

# BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

## Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 9/3/14 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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### ROLL CALL:

AK – Doug Gibbs

AZ –

CA – Nate Gogna

CO/WY – Kim Bang

EA – Lamar Liddell

ID – Kelly Woods

MT – John Thompson

NV – Cindy Savoie

NM – Charley Luevano

OR/WA – Renee Beams &

Brian Rindlisbacher

UT – Cheri Ausgotharp

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

NIFC – Jeff Arnberger

NIFC – Pam McDonald

Aviation –

Fuels – Dave Mueller

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### 1. NWCG Training Committee Update

(Ellsworth)

- Approved a request to combine S-133 and S-134 into S-131.
- Refresher Task Team was tasked with assessing the present program to include developing a program of work, addressing staffing concerns, and determining what products to produce.
- Will meet jointly with OWDC the week of October 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussion will include wildland fire endorsements for FEMA courses.
- S-420 alternatives still being discussed.

#### 2. NWCG SetID for BLM positions

(Ellsworth)

The BFTC recommended that the switch be flipped on November 1, 2014, for BLM SetID IQCS responders (ENGB, RXB2, FIRB, and FEMO) improperly placed under the NWCG SetID.

**ACTION: Develop and send an email to BFTC members for distribution to Training Officers regarding the November 1, 2014, SetID change to ENGB, RXB2, FIRB, and FEMO by September 12. (Mike Ellsworth)**

#### 3. Update on New 310-1

(Arnberger)

OWDC presented an updated version of PMS 310-1 to the Executive Board. Both entities have agreed upon a plan for changes to the 2015 version.

##### Phase I - PMS-310-1 (October 2014 release)

- Implementation of Type 3 positions.
- Fuller qualifications (advanced, intermediate, and basic). Wording will allow for the use of agency-specific requirements. The BLM will follow the NWCG standard.

**ACTION: Finalize and process the Instruction Memorandum setting forth BLM guidance for faller positions by September 19, 2014. (Jeff Arnberger and Mike Ellsworth)**

- Combined IBA1/2 position.
- FEMA courses will be included in 310-1.

**Phase II - PMS-310-1 (October 2015 release)**

Jeff provided a brief overview of future changes. He will provide a more in-depth briefing and 2015 310-1 draft at the fall face-to-face meeting.

- 2015 version influenced by EIM (Emerging Incident Management). NWCG received push back regarding Type II teams.
- Introduction of bridging pathways.
- Taking time to communicate changes to the field prior to release.

**4. ATGS Maintains Currency for AOBs Request for Change Proposal (Ellsworth)**

OWDC received a request for change proposal requesting that ATGS maintain currency for AOBs. Since AOBs is a Technical Specialist position, the request did not belong to OWDC and was transferred to the Federal Training Officers for consideration in the *Federal Qualification Supplement*.

**5. L-Course Transition Plan (Ellsworth)**

The FLT accepted the proposal to require leadership courses for certain operational qualifications within the BLM. The FLT set a January 2017 transition date. Mike is working on the transition plan.

**ACTION: Develop an L-course transition plan and distribute for BFTC review prior to October 1, 2014. (Mike Ellsworth)**

**6. State-level Approval Language for Type 1 and 2 IMT Positions (Bang)**

Kim Bang will send the draft state-level certification process for Type 1 and 2 IMT positions to BFTC members prior to finalization at the face-to-face meeting. Finalization will occur at the fall face-to-face meeting.

**7. UNLV GS-401 Opportunity (Ellsworth)**

UNLV has proposed offering the GS-401 curriculum via online delivery. BFTC members were asked whether or not there was interest. BLM leadership is still debating the fate of the 401 series. Mike will confer with other agency Training Officers.

**ACTION: Mike Ellsworth will send UNLV proposal information to BFTC members who will research their state's involvement in UNLV's online delivery of GS-401 courses and report at the fall face-to-face meeting. (All BFTC members)**

- 8. Federal Qualification Supplement** (Ellsworth)  
Federal Training Officers will meet to discuss edits to the *Federal Qualification Supplement*. BFTC members should review the document and provide input. Expected release date is October 2014

**ACTION: Provide edits to the *Federal Qualification Supplement* to Mike Ellsworth by September 14, 2014. (All BFTC members)**

- 9. Airtanker Base Manager Position Task Book** (Ellsworth)  
Mike will be working with Kirk Rothwell and Jill McCurdy on a Request for Change proposal regarding the Airtanker Base Manager position task book.

- 10. CRM Training** (Woods/Ellsworth)  
Kelly Woods requested a status check on CRM training. Three requests for change proposals were received. The intent was to have one N-course included in the 2014 *Federal Qualification Supplement*. Mike is working with Jill McCurdy on this issue and expects an answer before the *Supplement* is released.

**ROUND ROBIN:**

**Alaska (Gibbs)**

- Nothing to report.

**California (Gogna)**

- Working with HR on a short-term detail for his position.

**Colorado/Wyoming (Bang)**

- Finalizing training schedules, staffing, and budget.

**Eastern Area (Liddell)**

- Nothing to report.

**Idaho (Woods)**

- Finalizing training schedules, staffing, budget, and processing early nominations.

**MT (Thompson)**

- Melissa Wagner was selected as the Northern Rockies GATR and Training Center Manager.

**Nevada (Savoie)**

- Nothing to report.

**New Mexico (Luevano)**

- Still working with the ATV/UTV group. Results seem to be producing more of a wordsmithing effort than significant change.

**OR/WA (Beams)**

- Finalizing training schedules, staffing, and budget.
- Workforce PD is finished and will be out soon.

**Utah (Ausgotharp)**

- Finishing year-end projects.

**National Fuels (Mueller)**

- Nothing to report.

**National Office (Arnberger and McDonald)**

- Nothing to report.

The fall face-to-face meeting will be held in Boise beginning **Monday, October 27, 2014**, at 1:00 p.m. (MST) and ending **Wednesday, October 29** at 5 p.m. (MST) ***BFTC members are asked to identify an alternate if they cannot attend.***