

BLM NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING COMMITTEE
Conference Call
September 1, 2010

Conference Call Participants

Ted Mason, BLM Training-NIFC; Mike Ellsworth, BLM Training-NIFC; Pam McDonald, BLM Training-NIFC; Charley Luevano, NM; Tony Doty, AK; Carol McElroy, ID; Mike Spencer, Oregon

IFPM Update (Mike Ellsworth)

The current IQCS report shows 29 individuals failing to meet IFPM requirements.

The Washington Office via NIFC HR will be contacting local HR personnel to begin drafting consequence letters slated for distribution on October 4, 2010. Training Officers are asked to ensure that all IQCS files are updated to alleviate unnecessary actions being taken on individuals who have met the requirements.

In reference to Nate Gogna's concern related an abundance of GS-5s who have not had S-290 on our last call, further investigation found this to be a hiring issue for FY2011. California will hold a special class in late October to address this issue.

RX and Operations OJT Program (Ted Mason/Mike Ellsworth)

Al Olson is still working to get a few more people out on RX OJT assignments for FY2010. There is a verbal agreement for FY2011 funding for the RX OJT program. The exact dollar amount is unknown.

Due to a slow fire season, few individuals were able to be placed under the Operations OJT program. A few individuals were signed off as opportunities presented themselves during the last week fire bust in Idaho. If opportunities are available locally, please contact Mike Ellsworth.

These programs will continue to be necessary to support future IFPM candidates.

UNLV/TFM (Ted Mason)

Numbers are down in both programs. TFM has 35 students; 8 from the BLM.

Slots are still available, but classes begin within the next few weeks. Contact Ted Mason if you have someone who needs to attend.

Round Robin

Tony Doty (AK) – NWCG released a memo on July 19, 2010, notifying the field of the approval of the corporate university concept. Tony is a member of the Wildland Fire Institute's Business Plan Design Team which will determine staffing crosswalks, launch events, and develop a budget.

University of Alaska – Fairbanks is developing a crosswalk for transferable NWCG courses.

Carol McElroy (ID) – nothing to report

Mike Spencer (OR) – nothing to report

Charley Luevano (NM) – nothing to report

Next Conference Call

The next conference call is tentatively scheduled for **October 6, 2010**, at 1000 hours (Mountain)