



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
REGIONAL EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR
Region 10
915 Second Ave, Seattle WA 98174-1067

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Dear Colleague,

The United States Department of Transportation (US DOT), Regions 8 and 10 are pleased to invite you to participate in "CASCADE FURY II", a joint state/federal emergency tabletop exercise and seminar which will be held at the Grand Targhee Resort, Alta Wyoming on May 25, 26, and 27, 2004. CASCADE FURY II will provide another opportunity for participants to discuss the challenges that we face today in responding quickly and effectively to natural disasters, with a particular emphasis on the impact on our transportation infrastructure. Specific exercise objectives will be to:

- Exercise state and US DOT/ESF-1 response mission.
- Validate alignment between state emergency response plans, US DOT regional response plans, and the NRP.
- Clarify roles, duties, and responsibilities under the Stafford Act declarations, with particular attention to the Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) and the FEMA mission assignment process.
- Appraise the ability of states to coordinate transportation routes between states and regions.
- Appraise the ability of states to define assistance needs and share resources.
- Test the coordination of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) protocol and procedures between states.
- Test EMAC transportation implementation procedures.
- Define states capability needs and shortfalls.
- Transport key emergency assets in and out of the area.
- Identify and prioritize essential transportation routes for short-term restoration.

We have carefully chosen a range of skilled and experienced experts in the crisis and consequence management fields to deliver presentations and join in break out groups.

We consider your participation an important contribution and invite you personally to take part. We are looking forward your positive response.

Hotel rooms have been reserved for exercise participants at the Grand Targhee Resort in Alta, WY. Please make your reservations no later than May 15, 2004. A web page has been developed to provide further information and to allow you to register for the conference online. Please follow the instructions on the website at www.uscg.mil/d13/retco/cascade2

If we can answer any questions please contact Dolph Diemont, Regional Emergency Transportation Representative (RETREP) Region 10, at (206) 220-7095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Garrett".

J. M. GARRETT
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Regional Emergency Transportation Coordinator;
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