

Natural Resources Section Bulletin

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October Fire Safety Tips

The National Fire Protection Association celebrates Fire Prevention Week this month which is a great reason to review basic fire safety practices.

- If using a space heater to warm yourself, keep all flammable items at least 3 feet away from the heat source. Be sure to turn space heaters off when leaving the room.
- Candles are often used in Halloween décor and for their pleasing scent. Never leave a lit candle unsupervised, keep them away from flammable decorations like tablecloths, crepe paper or dried flowers, and ensure the wick is fully extinguished when blowing out the candle as it can reignite when you walk away.
- Electrical cords can also become a fire hazard if not kept in good condition. Never run a cord under a rug because it prevents the cord from releasing its heat and could lead to a fire. Be sure not to use staples or nails to attach cords or cord bundles to a surface such as a baseboard or wall. They could puncture the insulation and create a shock or fire hazard. Check the maximum capacity of an extension cord, and make sure not to exceed it. If a cord is hot to the touch, do not use it.

Farewell

For those of you who do not already know, Bryan Roeder is leaving the Natural Resources unit, but not going far! He has accepted a position in the Research Branch as the Environmental Research Program Manager. He is staying in his current office on the Garden Level of Shumate and expects to start his new position on November 1st. Best of luck to Bryan!

HQ Staff Reorganization

Due to the rapid growth of the water quality group, EPB is doing a staff balancing reorganization. Starting November 1st, the HQ biologists will be moved from Tom Boyce's section to Vanessa Henderson's.

The names of the two sections will be changed from The Natural Resources Section to the *Hydrological Resources and Ecological Design Section* and the Environmental Policy and Planning Section to the *Environmental Policy and Biological Resources Section*.

RECATs Complete

The 60 RECATs required by the CDPHE Compliance Order are now complete. Special thanks goes out to those who contributed to this effort.



New Meal Per Diem Rates

The State of Colorado Meal Per Diem rates effective October 1, 2011 are available on the Office of the State Controller web site at the link below. Look under the Meal and Incidental Per Diem section.

http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/dfp/sco/FiscalRules/FR_Travel.htm



