

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 3/2/16 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL:

AK – Steve Theisen

NV –

NIFC – Pam McDonald

AZ – Shawn Jaca

NM – Charley Luevano

NIFC –

CA – James Gannon

OR/WA – Renee Beams

Aviation –

CO/WY – Kim Bang

UT – Cherie Ausgotharp

Fuels –

EA –

NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren

SMJ – Phil Lind

ID – Kelly Woods

MT – John Thompson

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. NWCG SME Proposal Update (HO #1) (Thompson/Woods)

The BFTC will submit a proposal to the FOG next week requesting national-level funding to cover travel costs associated for BLM Subject Matter Experts for NWCG course development. Final edits (terminology, funding codes, and recruitment/selection process) will be made and sent to BFTC for review prior to presentation at the FOG next week.

ACTION: Send edits to the NWCG SME Proposal to Marlene Eno-Hendren by COB March 4, 2016. (All BFTC Members)

2. RT-212 Chainsaw Refresher Training (HO #2) (Jaca/Eno-Hendren)

The BFTC is unclear on the retasking from the FOG regarding the RT-212 refresher. The BFTC presented what they believed to be a minimum standard (objective) and intent for a refresher. The BFTC believes they completed the tasking and requests clear intent and direction. Concerns include tracking mechanisms, online delivery, and potential future litigation.

3. FEED Grant Program IB and Rating Plan (HO #3) (Eno-Hendren)

BFTC members were asked to review the Fire Enhancement and Development Grant Program proposal and online application process. The intent is for a fall 2016 rollout and final approval of program documents by the end of April.

ACTION: Review the FEED Grant proposal and provide feedback to Marlene Eno-Hendren by March 18, 2016. (All BFTC members)

4. Equipment Inspection Video and Assessment (HO #4) (Eno-Hendren)

The BFTC discussed the FOG tasking to develop an equipment inspection video and assessment. A script is being created to support video production. There are efforts within the interagency community to develop a similar product—mainly for contract equipment, but the process is the same.

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska** – Amy Skraba had her baby; all are well. Two detailers helping with training: Karen Scholl and Hudson Plass. Training season underway. Doing cleanup to the Allocation of Forces; prioritizing positions and trainees.
- **Arizona** – Phoenix NIMO will be conducting some Type 3 Command and General Staff training in St. George the end of April.
- **California** – Karen Kufta hired as California Desert District FMO. Sam Marouk working on a training, etc., position. Three new monuments established. Attended L-580 San Diego Megafires Interactive Case Study.
- **Colorado/Wyoming** – South Canyon Staff Ride (May 25-27) is posted; slots are available.
- **Idaho** – Middle of training season. Thanks to the Pacific Northwest for assisting with a few classes. Kelly Woods attended L-580 San Diego Megafires Interactive Case Study. Preparing for the spring delivery of the L-580 Gettysburg Staff Ride. Will let BFTC members know best audience for each L-580 experience.
- **Montana** – Conducting needs analysis for next training season. Middle of training season.
- **New Mexico** – Spring FMO meeting next week; may not have a representative at the FOG meeting. Conducting needs analysis for next training season. Hosting refreshers.
- **OR/WA** – Middle of training season.
- **Utah** – Rick Belger, State FMO, has accepted a position at NIFC.
- **Fuels (per Eno-Hendren)** – Dave Mueller has accepted a new job.
- **Smokejumpers** - Nothing to report.
- **NIFC (Pam)** – Would appreciate assistance in distributing the 2016 Wildland Fire Leadership Campaign – Never Stop Learning and the IGNITE the Spark for Leadership – From the Field for the Field contest throughout spheres of influence.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:

The next conference call will be **April 6, 2016**, at 10:30 MST.