

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 10/14/15 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL:

AK –Amy Skraba

NV –

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

AZ –

NM – Charley Luevano

NIFC – Pam McDonald

CA – James Gannon

OR/WA –

Aviation –

CO/WY – Kim Bang

UT – Cheri Ausgotharp

Fuels –

EA –

NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren

SMJ – Phil Lind

ID – Kelly Woods

MT – John Thompson

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Resource Advisor (READ) Proposal (Eno-Hendren)

The FOG approved the Fireline READ and the DOI All-hazard criteria for the READ and the READ Coordinator. The proposal will go to the FLT.

2. Chainsaw Refresher Update (Woods)

Kim Bang, Kelly Woods, and Renee Beams have not developed chainsaw refresher objectives. The group will meet the first week of November and present to the BFTC during the December meeting.

AMENDED ACTION: Develop a set of objectives for chainsaw refresher and submit to Marlene Eno-Hendren for placement on the agenda for the December BFTC meeting. (Kelly Woods – lead, Kim Bang, and Renee Beams)

3. Work Capacity Test (WCT)/RT-130 Grace Period Proposal (Eno-Hendren)

BFTC members supported the proposal for a 12-month expiration date and an emergency assignment clause. Marlene will make minor changes and submit to the FOG for a decision.

ACTION: Revise the WCT and RT-130 grace period proposal, send to BFTC for final review, and submit final draft to the FOG for a decision during their November 2015 meeting. (Marlene Eno-Hendren)

4. **Non-fire Interagency Aviation Training (IAT)** (Eno-Hendren)
Kirk Rothwell will share information regarding non-fire interagency aviation training at the December face-to-face meeting.

5. **OTC Update** (Ellsworth)

Endorsement Tasking

The task group has done a lot of work to identify endorsements and how proposed endorsements would affect programs. The task group feels they are at a standstill until FEMA's National Qualifications Guide is released.

CREP Oversight

Currency changes to the CREP position were overlooked in the October 2015 update of the 310-1. The OTC will issue an errata IM.

NFML/LFML/M-581

OTC is in the process of identifying agency representative to sit on the committee to review NFML/LFMO/M-581. Tate Fischer and John Thompson will represent the BLM.

ACTION: Place an NFML/LFML/M-581 status update on the December 2015 meeting agenda. (Eno-Hendren)

ICT3 and I-400

ICT3s have been awarded the I-400 competency in IQCS. The recommendation is that local units have the discretion to require I-400. Certificate tracking will be difficult.

ACTION: Place the need for an I-400 BLM Standard at the December 2015 BFTC meeting. (Eno-Hendren)

Removal of S-336 Course from the NWCG Curriculum

The OTC voted to remove S-336 from the NWCG curriculum. Tactical decision games (TDG) will be moved to the Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program's TDG library. The class can still be delivered; no S-336 would be given.

Spanish Courses

Mike has asked the OTC to delay a decision about no longer supporting Spanish courses until the December 2015 OTC meeting. BFTC members would like to know revision costs, work load impacts, and what has changed since the decision was made to create the Spanish versions. Ultimately, the NWCG Executive Board will make the decision.

Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement

Mike is finalizing the Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement.

ACTION: Send all revisions for the *Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement* to Mike Ellsworth by October 30, 2015. (All BFT Members)

6. December Face-to-Face Meeting (Eno-Hendren)

The fall face-to-face meeting will be held in Boise December 1-3.

ACTION: Send meeting agenda items to Marlene Eno-Hendren by November 11, 2015. (All BFTC Members)

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska** – Most seasonal employees gone for the season. Preparing for the 2016 training season.
- **California** – Hosting an extra L-380 course to meet requirements. Revising READ training. Finalizing IQCS access and roles.
- **Colorado/Wyoming** – Nothing to report.
- **Idaho** – Coordinating fall course offerings. Inquired about NAFRI’s concurrent delivery of courses.
- **Montana** - Nothing to report.
- **New Mexico** – Recently conducted retirement training.
- **Utah** - Nothing to report.
- **Smokejumpers** - Nothing to report.

- **Mike Ellsworth** – IQCS will no longer accept one-on-one training; only online training modules will be recognized. Mike reminded State IQCS leads to send him comments regarding any IQCS qualifications that are unused, rarely used, or unidentified in any policy documents by the November 4th deadline. Kim Bang and Kelly Woods questioned the length of the IQCS shutdown which is seriously impacting fall course delivery.

ACTION: Talk with the IQCS Program Manager about the length of the system shutdown and notify BFTC members by October 19, 2015. (Mike Ellsworth)

There will be no conference call in November. BFTC will meet face-to-face **December 1-3, 2015**. BFTC members are asked to identify an alternate for all calls and meetings if they unable to participate themselves.