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**Subject:** Waldron Memorial Authorization

**To:** Jim Cook

Dear Jim,

This letter authorizes you to install a memorial marker at the South Fork Waldron Creek Trailhead for the firefighters who died in the 1931 Waldron Creek Fire. As you have described, five individuals who were temporary employees for the US Forest Service died in the line of duty on the Waldron Creek Fire on August 25, 1931.

The memorial marker will be a plasma-cut metal plate sign, no larger than 4 feet high by 6 feet wide. The sign will be supported above the ground by two metal poles that will require minor excavation to set and anchor the structure.

As this is not a major Federal action, no NEPA is required. If any archaeological evidence is found during excavation for the poles, please stop work and contact myself or Rocky Mountain District Ranger Mike Munoz immediately.

Please consult with District Ranger Munoz on the optimal sign location to avoid any potential problems.

Thank you for the work you do to tell the stories of past wildfires so we can better protect the lives and safety of our firefighters. And thank you as well for the work you do to honor those we have lost.

With appreciation,

EMILY PLATT  
Forest Supervisor

