

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 9/4/13 at 1030 MT (Boise)

Phone number: 866-704-5789

Participant code: 223574#

ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK – Doug Gibbs	MT – Michelle Dauehnauer	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
AZ – Brian Achziger	NV – Cindy Savoie	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CA – Nate Gogna	NM – Charley Luevano	NIFC –
CO/WY – Kim Bang	OR/WA – Renee Beams	Fuels –
EA –	UT – Cheri Ausgotharp	Aviation –
ID – Kelly Woods	NTC –	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. NWCG Training Committee Update (Ellsworth)

2. Fall Face-to-Face Meeting (Ellsworth)

The fall face-to-face meeting will be held October 1-3, 2013, in Boise, ID. Mike proposes the following agenda topics:

- *BLM Fire Training and Workforce Development Standards Request for Change Review and Update*
ACTION: Send out a call for edits to the *BLM Fire Training and Workforce Development Standards* to BFTC and FOG members with a response date of October 1. (Mike Ellsworth)
- FEMA Instructor and Training Course Update
- Non-mandatory Training Initiative
- S-420/L-480 Discussion and Position Recommendation
- READ Discussion and BLM Position Recommendation
ACTION: Consult with BLM Fuels, IQCS, and All-Hazard personnel regarding READ and present to the BFTC at the fall meeting. (Mike Ellsworth)
- Priority Training Program Review and Red Book Language Proposal
- All-Hazard Training Update
ACTION: Confer with Tony Doty regarding the status of all-hazard training and brief the BFTC at the fall meeting. (Mike Ellsworth)
- Technical Specialist Guide Update
- NWCG Risk Management Committee (RMC) Update
 - Saw Qualification Update
 - Medical (Fireline EMT, Wilderness First Responder) Update**ACTION: Request that Michelle Ryerson attend the fall BFTC meeting to provide a RMC update and address medical qualification and training concerns. (Mike Ellsworth)**
- Leadership Subcommittee Update
 - General
 - L-481 Status Report
 - Leadership Campaign
 - Paul Gleason Lead by Example Award Nominations

- IQCS Update
 - Mike Morgen and Doug Freeman have taken early buyouts. There is a possibility these positions might not be filled.
- Apprentice Position Description Proposal and Apprentice Program Update
- Aviation Update
- Fuels Update

ACTION: Send additional agenda items for the fall BFTC meeting to Mike Ellsworth prior to October 1, 2013. (All BFTC members)

Round Robin:

Alaska (Gibbs)

- Had a busier/longer fire season than usual; winding down now.
- Conducted a successful field S-420.
- Priority Trainee Program seemed to have worked well.

AZ (Achziger)

- Will sponsor an L-381 course this coming training season.

CA (Gogna)

- Experiencing an active fire season that may continue for a couple more months.

CO/WY (Bang)

- Pulling together statistics from last year's Priority Trainee Program. Saw a lot of movement across geographic areas.
- Staff now includes a career-seasonal.

ID (Woods)

- Priority Trainee Program was a learning process. Feels there is momentum behind the program. Will fine-tune their process for next fire season.
- Processing early course nominations.
- Filling detailer positions.
- Hoping to have a GS 9/11 Training Specialist position advertised soon.

MT (Daehnauer)

- Montana BLM had a relatively quiet fire season.
- Gathering information about MT's Priority Trainee Program.
- Transitioning into training season.

NV (Savoie)

- Dylan Rader will be attending the fall meeting as the Nevada representative.

NM (Luevano)

- Carl Gossard will be retiring at year's end.
- Unsure about fall meeting attendance.

OR/WA (Beams)

- Transitioning to training season.
- Filling detail positions.
- Added a position within her group dedicated to BLM/USFS workforce development.

UT (Ausgotharp)

- Nothing to report.

The next meeting will begin **Tuesday, October 1, 2013**, at 8:00 a.m. (Boise time) and end at 12:00 p.m. **Thursday, October 3, 2013**, in the Payette/Clearwater room at the Great Basin Training Center.