

BLM Fire Training Committee

Conference Call Agenda

Date/Time: 10/5/11 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

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| Voting Members: | MT – Michelle Perkins | Guests & Support: |
| AK – Lynn Standley Coe | NV – Cindy Savoie | BFTU – Jeff Arnberger |
| AZ – | NM – Charley Luevano | BFTU – Al Olson |
| CA – | OR/WA – Brian Rindlisbacher and Renee Beams | BFTU – Pam McDonald |
| CO/WY – Kim Bang | UT – Jaki Nordrum | GBTU – Madonna Lengerich |
| EA – | NTC – | |
| ID – Carol McElroy | BFTU – Mike Ellsworth | |

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Finalize Charter (Ellsworth)

The final draft of the BLM Fire Training Committee charter was sent out for Committee review. Concurrence or suggestions for revision are due to Mike Ellsworth by October 14.

2. OWDC Updates (Arnberger)

Jeff Arnberger presented an update from the September 2011 OWDC meeting.

3-year vs. 5-year PTB Currency Requirements

OWDC reversed its earlier decision that set the PTB currency requirement at five years instead of three. The reversed decision returns the PTB currency requirement to three years. OWDC will provide clearer direction through revised language within the PMS 310-1.

New Positions to the PMS 310-1

OWDC approved the addition of two new PMS 310-1 positions: Infrared Interpreter (IRIN) and Incident Contract Inspector (INCI). These positions will be incorporated into the PMS 310-1 through the errata process.

Faller A, B, C

OWDC approved pursuing creation of an interagency Faller position. BLM Fire Training Committee members discussed this topic at the meeting.

ACTION: Monitor efforts to create the interagency Faller position and ensure that BLM has representation on the Faller Task Group. (Mike Ellsworth and Jeff Arnberger)

Miscellaneous PMS 310-1 Updates

- The latest revision of the PMS 310-1 should be released in the next few weeks.
- The yearly release date for the PMS 310-1 was changed from June 1 to October 1.
- OWDC intends to take a hard look at technical specialist positions versus PMS 310-1 positions.

Fireline Handbook Revision

The Fireline Handbook will be revised this winter. The revision task group will be addressing duplications found in the Emergency Response Fire Operations Guide and the IRPG.

IMT Succession Planning

An IMT succession planning draft is circulating among fire directors. A final product is scheduled for release in December. OWDC will have an implementation role.

3. Review Evaluation of College Coursework Issue Paper for FOG (due 10/18) (Savoie)

The draft issue paper regarding review evaluation of college coursework was sent to Committee members. All comments are due to Cindy Savoie by October 18.

4. Type 1 & 2 PTB Certification Guidance (Bang)

Kim Bang was presented a recent question regarding the BLM's policy for certifying Type 1 and 2 PTBs. Since no national direction could be found, Kim has been tasked to create a standard for her state. A few Committee members presented how their state handled certification.

DECISION: The Committee recommended that language be included in the BLM Fire Training Standards Guide stating that Type 1 and 2 PTB certification be determined by the State FMO.

ACTION: Send guidance examples for certifying Type 1 and 2 PTBs to Kim Bang by October 17, 2011. (All members)

5. Travel Cap Relief for Training (Arnberger)

Jeff Arnberger and Sean Cross spoke with Grant Beebe regarding travel cap relief for training. It seems unlikely that a relief is possible; efforts to find a solution will continue.

6. Distribution of Training Information (Ellsworth)

Committee members will now be the focal point for distribution of training information. The previously developed training officer contact lists will be sent to states for revision and use.

ACTION: Send training officer contact lists to Committee representatives by October 17, 2011. (Pam McDonald)

An example of a recently distributed item spurred Committee discussion regarding training nomination prioritization for nationally-sponsored but locally- or state-funded training programs such as PTFC, TFM, and the UNLV GS-401 Education Program.

DECISION: Committee members recommend that a standard business practice be developed for prioritizing training nominations for nationally-sponsored training programs.

ACTION: Send a business practice concept for handling training nominations for nationally-sponsored programs to Mike Ellsworth by October 17, 2011. (Kim Bang)

7. Update on Action Items

(Ellsworth)

Request for Change – Ellsworth/Standley Coe

Mike is working with Lynn on the draft Request for Change proposal. The draft should be available for Committee review in the next couple of weeks.

Workforce Succession Direction – Perkins/Bang

Michelle and Kim are working together to complete a draft that should be ready for Committee review by the end of the week.

Job Aid Updates (due Nov 1) – All

Committee members intend to have their work on the Job Aid sent to Al Olson by the November 1, 2011, deadline.

Round Robin:

Alaska (Standley Coe)

- In the midst of a three-day interagency fall fire review.
 - Lynn will be presenting information from the last BLM Fire Training Committee meeting.
- The State of Alaska's training schedule has been uploaded to the national website.

CO/WY (Bang)

- Busy with training center duty functions.

ID (McElroy)

- Nothing to report.

MT (Perkins)

- Participated on the local Red Card Committee.
- Local units are having problems determining what courses/materials meet EEO/diversity training requirements.

ACTION: Share EEO/diversity training opportunities and directives with other members. (All members)

NV (Savoie)

- Nothing to report.

NM (Luevano)

- Nothing to report.

OR/WA (Brian Rindlisbacher/Renee Beams)

- Creating a list of OR/WA training officers to host a conference call.
- Mike Spencer is retiring. Renee Beams is acting in the position until the Regional Office determines what to do with the position.

Utah (Nordrum)

- Nothing to report.

GBTU (Lengerich)

- Would like to know about training cancellations as soon as possible.

BFTU (Arnberger, Ellsworth, Olson, McDonald)

- Jeff and Mike are preparing for their FOG presentations.
- Sean Cross once again sends his appreciation for participating in the meeting and for the work being done by the Committee.

Next Conference Call:

The next conference call will be held Wednesday, November 2, 1030 (Mountain)