

National FFA 2017 CDE

Agricultural Communications Editing Quiz - KEY

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Instructions: Twenty five words or phrases are underlined in the news story below. Some are correct and others contain errors. Indicate in the space to the right if the words or phrases are correct (C) or incorrect (I). If they are incorrect, correct them using standard editing marks in the sentence. You may find errors related to grammar, punctuation, capitalization, word usage, spelling and other Associated Press style issues.

Wildfire Recovery Bill Introduced

Excerpts from
High Plains Journal

1	U.S. Senators Michael Bennet, D-CO and <u>Ron Wyden, D-OR</u> , recently introduced the Wildfire Mitigation Assistance Act to provide resources to assist communities recovering from damaging wildfires.	1. I – no comma
2	The <u>bill treat’s wildfires</u> in the same manner as other natural disasters by making disaster assistance funding available to states affected by catastrophic wildfires.	2. I – no apostrophe
3	“Wildfires have catastrophic effects across <u>the West, Bennet said.</u> “We can dramatically reduce the severity and damage from these wildfires through prevention.”	3. I – insert quotation
4	“Wildfires have unfortunately proven once again to be <u>the west’s natural disasters,</u> ” Wyden said. “This is urgent business that requires an equally urgent and comprehensive response.”	4. I – capitalize West
5	This bill will help people recover from the devastation of wildfires by providing funding to local <u>governments to reduce</u> flooding and erosion after fires.	5. C
6	<u>Additionally, the Bill</u> has funding for preventative measures, such as monitoring stream and habitat health and assisting residents in clearing brush from around their homes and businesses.	6. I – don’t capitalize bill
7	Currently, states can receive hazard mitigation funding to lessen the effects of a future disaster only <u>after the President declares</u> a major disaster.	7. I – don’t capitalize president
8	However, unlike <u>in the case of huricanes</u> , floods, or tornados, most wildfires do not receive a major disaster declaration.	8. I - spelling
9	This bill will allow states affected by <u>wildfires to access the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program</u> to implement measures that reduce the risk of flooding and erosion and take actions to prevent future wildfires.	9. C
10	Bennet first introduced this measure as part of the PREPARE Act in 2015 following <u>several years of drouth</u> in his home area.	10. I - spelling

11	Last week, Bennet and Wyden attended a briefing with <u>U.S. agriculture secretary</u> Sonny Perdue to press the issue.	11. I – capitalize agriculture secretary
12	The meeting was successful as Bennet introduced the <u>Wildfire Disaster Act of 2017</u> last month.	12. C
13	As part of the introduction, he sent a bipartisan letter urging Senate Leaders Mitch McConnell, R-KY, and <u>Charles Schumer, D-NY</u> , to include a wildfire funding fix in any future disaster aid legislation.	13. C
14	“I have seen firsthand the impact that catastrophic wildfires have on our <u>communities</u> ,” Bennet said. “Folks impacted by wildfire need assistance long after the flames stop burning.”	14.C
15	The key element of this bill <u>is prvention, and</u> this bill offers some innovative solutions in areas that do not normally garner attention following a disaster.	15. I - spelling
16	“Massive wildfires destroy homes, businesses and ecosystems <u>in the eleven western</u> states, just like catastrophic hurricanes destroy communities in coastal regions, and this will help local governments,” Wyden said.	16. I - 11
17	“Wildfires have unfortunately proven once again to be the West’s natural disasters,” Bennett said. “In my home state of <u>Colo.</u> , it <u>is</u> happening far too often.”	17. I – spell out Colorado
18	Bennett added that the bill is urgent business that requires an equally urgent and comprehensive response. This bill marks a key piece of that response to help people recover from the <u>devastation of wild-fires</u> .	18. I – no hyphen
19	Once passed, the bill would allow local governments to apply for grants to help their communities. Communities can receive up to <u>one million dollars each</u> .	19.I – \$1 million
20	Bennett and Wyden plan for local governments <u>to have 100% control</u> over the funds they receive.	20. I – spell out percent
21	Following the announcement of the bill, several community <u>Fire Departments</u> and local governments voiced support.	21. I – don’t capitalize
22	“I thank Senators Bennet and Wyden for introducing this important legislation,” said Thomas Jenkins, <u>president and chairman</u> of the Board of International Association of Fire Chiefs.	22. C
23	The IAFC said it would send some of <u>its members to congress</u> to publicly voice support for the legislation.	23. I – capitalize Congress
24	To voice concern or support for this bill, <u>contact your Representative</u> .	24. I – don’t capitalize representative
25	The number for the main switchboard in <u>Washington, D.C.</u> is <u>(202) 202-2222</u> .	25. I – no parenthesis in phone number