

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 11/13/12 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK – Doug Gibbs & Lynn Standley Coe	MT – Eric Fransted	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
AZ – Brian Achziger	NV –	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CA – Nate Gogna	NM – Charley Luevano	NIFC –
CO/WY – Kim Bang & Randy Jacks	OR/WA – Renee Beams	Fuels –
EA –	UT – Cheri Ausgotharp	Aviation – Kirk Rothwell
ID – Carol McElroy	NTC –	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. BLM Standards for Fire Training and Workforce Development (Ellsworth)

Jeff and Mike presented the *BLM Standards for Fire Training and Workforce Development* to the Fire Operations Group (FOG) and received positive feedback. The comment period runs until December 7, 2012.

ACTION: Review the DRAFT BLM Standards for Fire Training and Workforce Development and forward comments to Mike Ellsworth by December 7, 2012. (All BFTC members)

2. FOG Issue Papers (Ellsworth)

Leadership Training: Mike Ellsworth presented the BFTC's recommendation to make leadership required courses for certain fireline positions to the FOG at their November 2012 meeting. The proposal was well-accepted with one concern: lack of a requirement for RXB2. The RXB2 requirement will be added to the Fire Leadership Team (FLT) proposal for consideration at their December 2012 meeting in Grand Junction. If Jeff Arnberger cannot make the meeting, Kim Bang is requested to represent the BFTC.

Engine Captain: The FOG had a lengthy discussion regarding Engine Captain. They believe a solution is needed but could not come to consensus. Each course requirement was reviewed individually for possible inclusion in a BLM setID for ENGB. Mike will pull training statistics and work with Jeff to develop Red Book language for a possible solution to the problem.

ACTION: Collect training statistics for creating a BLM setID for ENGB, develop Red Book language, and present to the FOG on their December 2012 conference call. (Mike Ellsworth and Jeff Arnberger)

3. Geographic Training Area Representative (GATR) Update (Beams)

Renee updated the BFTC on the recent GATR meeting. Mike will forward the GATR meeting notes when published. Topic highlights included:

- There are a few new GATRS.
- Bill Miller will be the National Advanced Fire and Resources Institute (NAFRI) liaison to the GATRS.
- The GATRS will release a paper regarding the Priority Trainee Process and would like feedback.
- NAFRI is developing communication mechanisms and standard operating procedures in efforts to enhance working relationships.
- The National Training website has undergone a revision.
- The GATRS will be conducting some analyses to identify new ways of delivering classes.
- Russ Babiak spoke to the GATRS about the Resource Advisor (READ) revision effort. There is support to have two fitness levels: low and moderate.

ACTION: Submit all comments regarding the READ revision to Tate Fischer or Mike Ellsworth by December 31, 2012. (All BFTC members)

4. M-410 Field Review (Ellsworth)

NWCG Training Development recently issued a call for field reviewers for M-410. The request is for one reviewer per cadre. The BLM needs to have a presence in this effort.

ACTION: Canvas BLM M-410 cadre members as potential field reviewers and submit candidates to Mike Ellsworth by December 1, 2012. (All BFTC members)

5. Fire and Aviation Mentoring (Ellsworth)

Mike has been briefing various groups on Fire and Aviation Mentoring and is seeing a lot of interest and activity related to those briefings. Contact Mike if your area or group needs more brochures or a briefing.

6. Red Book Edits

(Ellsworth)

Mike reminded BFTC members of their responsibility to review the Red Book and provide comments.

ACTION: Submit Red Book edits to Jeff Arnberger by mid-December. (All BFTC Members)

Round Robin:

AK (Gibbs/Standley Coe)

- Nothing to report.

AZ (Achziger)

- Nothing to report.

CA (Goqna)

- Preparing to the upcoming apprenticeship graduation. Awaiting direction for the program.

CO/WY (Bang/Jacks)

- Making courses nomination selections.

ID (McElroy)

- Nothing to report.

MT (Fransted)

- Nothing to report.

OR/WA (Beams)

- Nothing to report.

UT (Ausgotharp)

- Utah BLM is no longer taking the lead on the Wildland Fire Academy. The offer has been extended to other agencies.

NTC (Washco)

- Nothing to report.

Aviation (Rothwell)

- Nothing to report.

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- Review your 2013 Annual Fireline Safety Refreshers and submit to Pam by January 1, 2013.

Next Conference Call: **Wednesday, January 9, 2013**, at 10:30 a.m. (Boise time)