

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 6/4/14 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL:

AK – Amy Skraba
AZ – Shawn Jaca
CA – Nate Gogna
CO/WY – Randy Jacks
EA – Lamar Liddell
ID –
MT – John Thompson

NV –
NM –
OR/WA – Renee Beams &
Brian Rindlisbacher
UT –

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
NIFC – Pam McDonald
Aviation – Kirk Rothwell &
Gil Dustin
Fuels –

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. NWCG Training Committee Update (Ellsworth)

- Finalizing the priority of work document.

ACTION: Send the priority of work document to BFTC members when finalized.
(Mike Ellsworth)

- Developing steering committee charters.
- Pursuing S-420 solutions in the midst of uncertainty of other efforts.

2. OWDC Update (Arnberger)

OWDC presented an updated version of PMS 310-1 to the Executive Board.

Phase I - PMS-310-1 (October 2014 release)

- Type 3 positions
- Faller qualifications
- Combined IBA1/2 position. Transition memo is forthcoming.

Phase II - PMS-310-1 (October 2015 release)

- Alternative pathways from Type 3 to Type 2
- Crosswalk between C&G positions
- Optional speed-to-certification options.

Other OWDC projects include integration of non-required FEMA courses and Type 3 to Type 1 options.

The plan is to thoroughly vet Phase II through all stakeholders.

3. GATR Updates **(Beams)**

- Finalized a national Priority Trainee form at their last meeting.
- Plan to help a couple regions put on the merged D-311/312 course in 2015.
- Pursuing an interagency engine academy model.
- 2014 training season wrapping up.
- Kim Bang is the GATR vice-chair.

4. IQCS Updates **(Ellsworth)**

- There are some issues regarding set-id for some BLM-specific qualifications. A simple fix will be instituted; however, there may be minor fallout.

ACTION: Send out guidance regarding the IQCS fix for the BLM set-id for agency-specific qualification requirements. (Mike Ellsworth/Jeff Arnberger)

- The online IQCS training is moving forward. Mike will be asking for evaluators once complete.
- The Risk Management Committee placed a hold on AEMT qualifications.
- Mike will pursue incorporating into the 310-1 supplemental the ATGS currency for AOBS proposal previously submitted to OWDC by Renee Beams.

5. ATGS Certification, Experience Reporting, and CRM Training **(Ellsworth/Rothwell/Dustin)**

Mike forwarded the “draft” aviation information bulletin to all BFTC members for review and comment.

ACTION: Submit comments on the “draft” ATGS certification, experience reporting, and CRM training information bulletin to Mike Ellsworth by June 13, 2014. (All BFTC members)

6. ATGS to ASGS Proposal **(Ellsworth)**

Work-in-progress. Doug Gibbs is lead.

ROUND ROBIN:

Alaska (Skraba)

- Nothing to report.

Arizona (Jaca)

- Nothing to report.

CA (Gogna)

- Wildland Fire Apprenticeship Program (WFAP): 2 advanced courses in the fall; 3 basic in the spring.
- Paul Banister continuing to work on an official response regarding BLM’s involvement in the WFAP.
- Conducting statewide reviews and creating guides.

CO/WY (Jacks)

- Nothing to report.

Eastern Area (Liddell)

- Nothing to report.

MT (Thompson)

- Nothing to report.

OR/WA (Beams)

- Conducting reviews.
- Good meeting with all NW zone chairs.
- Will be participating in the interagency apprenticeship meeting.

National Aviation (Rothwell)

- Nothing to report

National Office (Arnberger)

- Personnel changes at NIFC: Ron Dutton acting director for Tim Murphy (120-day detail); Howard Hedrick returning to deputy position; Steve Shaw filling vice-Romo position; Sean Cross filling the NWCG Manager position.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 3, 2014**, at 10:30 a.m. (MDT). ***BFTC members are asked to identify an alternate if they cannot participate.***