

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 6/4/14 at 1030 MT (Boise)

Phone number: 866-704-5789

Participant code: 223574#

ROLL CALL:

AK – Amy Skraba
AZ – Shawn Jaca
CA – Nate Gogna
CO/WY – Randy Jacks
EA – Lamar Liddell
ID –
MT – John Thompson

NV –
NM –
OR/WA – Renee Beams &
Brian Rindlisbacher
UT –

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
NIFC – Pam McDonald
Aviation – Kirk Rothwell &
Gil Dustin
Fuels –

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. NWCG Training Committee Update (Ellsworth)

- Finalizing the priority of work document.

**ACTION: Send the priority of work document to BFTC members when finalized.
(Mike Ellsworth)**

- Developing steering committee charters.
- Pursuing S-420 solutions in the midst of uncertainty of other efforts.

2. OWDC Update (Arnberger)

OWDC presented an updated version of PMS 310-1 to the Executive Board.

Phase I - PMS-310-1 (October 2014 release)

- Type 3 positions
- Faller qualifications
- Combined IBA1/2 position. Transition memo is forthcoming.

Phase II - PMS-310-1 (October 2015 release)

- Alternative pathways from Type 3 to Type 2
- Crosswalk between C&G positions
- Optional speed-to-certification options.

Other OWDC projects include integration of non-required FEMA courses and Type 3 to Type 1 options.

The plan is to thoroughly vet Phase II through all stakeholders.

3. GATR Updates

(Beams)

- Finalized a national Priority Trainee form at their last meeting.
- Plan to help a couple regions put on the merged D-311/312 course in 2015.
- Pursuing an interagency engine academy model.
- 2014 training season wrapping up.
- Kim Bang is the GATR vice-chair.

4. IQCS Updates

(Ellsworth)

- There are some issues regarding set-id for some BLM-specific qualifications. A simple fix will be instituted; however, there may be minor fallout.

ACTION: Send out guidance regarding the IQCS fix for the BLM set-id for agency-specific qualification requirements. (Mike Ellsworth/Jeff Arnberger)

- The online IQCS training is moving forward. Mike will be asking for evaluators once complete.
- The Risk Management Committee placed a hold on AEMT qualifications.
- Mike will pursue incorporating into the 310-1 supplemental the ATGS currency for AOBS proposal previously submitted to OWDC by Renee Beams.

5. ATGS Certification, Experience Reporting, and CRM Training (Ellsworth/Rothwell/Dustin)

Mike forwarded the “draft” aviation information bulletin to all BFTC members for review and comment.

ACTION: Submit comments on the “draft” ATGS certification, experience reporting, and CRM training information bulletin to Mike Ellsworth by June 13, 2014. (All BFTC members)

6. ATGS to ASGS Proposal

(Ellsworth)

Work-in-progress. Doug Gibbs is lead.

ROUND ROBIN:

Alaska (Skraba)

- Nothing to report.

Arizona (Jaca)

- Nothing to report.

CA (Gogna)

- Wildland Fire Apprenticeship Program (WFAP): 2 advanced courses in the fall; 3 basic in the spring.
- Paul Banister continuing to work on an official response regarding BLM’s involvement in the WFAP.
- Conducting statewide reviews and creating guides.

CO/WY (Jacks)

- Nothing to report.

Eastern Area (Liddell)

- Nothing to report.

MT (Thompson)

- Nothing to report.

OR/WA (Beams)

- Conducting reviews.
- Good meeting with all NW zone chairs.
- Will be participating in the interagency apprenticeship meeting.

National Aviation (Rothwell)

- Nothing to report

National Office (Arnberger)

- Personnel changes at NIFC: Ron Dutton acting director for Tim Murphy (120-day detail); Howard Hedrick returning to deputy position; Steve Shaw filling vice-Romo position; Sean Cross filling the NWCG Manager position.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 3, 2014**, at 10:30 a.m. (MDT). ***BFTC members are asked to identify an alternate if they cannot participate.***