

BLM NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING COMMITTEE
Conference Call
October 6, 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; Larry Elder, MT

IFPM Update (Mike Ellsworth)

The IFPM deadline has passed. BLM had four people failing to meet the requirements—one person was reassigned or downgraded, two people have open OWCP claims and may be reassigned or qualified after being cleared by their doctors, and one person is missing one task and is currently on a fire where the task will be accomplished. Consequence letters are being prepared and will be sent to the individuals.

BLM Human Relations will take immediate action upon any individual who has failed to meet IFPM requirements and has not been properly documented in IQCS.

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

Budgets continue to be an issue for FY2011. Verbal agreements have been made for funding of the programs while operating under a Continuing Resolution up to 17% of last year's budget. Field offices are encouraged to submit names for both the RX and Operations OJT programs at this time.

Al Olson is presently working to get a few people out on RX OJT assignments. The FY2011 RX OJT memorandum is forthcoming.

Due to weather conditions and jurisdictional issues with many large fires, Mike Ellsworth was unable to place any trainees during the month of September. However, he continues to develop contacts and collect nominations for FY2011.

E-Mentoring (Mike Ellsworth)

The e-mentoring program is up and running. The NPS is already using the system. Mike Ellsworth is working on an implementation plan and will send out the URL for preview prior to the next conference call. Mike would like to collect feedback regarding the site during the November conference call.

UNLV/TFM (Ted Mason)

Numbers are down from previous years. TFM #26 has 35 students; 8 from the BLM. The BLM will host the 2011 TFM presentations in Boise the week of April 18. A memorandum will be coming out soon requesting panel members.

Numbers are also down for the UNLV GS-401 Education Program. Cohort #6 has 35 students.

Miscellaneous (Ted Mason)

BLM Fire Training may be tasked with developing strategies to create more efficient serious accident investigation teams.

Ted Mason and other members of the NWCG Leadership Subcommittee will be evaluating a new L-380 vendor this fall. Ted will keep everyone informed about the status of the potential new vendor.

Wildland Fire Institute – Corporate University (Tony Doty)

There is nothing new to report about the proposed Wildland Fire Institute (WFI). The next phases will roll out very slowly over the coming years. The Design Team continues to work on communications to stakeholders.

More information about WFI can be found at <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/owdc/index.htm>.

Round Robin

Tony Doty (AK) – Trying to get college credits for classes offered at AFS.

Carol McElroy (ID) – nothing to report

Charley Luevano (NM) – The fall State fire meeting was held the last week of September. New Mexico appreciated Al Olson and John Glenn from the National office attending the meeting.

Sue Rocha (CA) – nothing to report

Larry Elder (MT) – nothing to report

Next Conference Call

The next conference call is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, November 3, 2010**, at 1000 hours (Mountain)