

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 10/03/12 at 1030 MT (Boise)

Phone number: 866-704-5789

Participant code: 223574#

ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK – Lynn Standley Coe	MT – Eric Fransted	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
AZ – Brian Achziger	NV – Cindy Savoie	NIFC – Jeff Arnberger
CA –	NM –	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CO/WY – Kim Bang	OR/WA – Renee Beams/Brian Rindlisbacher	Fuels-
EA –	UT – Cheri Ausgotharp	Aviation-
ID – Carol McElroy	NTC –	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Election of the new committee co-chair (Ellsworth)

The BFTC elected Kim Bang as the BFTC co-chair. A note of thanks was given to Cindy Savoie for her service.

2. Review Action Log (Ellsworth)

Mike Ellsworth asked BFTC representatives to review the Action Log. Member who are assigned actions are considered the point of contact not necessarily the doers of the action. Points of contact are encouraged to use others to help complete the action.

3. BLM Wildland Fire Training Standards (Ellsworth)

A lot of revisions have been made to the Training Standards since the September meeting. Sean, Jeff, Mike and Pam will finalize the DRAFT early next week.

ACTION: Send out the “final” DRAFT of the BLM Wildland Fire Training Standards to BFTC members prior to the November FOG meeting. (Mike Ellsworth)

4. Leadership Training Issue Paper (Ellsworth)

Mike asked the group if they had issues with the issue paper to the FOG regarding the requirement of leadership courses for certain fireline positions and the need for a transition plan should the recommendations be adopted. BFTC members would like more time to discuss the issue with fire managers.

ACTION: Notify fire managers of the FOG proposal to make leadership courses required for various fireline positions and report feedback to Mike Ellsworth by October 15, 2012. (All BFTC Members)

5. Engine Captain Issue Paper (Ellsworth)

Mike discussed revisions made to the Engine Captain issue discussed at the fall meeting as well as the need for a transition plan should the recommendation be adopted. Mike will formalize the issue paper which will be presented to the Engine Committee by Jeff and Mike later this month and then to the FOG in November. BFTC members discussed changing Red Book language and wanted more time to talk with their people.

ACTION: Notify fire managers of the FOG proposal to create a BLM set-id for ENGB to incorporate Engine Captain course work and report feedback to Mike Ellsworth by October 15, 2012. (All BFTC Members)

Round Robin:

AK (Standley Coe)

- Doug Gibbs will be on board October 10.
- Busy assembling cadres for courses. RX-410 is a large undertaking.
- November GATR meeting conflicts with the next scheduled BFTC conference call.

AZ (Achziger)

- Fritz Mueller will be reporting soon as the State Fire Management Officer.

CO/WY (Bang)

- Busy shuffling nominations.
- Randy Jacks is on board and assembling cadres for big courses.
- Moving trainees to Minnesota.

ID (McElroy)

- Nothing to report.

MT (Fransted)

- Nothing to report.

OR/WA (Brian Rindlisbacher)

- Regional training meeting in November. Would like Mike to discuss e-mentoring.

UT (Ausgotharp)

- Post-season meeting next week. Will discuss the fate of the Wildland Fire Academy.

Next Conference Call: **Wednesday November 14, 2012** at 10:30 a.m. (Boise time)