

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 5/11/16 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL:

AK – Steve Theisen

AZ –

CA –

CO/WY – Kim Bang

EA – Lamar Liddell

ID –

MT –

NV – Cindy Savoie

NM – Charley Luevano

OR/WA –

UT –

NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

NIFC – Pam McDonald

Aviation –

Fuels –

SMJ –

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. GATR Meeting Updates

(Bang)

The GATRs held their spring meeting in Boise the week of May 2, 2016.

- Forest Service has the ability to process credit cards. The GATRs will be reviewing business practices to see if efficiencies to the nomination process can be made.
- NWCG Training Development and the PNW are revising the S-420 package. NWCG Training Development Update:
 - Completed the training system assessment.
 - Working on revising position task books and will have a pilot available soon.
 - Planning to develop PTB administration training modules.
 - FI-210 and D-310, revised and available soon.
 - RX-310, in the field review process.
 - RX-301 and RX-341, analyzing materials for revision; potential for OTC to approve combining the courses.
- PNW and the NW Coordination Center/Dispatch Committee have completed a dispatch analysis and workforce development project. Considering recruitment module development.
- Tim Blake spoke about the leadership curriculum. Tim has been tasked with reviewing business practices and evaluating all aspects of the development and delivery models.
- Keith Raley (Chief, Aviation Safety, Training and Program Evaluations) and Susie Bates discussed OAS Aviation Safety, Training & Program Evaluations' strategic direction. ACE trainings will be offered throughout the year in various geographic areas; GATRs will be advised of courses in their areas.
- All geographic areas have Priority Trainee Programs in place. GATRs are fine-tuning communications and interactions as well as means of gathering more statistics.
- The S-491 training package is not scheduled for revision. GATRs will help each other. The Northern Rockies has resources.

- Kim Bang will continue to work with the GATRs, Marlene Eno-Hendren, and Angie Simpson on the PFTC nomination process.
- Russ Babiak asked that GATRs report how many non-federal persons have been entered into IQCS.

2. **FEED Grant Program IB and Rating Plan (Reference 1 & 2)** (Eno-Hendren)
Marlene presented the revised FEED Grant Program proposal. The proposal will be presented to the FOG at their next meeting.
3. **Equipment Inspection Video and Assessment** (Eno-Hendren)
Work continues on the script. The intent is to have something by the end of the summer. Marlene may be asking for assistance from BFTC members who have experience in this area.
4. **Suspension of BFTC Conference Calls for the Summer** (Eno-Hendren)
The BFTC agreed to suspend monthly conference calls until September.
5. **Training Records Audits** (Bang)
Kim Bang posed the question as to whether or not the BLM should have a formal training records audit process. Guidance was previously found in the Job Aid. Policy resides in the Red Book (p. 249). Mike and Kim will collaborate on the matter. As a reminder, the hard copy file is the training record and not IQCS.

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska** – Training season nearing the end. Amy Skraba returning in June. Kelly Woods will be the Training Representative on the AK preparedness review. Marlene noted concern with the hard-copy training certificate requirement; various systems have been used.
- **Colorado/Wyoming** – South Canyon Staff Ride (May 25-27). Kim will be attending the Wyoming preparedness review. Kim’s position was upgraded to a GS-12.
- **Eastern Area** – Training of Washington D.C. and EA personnel; increase in students. Crew will be coming on soon.
- **Nevada** – Nothing to report.
- **New Mexico** – Had a fuels review two weeks ago. Scheduled for an in-state review in two weeks.
- **NIFC (Mike)** – The Nevada preseason meeting with non-fire keynote speakers went well. Mike encourages other states to adopt a similar preseason model. During the Nevada Type 3 meeting, Type 2 Unit Section Chiefs were used to train individuals at the Type 3-level.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:

The next conference call will be **September 7, 2016**, at 10:30 Mountain.