

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 6/5/13 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL: (participants in bold)

AK –	MT – Michelle Dauehnauer	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
AZ –	NV – Cindy Savoie	NIFC – Jeff Arnberger
CA –	NM – Charley Luevano	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CO/WY –	OR/WA – Brian Rindlisbacher	Fuels –
EA – Lamar Liddell	UT – Cheri Ausgotharp	Aviation – Kirk Rothwell
ID – Kelly Woods	NTC –	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. OWDC Meeting Update

(Arnberger)

Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG) Update

Efforts are underway for revision of the IRPG. Revisions include changes to the wildland urban interface section. Release to the field is expected winter '13 or spring '14. Guidelines and comment form for recommendations to the revision process can be found on the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned website at

http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/Incident_Response_Pocket_Guide_Review_Guiding_Principles.pdf.

ATGS Update

OWDC approved change requests from the National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC) regarding Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS). The following changes will be reflected in the October 2013 PMS 310-1.

- Re-establishment of refresher training (RT-378) every three years.
- Agency-approved crew resource management (CRM) training requirement.
- 3 year currency

Emerging Incident Management (EIM) Update

The complexity analysis draft will be coming out soon. Dalan Romero will head up a task group to conduct a Type II crew analysis.

TFLD/STLD Update

OWDC adopted a third pathway to TFLD/STLD: Satisfactory performance in any two Strike Team Leader positions (STCR, STEQ, and STEN).

Jeff presented the idea of combining the positions to OWDC. Agency representatives will vet the idea through their agencies and make a decision on the June conference call.

Draft PMS 310-1

The PMS 310-1 is finalized for an October 2013 release. Minor changes are needed.

2. Fireline EMT – Training Requirements

(Ellsworth)

Mike Ellsworth discussed the training requirements for Fireline EMT. Individuals who have been in the wildland fire service and qualified as FFT2 prior to 2002 may not meet the requirements for Fireline EMT. Individuals must have taken L-180 or possess supervisor justification to qualify.

3. Fall Face-to-Face Meeting

(Ellsworth)

The fall face-to-face meeting is scheduled for the week of September 30. The exact dates are still pending.

4. UTVO/SPOT IQCS Positions

(Ellsworth)

The UTVO and SPOT positions are now available through IQCS.

ACTION: Send e-mail to the FOG and BFTC regarding new UTVO and SPOT positions by June 15, 2013. (Ellsworth)

5. NWCG “Training and Workforce Development” Committee

(Ellsworth)

Mike briefed the BFTC on recent developments with the NWCG Training and Workforce Development Committee, formerly the Wildland Fire Institute Implementation Team and Board of Directors). The committee is finalizing the name (could affect OWDC’s name), charter, and identifying subgroups.

6. GATR Update

(Woods)

The GATRs continue to work on the Priority Trainee Program.

7. Resource Advisor (READ) Position Update

(Ellsworth)

Renewed interest has sparked regarding the READ position. There are discrepancies between the qualification in IQCS and recommendations found within the READ Guide. Mike will be involved with the READ effort.

8. “Technical Specialist Guide” Development

(Ellsworth)

Work continues by the federal Training Officers on a development of a non-310-1 (“Technical Specialists”) guide.

Round Robin:

Aviation (Rothwell)

- Craig Cook (BIA) is now Interagency Aviation Training Subcommittee (IATS) Chair. BLM held the chair the last 4 years.
- Training on the new version of Automated Flight Following (AFF) 2.0 is now available at <https://www.iat.gov/>. Trainees need a profile to complete the AFF 2.0 training.

- FY12, A-200 Mishap Review, has been taken down from the IAT website for revision. Completing any previous years A-200 will meet IAT position requirements. Unknown when the FY12 version will be available.
- A-100 Basic Aviation Safety is in the final stages of development by OAS-TD. The previous modules (A-101, A-105, A-106 and A-113) which make up the current B-3 curriculum have been combined into the new A-100 Basic Aviation Safety. Until the final version of A-100 is released, taking the current B-3 modules will meet the training requirement. Estimate A-100 to be available late summer or fall.
- Appendix 9 & 10 in the 2013 BLM National Aviation Plan (NAP) contains the NWCG to IAT Functional Crosswalk which explains equivalencies to meet non-fire IAT position requirements. To minimize training redundancies the Crosswalk explains if you are qualified in an NWCG position you are also may be qualified in the specific IAT position. This is currently being considered as policy for all DOI bureaus and is in the final stages of approval. When approved it will be included within Operational Procedures Memorandum OPM-04.

EA (Liddell)

- Crew is ready to go out.
- Working with Mike Ellsworth to conduct a webinar/IQCS training to a group Washington Office, Bureau of Reclamation, and Denver Service Center employees.

ID (Woods)

- Issuing Red Cards.
- Preparing the schedule for the FY14 training season.
- Prioritizing trainees.

MT (Daehnauer)

- Received significant rain in Montana. Slight delay in fire season.
- Orientations and rookie school are occurring.
- Michelle will not be able to attend the face-to-face on September 30.

NV (Savoie)

- Rookie school next week.
- What is the status of a data call to identify our instructors for FEMA? Answer (Ellsworth): No direction has been provided by NWCG. The GATRs are working on a long-term solution.
- Cindy is unable to attend the face-to-face.

NM (Luevano)

- Orientations nearly complete.
- Crews have responded to incidents.

OR/WA (Rindlisbacher)

- Nothing to report.

UT (Ausgotharp)

- Utah's national preparedness review is underway.

The next conference call will be **Wednesday, September 4, 2013**, at 10:30 a.m. (Boise time)