildland firefighters everywhere.

Featured presentations include the Keynote by retired US Forest Service researcher Bob Mutch of Missoula on "Your Portal to Zero Defect Wildland Fire Safety"; an analysis of San Diego's 2003 "Cedar Fire"; "Liability Issues related to Wildland fire Personnel" by US Attorney Mike Johns from Phoenix, AZ; and Banquet Speaker John Maclean, author of "Fire on the Mountain" speaking on "The New Age of Fire: Storm King and Beyond".

There will also be a poster display of relevant fire safety studies and material, and a vendor show displaying new innovations and equipment in the wildland fire arena.

Previous Safety Summits have occurred in Canada, Australia, Portugal and the U.S.; Missoula hosted the Safety Summit in 2001, with more than 450 in attendance.



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The International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) is a non-profit, professional association representing members of the global wildland fire community. The purpose of the association is to facilitate communication and provide leadership for the wildland fire community.

For more information about the 8th Wildland Fire Safety Summit, log on to www.iawfonline.org/summit