

BLM Fire Training Officer Committee

Conference Call Agenda

Date/Time: 08/3/11 at 1000 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK – Lynn Standley Coe	MT – Michelle Perkins	NIFC – Jeff Arnberger
AZ –	NV – Cindy Savoie	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
CA – Nate Gogna	NM – Charley Luevano	NIFC – Al Olson
CO/WY – Kim Bang	OR/WA – Brian Rindlisbacher	NIFC – Pam McDonald
EA –	UT – Cherie Ausgotharp	GBTU – Madonna Lengerich
ID – Carol McElroy	NTC – Don Washco	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. OWDC Updates

(Arnberger)

3- to 5-year Position Task Book Renewal

Jeff Arnberger reported that even though the OWDC did not support the BLM's position for a 3-year versus 5-year position task book renewal, some agencies want to revisit the discussion.

NIMS Compliancy

NIMS compliancy guidance scheduled to be incorporated into the September 2011 revision of the PMS 310-1 may be delayed. The BLM and BIA have implementation deadlines beyond September 2011 (December 2011 and September 2012, respectively) which may necessitate the delay.

There are additional concerns with the timing of the upcoming IQCS software implementation as well.

At this time, historic recognition is being discussed for individuals who are fully qualified in a position. Trainees and those seeking new qualifications would be required to meet NIMS requirements.

2. BLM Training Unit Program Feedback

(Ellsworth)

Committee members should have received a spreadsheet from a recent analysis performed by the BLM Fire Training Unit. Committee members are asked to provide feedback to Mike Ellsworth regarding the focus and priorities of the BLM Fire Training Unit.

Continued analysis will be done to determine the Director's and FLT's direction for nationally administered programs such as TFM and the UNLV GS-401 Education Program.

The Unit is looking at developing processes to help prioritize projects and initiatives as budgets decrease and reductions in staff occur. Options include contracting and short-term details.

3. Training Committee September Meeting (Arnberger)

Jeff Arnberger proposes that a face-to-face meeting of the BLM Fire Training Committee be held in Boise this fall. The intent is to bring members together to develop training processes and procedures that will take BLM fire training into the future as well as develop ways to meet present demands with limited staff and budgets. Jeff will seek travel funding approval for those states that need assistance.

4. UNLV GS-401 Education Program and Technical Fire Management (Ellsworth)

UNLV GS-401 Education Program

There are 25 students enrolled in the UNLV GS-401 Education Program (Cohort 7). UNLV should have contacted all students. In a change from previous years, local units/states are required to submit their student's tuition payments directly to UNLV.

Technical Fire Management (TFM)

To date, no BLM employees have applied for TFM. Washington Institute (WI) has extended the application deadline until September 2011. Due to low application submissions, WI is uncertain if the next session of TFM will be held.

Round Robin:

- AK – Lynn Standley Coe is now acting in Tony Doty's position until filled. Lynn is working to solidify the 2012 training schedule. The State of Alaska's class offerings are forthcoming. Instructors are being brought in from the lower 48 to support training. Alaska had planned to send students to the PNW's February offering of S-491; however, AK's target audience is not in pay status at the time. Kim Bang suggested that AK contact Jeff Klein for an April offering. Madonna Lengerich will be using Klein in April and suggested the possibility of GBTU offering two courses to help meet demands.
- CA – Things are quite. Nate is preparing for fall academies.
- CO/WY – Kim is working on the training schedule and hopes to upload in the next few days. Travel caps are a concern, especially for instructors. Kim questioned the accuracy of the Job Aid regarding EEO and diversity requirements. Jeff Arnberger will confirm the accuracy of the information and report to Committee members.
- ID – Nothing to report.
- MT – Nothing to report.
- NV – Nothing to report.
- NM – Light to moderate fire activity is still occurring.
- OR/WA – Nothing to report.
- UT – Nothing to report.
- NTC – Nothing to report.
- GBTU – The status of the October L-380 course offering is questionable. The Great Basin is trying to stand up an L-380 cadre. The GBTU course coordination detail announcement should be out in the next few days. S-420 was conducted on Whalen's fire in Salmon, ID.
- National Office – Information regarding the next conference call or face-to-face meeting will be forthcoming.