

BLM NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING COMMITTEE
Conference Call
June 2, 2010

Conference Call Participants

Mike Ellsworth, BLM Training-NIFC; Al Olson, BLM Training-NIFC; Pam McDonald, BLM Training-NIFC; Don Washco-NTC; Brian Achziger, AZ; Charley Luevano, NM; Larry Elder, MT; Tony Doty, AK; Carol McElroy, ID; Cindy Savoie, NV; Lynn Cook, UT

IFPM (Mike Ellsworth)

The DOI IFPM consequence letter was released yesterday and should reach the field soon.

Action: Send the DOI IFPM consequence letter to all BLM Training Officers. (Pam McDonald)

Operations OJT Program (Mike Ellsworth)

The Operations OJT pilot program was started early to capitalize on Alaska's heightened fire activity. Six individuals with IFPM requirements have been placed in Alaska. Alaska intends to place another 6-8 trainees in the next few days. If your area begins to have increased activity, please work with Mike Ellsworth to coordinate trainee assignments.

ACTION: Resend the Operations OJT Instruction Bulletin to Training Officers. (Mike Ellsworth)

BLM Fire Training Information Job Aid

The Job Aid is currently under revision. The BLM Fire Training Unit plans to release the revised edition the first part of July. If you have suggestions for improvements or information that you would like to see incorporated, please contact Al Olson.

The Job Aid is an online, electronic document which is available at http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/training/fire_training/publications/job_aid.html. BLM Training Officers are encouraged to continually review the Job Aid and notify the BLM Fire Training Unit of discrepancies, confusing information, and suggestions for improvement.

IOCS (Mike Ellsworth)

There are no updates. A committee is developing protocols to more clearly distinguish agency-specific taskbooks from NWCG taskbooks and to define whether taskbooks are required and the accompanying authorities for the requirements.

RX OJT (Al Olson)

Nothing new to report.

UNLV/TFM (Mike Ellsworth)

Presently 21 applications have been received for Cohort 6. Even though the due date is past, TOs are encouraged to submit applications up to the start date in September. Contact Ted Mason if you have someone in need of the program.

The TFM application deadline has passed, but slots are available if you have someone interested in attending. Contact Ted Mason for more information.

Round Robin

Don Washco (NTC) – Nothing to report.

Tony Doty (AK) – Alaska is in the process of signing an MOU with University of AK – Fairbanks to potentially offer college credit for previously-taken NWCG classes. Bona fide students (even out-of-state, virtual students) could take courses and petition to receive credit for classes. Stay tuned for more information.

Brian Achziger (AZ) – The Phoenix NIMO team tasked with looking at training in the Southwest has released some information. The concept of satellite training locations has been mentioned.

Carol McElroy (ID) – Nothing to report.

Larry Elder (MT) – Nothing to report.

Charley Luevano (NM) – Things are beginning to warm up in NM.

Cindy Savoie (NV) – Nothing to report.

Lynn Cook (UT) – Nothing to report.

Next Conference Call

The next conference call is tentatively scheduled for July 7, 2010, at 1000 hours (Mountain)