**Old Men & Fire – Hauser Creek Fire**

As a starting point for this hike to Hauser, let me preface that this is not a staff ride in the traditional sense. It is an informal remembrance hike with history, discussion, and reflection. I have provided material in the **Dropbox** that will provide context to the hike, as well as stimulate thought and discussion.

**Investigation report** - This will give you a basic understanding on what, when and where things occurred. It will be obvious that you now will have more questions.

**Interviews** - These are part of the investigation report but have become difficult to find. They aren’t included in the Investigation report. There is a lot of things left unsaid but beg to be answered.

**Articles** - This will give you a good narrative of the events with some background setting. They help in the story telling but have include some speculation. They are obviously told by non-firefighters.

**Stands** - This will provide an outline of where we will be hiking and the scenario for discussion.

**Videos** - These are only included to give an idea the terrain, fuels, and topography.

**100 Fire Summary** - This is information only but has links to some of this same information above.

**Tuesday night icebreaker BBQ**

This will be held at Ken Kremenski’s house starting at about 1700. This is a good opportunity for everyone to meet and talk about the event and sort out a plan for transportation the next morning. The out-of-town crew is working with Doug Elliott to procure provisions for the BBQ. The head count for the group currently stands at 11 souls, if you do not plan to attend on Tuesday night please reply to myself (Bill) and Doug to let us know that.

**Hike logistics for Wednesday**

We will finalize transportation and times Tuesday night at the BBQ. Tentatively we need to be in Campo by 0800 to tour the Buffalo Soldier museum. This is where the 10th Calvary soldiers were housed and where the injured Marines were taken for medical care. This is a very basic display of artifacts associated with the Camp. The curator is an older gentleman who has been gracious to open the museum for our tour since it is normally closed during the week.

Temperatures are predicted to be 60/80 and partly cloudy. The hike is along an unmaintained trail. Portions do follow the old road. No rain. The farthest point we will be hiking is approximately 2 miles down canyon. There is a lot of Poison Oak! I suggest long pants and sleeves if you are sensitive to the plant. There are several stream crossings upto 10’ wide and 4” deep. You can attempt to rock hop, but it usually ends in you getting more wet than just walking through the stream. There may be a rattlesnake or two. I have not seen any in my hikes down there but I know they are there watching me! That brings up the point of safety. There is no cell coverage in the canyon. I will take a small first aid kit. Water and lunch are your responsibility.

**Wednesday night closeout**

We will plan to find an establishment in Alpine for the group to re-convene at the end of the day to share a meal and observations about the day.