



# National Fire and Aviation Conference

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## Strategic Fire Management

Wednesday, December 7, 2005		
8:00	<b>Meeting Overview and Introductions</b>	Tim Murphy, Deputy Director, BLM Fire and Aviation
8:10	<b>Welcome to Utah</b>	Gene Terland, Acting BLM UT State Director
8:20	<b>Overview of Utah</b>	Sheldon Wimmer, UT SFMO
8:30	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Larry Hamilton, Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
8:45	<b>DOI Remarks</b>	TBD
9:15	<b>BREAK</b>	
9:30	<b>Presentation – Biomass:</b> Issues, Findings and Recommendations from Tuesday's Fuels/Ed-Mit, Forestry/Resources Meeting Breakouts	Tuesday Breakout Group Lead TBD
9:45	<b>Presentation – Contracting:</b> Issues, Findings and Recommendations from Tuesday's Fuels/Ed-Mit, Forestry/Resources Meeting Breakouts	Tuesday Breakout Group Lead TBD
10:00	<b>Presentation – Program of Work:</b> Issues, Findings and Recommendations from Tuesday's Fuels/Ed-Mit, Forestry/Resources Meeting Breakouts	Tuesday Breakout Group Lead TBD
10:15	<b>Presentation – 2823, 2824 Subactivities 2005 End of Year Spending Assessment:</b> There continues to be a high rate of spending the last month of each fiscal year. What strategies can be developed to efficiently spend the money allocated to us?	Lynne Willoughby: Chief; Budget and Evaluation
10:40	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:50	<b>Developing a Mega-fire Management Model</b> Federal wildland firefighting is dominated by a doctrine that attempts to match an increasing wildfire threat with greater suppression force. However, mega-fires exhibit fire behavior characteristics that exceed all efforts at control, regardless of the type, kind, or number of firefighting assets brought to bear.  Following earlier work by a joint USFS-BLM problem scoping group, the Brookings Institution is now examining doctrinal, strategic, and tactical bases for developing a mega-fire management model that would provide a more effective approach in dealing with this type of catastrophic wildfire. Over the next twelve months, the Brookings Institution will be conducting interviews and convening expert-level panels in order to deliver a comprehensive and implementable mega-fire management model.	Al Hyde, Brookings Institution

11:15	<b>Presentation – ALL Risk:</b> Agency response, expectations, and impacts on overall management workload.	Tom Boatner
11:45	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:00	<b>Presentation – FPA Overview:</b> FPA is a new system designed to help managers plan and budget an interagency fire management program. FPA - Preparedness Module is being implemented this fall. Overview of roles and responsibilities and an overview of the model design and outputs.	Aden Seidlitz
1:20	<b>Presentation – Aviation Strategy:</b> Overview of NFAEB sponsored interagency strategy. How does/will this affect BLM? How the BLM fire aircraft acquisition and management strategy fits with this larger effort	Dave Dash
1:45	<b>Instructions for Breakout Groups</b>	Tim Murphy
2:00	<b>BREAKOUT GROUPS MEET:</b> Identify and discuss issues, strategies, and actions related to the above topics. Develop presentation to be delivered on Thursday AM for further discussion and development. (See detail on following pages).	
4:30	<b>ADJOURN</b>	
6:00	<b>NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET</b>	

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Session Description	Session Lead	Room Assignment
<p><b>Biomass</b>  <b>Continue issues discussions and resolutions from Tuesday breakouts, solicit additional comments and feedback from FLT and Line Managers.</b></p> <p><i><b>Description:</b></i> Biomass strategic plan, direction, expectations, and our roles and responsibilities. Biomass demo sites, performance Measures and Reporting. Discussion of Coordinated Resource Offerings Protocol (CROP) and link to recently passed energy bill.</p> <p><i><b>Who Should Participate?</b></i> FMO's Fuels/Ed-Mit, Forestry/Resource Leads and Line Managers</p> <p><i><b>Issue(s) to be addressed:</b></i> <i>Continued from Tuesday:</i> How do we make biomass utilization an effective tool? What are the indicators of biomass success? Identify problematic issues.</p> <p><i><b>Desired Outcome:</b></i> A clear identification of the roles and responsibilities for Biomass. Strategies on how we can make biomass utilization an effective tool in a program of work (POW). Identify marketing strategies and stabilizing supplies. Identify problematic issues and strategies to solve them.</p>	<p>Gregg Nelson: BLM Biomass Coordinator</p> <p>Laura Ceperley: Forest and Woodland Management Group Manager</p>	
<p><b>Contracting</b>  <b>Continue issues discussions and resolutions from Tuesday breakouts, solicit additional comments and feedback from FLT and Line Managers</b></p> <p><i><b>Description:</b></i> <b>1. Stewardship Contracting:</b> Strategic plan, direction, expectations, and our roles and responsibilities. Awarding long term contracts without completed NEPA and with one year funding. Issues associated with SBA.  <b>2. IDIQ Contract:</b> National IDIQ contract strategy and direction, issue identification and actions to expand IDIQ.</p> <p><i><b>Who Should Participate?</b></i> Fuels/Ed-Mit, Forestry/ Resources Leads, FMO's, Procurement Staff, and Line Managers</p> <p><i><b>Issue(s) to be addressed:</b></i> Strategies for effective use of Stewardship Contracting and strategies to integrate stewardship contracting into a POW. National IDIQ contract strategy and direction and actions to expand IDIQ contract effectiveness.</p> <p><i><b>Desired Outcome:</b></i> Identify strategies and action points to ensure stewardship contracting and IDIQ are used effectively and are integrated into a POW.</p>	<p>Scott Lieurance; BLM Stewardship Contracting Coordinator</p> <p>Butch Hayes; Nevada SO Fuels Lead</p> <p>Joe Bogus, Contracting Officer</p>	

<p><b>Integrated Vegetation Program of Work</b>  <b>Continue issues discussions and resolutions from Tuesday breakouts, solicit additional comments and feedback from FLT and Line Officer Managers</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> <b>1. National Initiatives:</b> Overview of vegetation management strategy that is being developed, overview of the monitoring strategy being developed, and Energy bill impacts. Collaborative strategy for prioritizing projects, integrating the initiatives into a POW.  <b>2. National Program of Work Overview:</b> Overview of the Fuels POW concept, critical success factors, integration process, State presentation on outcome of a fuels POW</p> <p><b>Who Should Participate?</b> Fuels/Ed-Mit, Forestry/Resource Leads, FMO's and Line Managers</p> <p><b>Issue(s) to be addressed:</b> Integrating national initiatives into a POW, identifying issues associated with a vegetation POW, funding, etc.</p> <p><b>Desired Outcome:</b> Strategy and process for successful integration and development of a five year integrated POW that can be used by all vegetation management programs at all budgeting levels (Integrating BPS and NFPORS).</p>	<p>Dave Mueller BLM Fuels Specialist</p> <p>Erik Christiansen: BLM Fuels Specialist</p> <p>Tom Dabbs, WO Program Analyst- Forestry &amp; Fire</p> <p>Rick Tholen, WO-200 Liaison</p>	
<p><b>Fuels Budget Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> There continues to be a high rate of spending the last month of each fiscal year. What strategies can be developed to efficiently spend the money allocated to us?</p> <p><b>Who Should Participate?</b> Fuels/Ed-Mit, Forestry/Resource Leads, FMO's, Budget and Procurement staff, and Line Managers</p> <p><b>Issue(s) to be addressed:</b> Spending trends at the end of the fiscal year, Identify issues</p> <p><b>Desired Outcome:</b> Identify issues, needs, and develop process to allow more efficient spending.</p>	<p>Lynne Willoughby: Chief; Budget and Evaluation</p> <p>Dave Burley: Fuels Budget Analyst</p> <p>Joe Bogus, Contracting Officer</p>	
<p><b>All Risk</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Impacts of All Risk response on overall fire management workload</p> <p><b>Who Should Participate?</b> Cross-section of fire managers and line officers</p> <p><b>Issue(s) to be addressed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increasing impacts of all risk response workload and ideas on ways to deal effectively with that impact</li> <li>2. Problems occurring with this workload that can be addressed and improved.</li> </ol>	<p>Tom Boatner, Fire Operations Group Manager</p> <p>Rob Collins, Fire Program Advisor (WO)</p> <p>Bill Wallis, Colorado FMO</p> <p>Tom Frey,</p>	

<p><b>Desired Outcome:</b> Ideas for solving problems, dealing with this new and expanding workload.</p>	<p>International F&amp;A Program Coordinator</p>	
<p><b>Fire Program Analysis (FPA) Overview</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> FPA is a new system designed to help wildland fire managers plan and budget an interagency fire management program. FPA - Preparedness Module is being implemented this fall. Overview of roles and responsibilities and of the model design and outputs.</p> <p><b>Who Should Participate?</b> Line Officers, Fire Leadership, and Resource Specialists</p> <p><b>Issue(s) to be addressed:</b> Active participation by Line Officers, Fire Leadership, and Resource Specialists in the FPA process and an overview of the model design and outputs. Also provides an opportunity to exchange information to assist in the transition to this new system.</p> <p><b>Desired Outcome:</b> Clarification of responsibilities throughout the process, improved understanding of the FPA model and outputs, and to raise the comfort level in implementing the FPA Preparedness Module.</p>	<p>Aden Seidlitz, Fire Planning &amp; Fuels Management Group Manager</p>	
<p><b>Aviation Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Overview of NFAEB sponsored interagency strategy. How does/will this affect BLM? How the BLM fire aircraft acquisition and management strategy fits with this larger effort.</p> <p><b>Who Should Participate?</b> Fire Leadership Team, Line Managers</p> <p><b>Issue(s) to be addressed:</b> Will the BLM acquisition strategy be adopted? If so, what budget level should be allocated for aviation contracts? What are the critical implementation steps?</p> <p><b>Desired Outcome:</b> Agreement of the budget level for contracts. Agreement on subsequent numbers, types and locations of exclusive use aviation contracts.</p>	<p>Dave Dash, National Aviation Group Manager</p>	



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9:50	All Risk Breakout Group - Report	Group Spokesperson
10:10	FPA Breakout Group - Report	Group Spokesperson
10:30	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:50	Aviation Strategy Breakout Group - Report	Group Spokesperson
11:10	Review breakout group recommendations and follow up actions	Tim Murphy
12:00	Close Out	Larry Hamilton and Ed Shepard
12:30	Adjourn	