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Re: AAIRO Petition for Ruling-PS Docket No. 09-19

Dear Mr. Gottlieb:

The Wildland Residents Association, Inc., San Marcos Pass Volunteer Fire Department is a licensed "Travelers Information Station" operator in Santa Barbara County, California.¹ The station is utilized for local traffic and emergency information. The station was critical during the Zaca,² Gap, Tea and Jesusita Fires for evacuation information.

We have been active in trying to obtain a formal clarification of the existing TIS rules to ensure compliance while also meeting the local needs of residents. The FCC rulemaking process seems excessive for such a need for clarification. What is permissible? It is a simple question.

I would urge you to assist in promoting a prompt resolution to this ongoing request. Clearly, these stations have been identified as a valuable local public service.³ We are again in fire season. The time is now to resolve this petition.

In advance, thank you for your time and consideration. You can reach me directly at 805-448-1422 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Williams
 President-Executive Director

cc: Bill Baker, President
 AAIRO

¹ WQF1350. Known as the San Marcos Pass Emergency Radio System, SEMPERS-1040 AM.

² Second largest fire in the history of California.

³ *Santa Barbara County Emergency Communications, Further Improvement Needed*, Santa Barbara County Grand Jury, 3 April, 2009; *Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center: How Many More Delays?*, Santa Barbara County Grand Jury, 29 April, 2009; *Disaster preparedness: Are we really ready?*, Santa Barbara County Grand Jury, 15 May, 2006; *Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center: Up and ready or down and out?*, Santa Barbara County Grand Jury, 15 May, 2006; and *Emergency Public Information: What's Happening? Where do I go? What should I do?*, Santa Barbara County Grand Jury, 15 May, 2006.