

# **BLM NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Conference Call  
October 18, 2006

## **Members on the Call**

Aitor Bidaburu, NIFC; NIFC; Paul Bannister, CA; Katie McConnell, OR/WA; Mike Spencer, OR/WA; Curtis Jensen, ID; Charlie Luevano, NM; Kim Bang, CO/WY; Don Washco, NTC.

## **Guests**

Ted Mason, NIFC; Eva Brown, NIFC; Pam McDonald NIFC.

## **Introductions and Welcome**

Aitor Bidaburu introduced himself as the new BLM Training Unit Leader—replacement for Larry Sutton. New members to the committee —Paul Bannister, CA; Rick Lang, MT; Charlie Luevano, NM; and Lynn Cook, UT—were also introduced.

## **Winter Meeting**

The possibility of a winter meeting for the committee was discussed. The committee agreed to co-locate the meeting with the November 14 GATR meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Intentions are for the committee to participate in the Cerro Grande Staff Ride on November 15, meet at FUTA on November 16, and travel back to home units on November 17. Meeting agenda items will include committee charter review, committee membership roles and representatives, and completion of the H-9215-2.

**ACTION: Charlie Luevano will contact Jerome MacDonald regarding the Committee's inclusion on the Cerro Grande Staff Ride.**

**ACTION: Charle Luevano will reserve a room at FUTA for the November 16 BLM National Wildland Fire Training Committee meeting.**

## **Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Update**

Aitor briefed the committee on the future of the Annual Fireline Safety Refresher. The project is being transitioned to an NWCG product.

Ted Mason continues to be the BLM Training Unit lead on the project and with Scott Anderson as the NWCG Training Development lead. Eva Brown and Pam McDonald continue to contribute to the project.

Efforts are being made to complete the product by year's end with distribution to the field some time in February 2007. Distribution of materials (VHS, DVD, Student Workbook, and Facilitator Guide) for the 2007 product will be mailed to the field as they have been in the past. Training Coordinators will be contacted for mailing instructions, quantity, and video format preference.

## **BLM Fire and Aviation Training Handbook (H-9215-2)**

Aitor discussed the importance of completing the BLM Fire and Aviation Training Handbook. The intent is to have a central depository for BLM training information. The handbook is intended to be a living document that resides on the BLM Training Web site.

The project has been in the works for approximately two years and needs to be completed. Al Olson is working on updating Chapters 2 and 3 to reflect changes made in the PMS 310-1. Chapters 9, 12, and 13 remain unfinished.

**ACTION: Kim Bang requests that Al Olson contact her regarding assignments from unfinished H-9215-2 chapters.**

Curtis Jensen asked about how training officers know when a change is made. Pam McDonald told the group that a “new” icon is placed in the PDF identifying where a change is made. The “What’s New” section also updates users when a change has been made. The front page of the Web site and chapters also contain date references for version control. The suggestion was made by Pam McDonald that a separate page could be created for change history as well. This should be discussed at the winter meeting.

The committee will make a plan for completion of the H-9215-2 a priority at the November 16, 2006, meeting.

Once completed, the BLM Training Unit will submit the handbook for review by the committee, NIFC program leads—Aviation, Prescribed Fire, and Operations—and distribute an Instruction Memorandum making the handbook official.

## **General Issues**

### **L-380/381 Equivalency for S-420**

Kim Bang asked whether the BLM has made L-380/381 an equivalency for S-420. She was under the impression from the May GATR meeting that Larry Sutton was pursuing such equivalency.

**ACTION: Aitor Bidaburu will confirm the status of official documentation regarding the completion of L-380 and L-381 as equivalency for S-420.**

### **IS-700/800 Requirements**

Aitor Bidaburu and Mike Spencer briefed the committee on the recent USFS training requirement for IS-700—National Incident Management System, An Introduction and IS-800—National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction. At the present time the BLM has not mandated the training; however, this is a DHS requirement, with presidential directive, that all first responders complete the training. Expectations are that it is only a matter of time before this training becomes a BLM requirement.

Kim Bang asked whether the courses have been input into IQCS.

**ACTION: Aitor Bidaburu will contact Rick Jensen and update committee members as to the status of IS-700/800 in IQCS.**

On a similar matter, Aitor Bidaburu notified the committee that he has replaced Larry Sutton on

the IQCS Change Management Board.