

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 4/8/15 at 1030 MT (Boise)

Phone number: 866-704-5789

Participant code: 223574#

ROLL CALL:

AK – Doug Gibbs/Amy Skraba

MT –

NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren

AZ – Shawn Jaca

NV – Cindy Savoie

NIFC – Pam McDonald

CA – Nate Gogna

NM – Charley Luevano

Aviation –

CO/WY – Randy Jacks

OR/WA –

Fuels –

EA –

UT –

ID – Kelly Woods

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. National Training Officer Role (Ellsworth)

Marlene Eno-Hendren is assimilating into her position in Fire Operations. Marlene and Mike Ellsworth are working to establish roles and responsibilities. Marlene will assume the co-chair position of the BFTC; handle BLM-specific training matters, including co-chairing the BFTC; and working with IFPM and NIJAC. Mike Ellsworth will work on interagency matters such as OTC, IQCS, WFSTAR, and leadership.

All BFTC agenda items from this point forward will go to Marlene at meno@blm.gov or 208-387-5265.

2. FOG/FLT Update (Ellsworth)

Type 1 C and G State-Level Certification

The FLT recently endorsed the BFTC's recommendation to add a minimum standard to the Red Book requiring Type 1 Command and General Staff and Area Command be certified by State FMOs (or the Chief of Fire Operations for NIFC & WO staff). The standard will be added to the 2016 *BLM Standards for Fire Training and Workforce Development*.

Dozer Operator

The FOG accepted adoption of the USFWS position task book for DZOP/DZIA. Additionally, the tractor/plow operator qualification will reflect the same qualification standards as DZOP/DZIA. Employees with that qualification will be grandfathered in.

Non-fire Mandatory Training

Steve Shaw and Paul Hohn briefed the FLT on the non-fire mandatory training issue and will develop a paper for Ron Dunton to present to the ELT.

Chainsaw Refresher

The BFTC continues to seek feedback regarding chainsaw refresher. All feedback must be received by **May 1, 2015**.

- a. Should the BLM require a chainsaw refresher? Why?
- b. What would you recommend the required refresher time-frames be, e.g., annual or biennial? Should the same frequency be for all Faller positions?
- c. Considering bureauwide implications, what objectives would you like to see as the national standard in the BLM chainsaw refresher?

ACTION: Send an email to BFTC members to solicit feedback regarding the need for chainsaw refresher with comments due by May 1, 2015. (Marlene Eno-Hendren)

3. NWCG Update

(Ellsworth)

Operations and Training Committee (OTC)

The first meeting of the Operations and Training Committee will be May 26-27. Jeff Arnberger and Mike Ellsworth will sit on the committee.

NFML and LFML

The task team is taking a holistic approach to develop a proposal, including NWCG oversight, for NFML/LFML.

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Mike Ellsworth is working with Paul Hohn to revise the design criteria and to finalize the proposal through OTC.

e-ISuite

A new training course number (N9062) has been created for e-ISuite. Eventually, some modules will be inactivated. Mike Ellsworth will seek clarification and send out an email with specifics.

ACTION: Send BFTC members email regarding e-ISuite by May 1, 2015. (Mike Ellsworth)

4. Fall Face-to-Face Meeting

(Ellsworth)

The fall face-to-face BFTC meeting will be the week of September 22-24 in Boise. All BFTC members should plan accordingly.

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska** – Doug Gibbs is taking a new job. Amy Skraba will be acting as the AK BFTC representative. Busy with training season.
- **Arizona** – The last round of prescribed fire rotations to Texas is complete. Busy with training.
- **California** – CA will be hosting an NOLS L-380 course this fall. CA expects full compliance with leadership requirements by the start of 2016. Last week of Engine Academy. Nate invites Marlene or Mike to attend CA's statewide training meetings the week of May 12-14. WFAP has been handed off to Marlene Eno-Hendren. A new 4/5 apprenticeship position description is at the NOC. Nate's last month in the position.
- **Colorado/Wyoming** – Regional training ending soon. Rocky Mountain Engine Academy starts April 20 in WY. South Canyon Staff Ride May 18-19.
- **Idaho** – Final push with the 2015 training season. Concerns were raised following the first delivery of a FEMA (Supply Unit Leader) course. BFTC members should report problems to Mike Ellsworth.
- **Nevada** – Nothing to report.
- **New Mexico** – Eric Walker new AFMO.
- **OR/WA** – Nothing to report.
- **Aviation (Ellsworth)** – There is a conflict between IQCS and the Helicopter Long Line/Remote Hookup Specialist in the Supplement as well as confusion about the A-219 refresher. Kirk is working with State Aviation Managers to resolve the issue. Mike is working with the Aviation group on revisions to the *Aerial Ignition Guide*. Qualifications will be moved to the Supplement.

The next conference call will be held **Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. (MDT)**. The next face-to-face meeting will be held September 22-24, 2015. BFTC members are asked to identify an alternate if they unable to participate.