

## July 2013 Region 5 Message

I keep praying for rain everyday. It looked hopeful this spring, but it's now dry and hot. I spent yesterday afternoon and most of the night helping evacuate horses for friends out of a very large fire in a high population area and it's devastating. So many of these peoples' lives have changed in just a few short hours. My horse population at the farm has more than doubled with evacuees and it's reassuring to look out in the pastures and know that these friends have something to look forward to.

Several important **DEADLINES** are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
  - GMOs can submit nominations for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
  - Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
  - Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.
  - One deserving group member will receive the [Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant](#) to attend the 2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by **August 31**
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention December 4-8, 2013 in Lexington, Kentucky.

The end of the qualifying period is coming for the 2013 NAJYRC Championships as is the period for the USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses and Brentina Cup. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 sponsored events and plan to join us:

- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 19-22, 2013. Parker, Colorado.
- USDF Region 5 Jr/YR Clinic with George Williams – October 26-27, 2013. Longmont, Colorado.

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director