

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 2/6/13 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK – Doug Gibbs	MT – Michelle Dauehnauer	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
AZ –	NV – Cindy Savoie	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CA – Nate Gogna	NM – Charley Luevano	NIFC –
CO/WY – Kim Bang	OR/WA – Brian Rindlisbacher	Fuels –
EA –	UT – Cheri Ausgotharp	Aviation –
ID – Steve Shaw	NTC –	

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

The *BLM Standards for Fire Training and Workforce Development* has been official approved through [FA IM-2013-011](#). During the fall BFTC meeting, a work group will assembled to review and process any requests for change proposals.

2. GATR Update (Bang)

Kim Bang had no updates for the GATRs.

3. Streamline Non-fire Mandatory Training FOG Request (Ellsworth)

Mike Ellsworth updated BFTC members on the feedback received regarding a request submitted to the FOG by the Smokejumper, Hotshot, Helitack, and Engine Committees to streamline non-fire mandatory training.

ACTION: Send feedback to Mike Ellsworth regarding the streamlining non-fire mandatory training proposal by February 15, 2013. (All BFTC members)

ACTION: Develop a consolidated BFTC response regarding streamlining non-fire mandatory training by March 1, 2013. (Jeff Arnberger and Mike Ellsworth)

4. ENGB/ENOP Qualifications in IQCS (Ellsworth)

The implementation date for ENGB and ENOP qualification changes in IQCS is quickly approaching. BFTC members should notify IQCS account managers that the change is about to occur and to be prepared for questions and concerns.

5. UNLV Proposal for 2013-2014 (Ellsworth)

UNLV has offered to restructure course offering to include three classes (or six weeks) through online modules. This would reduce the cost of training for travel and per diem. Mike asked BFTC members to estimate student numbers during the “round robin.”

6. BUYM/BUYL (Ellsworth)

The BLM National Fire Business Working Group submitted a Request for Change form requesting implementation of prerequisite training, position task book, and position requirements for BLM Buying Team Members (BUYM) and Buying Team Leaders (BUYL).

ACTION: Solicit feedback from state leaders regarding BLM training requirements for BUYM and BUYL and submit to Mike Ellsworth by February 15, 2013. (All BFTC members)

7. FOG Meeting/HRO Workshop (Ellsworth)

- The FOG meeting and HRO Workshop will be held in Boise, March 11-15, 2013.
- Wilderness First Responder: These courses are being conducted despite an email sent out by Michelle Ryerson regarding accreditation issues. Official direction is needed from the National Office regarding Wilderness First Responder course delivery.

ACTION: Develop an issue paper expressing concerns about the Wilderness First Responder course offerings and submit to Mike Ellsworth and Jeff Arnberger by March 1, 2013. (Kim Bang)

Round Robin:

AK (Gibbs)

- Busy preparing for the upcoming training season.
- UNLV response: Likes the idea of online modules but will have few students
- Alaska puts a lot of students through Wilderness First Responder courses.

CA (Goqna)

- UNLV response: Potential for 1-2 students per cohort.

CO/WY (Bang)

- UNLV response: Supports online modules; however, the travel cap issue remains a concern as well as local unit funding.
- The South Canyon staff ride is scheduled for May 21, 2013.
- Kim would like extend an invitation to FLT members to attend L-380 and L-381 courses.
- Concerns are coming from the field regarding S-341, GIS for Incident Management. Would like to know the status of the position and where is the FTE located?

Jeff Arnberger and Marlo Draper have been working closely on the position description for the

position which is an FTE under the National Training Center. The position should be out on the street soon.

ACTION: Contact Marlo Draper regarding the status of course coordination for S-341 and provide an update to BFTC members by March 1, 2013. (Mike Ellsworth and Jeff Arnberger)

ID (Shaw)

- UNLV response: Doubts Idaho will send any students.
- BFTC representation for Idaho will move to the GBTC. Kelly Woods or her designee will be assigned. Steve acknowledged Carol's commitment to the BFTC and her passion for training.

MT (Dauehnauer)

- UNLV response: Doubts Montana will send any students.
- Montana is putting on the new M-410, Facilitative Instructor, and would like feedback from those who have put on the new course.

NV (Savoie)

- UNLV response: Estimates that Nevada would send three students.
- Nevada is hosting an engine academy in May.
- Cindy was selected to present the Priority Trainee Program at the Dispatcher Workshop.

ACTION: Send Cindy Savoie Priority Trainee Program talking points by February 15, 2013. (Kim Bang)

NM (Luevano)

- UNLV response: New Mexico would have limited attendance.
- Hosting a small ENOP course toward the end of April.

OR/WA (Rindlisbacher)

- Nothing to report.

UT (Ausgotharp)

- Hosting ENOP in Moab in April.

Next Conference Call: **Wednesday, March 6, 2013**, at 10:30 a.m. (Boise time)