

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 5/8/13 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK – Doug Gibbs	MT – Michelle Daehnauer	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
AZ –	NV – Cindy Savoie	NIFC – Jeff Arnberger
CA –	NM – Charley Luevano	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CO/WY – Kim Bang	OR/WA –	Fuels –
EA – Lamar Liddell	UT – Cheri Ausgotharp	Aviation –
ID – Kelly Woods	NTC –	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MCS Intent to Action S-420 Equivalency (Ellsworth)

Confusion exists whether or not BLM personnel who attend MCS's Intent to Action course receive dual credit for L-480 and S-420. Unlike the Forest Service, the BLM does not recognize this course as an S-420 equivalency. Formal guidance regarding the BLM's position would help alleviate confusion in the field.

ACTION: Develop a set of proposals regarding the BLM's position regarding MCS's Intent to Action course and send to BFTC members for review and response by May 24, 2013.

(Mike Ellsworth)

2. OWDC Request for Change – STLD/TFLD (Arnberger)

Jeff Arnberger reviewed the Forest Service request to OWDC to consider adding an alternate pathway for Task Force Leader in the PMS 310-1: Satisfactory performance in any two Strike Team Leader positions (STCR, STEQ, and STEN). This proposal will be discussed during next week's FOG conference call. BFTC members should have brief discussions with their FOG members regarding the request.

3. Technical Specialist Guide Development (Ellsworth)

The federal Training Officers and Emil Magallanes plan to have the Technical Specialists Guide completed by October 2013. The first model will resemble the Forest Service's Technical Specialist Guide with agency-specific details. Training Officers are addressing those positions that are used infrequently or not at all.

4. Fireline EMT **(Arnberger)**

Jeff briefed the BFTC on the BLM's recent implementation of three new medical responder qualifications available in IQCS: Fireline EMT, Basic (EMTF); Fireline EMT, Advanced (AEMF); and Fireline Paramedic (EMPF). These positions do not replace the existing positions.

ACTION: Send specific information regarding new medical responder qualifications (EFTF, AEMF, and EMPF) to BFTC members for distribution throughout their networks by May 10, 2013. (Jeff Arnberger)

5. Fall Face-to-Face Meeting **(Ellsworth)**

BFTC members discussed their availability for a fall face-to-face meeting.

ACTION: Send out a survey to solicit meeting availability for a fall face-to-face meeting by June 1, 2013. (Mike Ellsworth)

6. Wildland Fire Institute (WFI) Update **(Ellsworth)**

Deb Fleming will propose a new organizational structure for WFI to the NWCG Executive Team next week. The proposal was developed by the recently formed group comprised of the national Training Officers, a state representative, and advisors.

7. IQCS Update **(Ellsworth)**

The IQCS Change Management Board is meeting today. Mike will brief the BFTC on the next call.

8. GATR Update **(Woods)**

Priority Trainee Program

The intent of the Priority Trainee Program is to provide meaningful assignments and move trainees expeditiously through the qualification process. The GATRs met with NICC personnel to address concerns regarding name requesting trainees. GATRs will have control of the trainee list and work with NICC to move trainees. All geographic areas except AZ and NM have developed a list of priority trainees.

NWCG/FEMA Course Transitions

Deb Fleming briefed the GATRs on NWCG courses being transitioned to FEMA. The GATRs have some concerns regarding qualification of instructors once the grace period is over.

LFML/NFML/M-581 Review

Work continues regarding the LFML/NFML/M-581 review. A GATR task group has been formed to work with the LFML/NFML/M-581 Steering Committee.

National Training Officers

The GATRs appreciated meeting with the national Training Officers.

Round Robin:

AK (Gibbs)

- Finishing up the training season.
- Hosting the ENGB refresher.

CO/WY (Bang)

- Engine academy occurring today.
- South Canyon Staff Ride with the Redding Hotshots coming up.
- Working on priority trainees.
- Speaking with State Office regarding workforce planning and the training program.

EA (Liddell)

- Finishing up the training season.
- Crew is coming on.

ID (Woods)

- Finishing up the training season.
- Issuing Red Cards.
- Working on priority trainees.

MT (Daehnauer)

- Dry conditions.
- Seasonals coming on May 20.

NV (Savoie)

- Rookie school in June.
- ENOP in Elko the end of May.

NM (Luevano)

- Conducting in-state reviews.
- ENOP completed. New lessons tested.
- Orientations at the end of the month.

NIFC (Arnberger)

- Preparing for national preparedness reviews.

The next conference call will be **Wednesday, July 10, 2013**, at 10:30 a.m. (Boise time)