

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 10/4/17 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL:

AK – Steve Theisen/Amy
Skraba

AZ – Koreena Hayes

CA – James Gannon

CO/WY – Kim Bang

EA –

ID – Kelly Wood/Matt
Dutton/Mark Skudlarek

MT – John Thompson

NV – Cindy Savoie

NM –

OR/WA – Renee Beams

UT –

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

NIFC – Pam McDonald

NIFC –

Aviation –

Fuels –

SMJ – Ben Oakleaf

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 2018 Federal Wildland Qualification Supplement (FWQS) Changes (Ellsworth)

Mike Ellsworth discussed recommended changes to the 2018 FWQS. The goal of the Federal Training Officers is to align the FWQS with IQCS. Mike has worked with the National Aviation Office, Great Basin Cache, and BLM National Budget for input. The federal training officers may utilize some NWCG committees to provide clarification.

BFTC members should review the changes and provide feedback to Mike by the end of October.

ACTION: Send recommendations for the FWQS revision to Mike Ellsworth by October 31, 2017. (BFTC members)

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) (Woods)

Kelly Woods inquired about the status of CISM training requirements.

The BLM has not established a training standard.

Agency Administrator Training: M-581/M-582

Federal training officers implemented M-581 and M-582 into the FWQS. IQCS personnel awarded individuals who have taken GFML or NFML with M-581 and M-582 respectively. Marley Marshall is working with a few geographic training centers to properly advertise and document the courses; some areas have the training listed as GFML or NFML.

Kelly Woods inquired as to whether or not the National Office issued official direction regarding Agency Administrator training requirements and other valid training

opportunities. BFTC members would like to discuss the topic in more depth at the fall face-to-face meeting.

2. PMS 310-1 (Ellsworth)

The 2018 PMS 310-1 is available.

OTC converted the current FEMA Type 3 position task books (PTBs) to NWCG-specific PTBs. Those individuals who already have initiated the FEMA Type 3 PTBs can continue to use them. NWCG Type 3 PTBs are available on the NWCG website.

Air Tanker Positions Potential Movement to 310-1

The OTC received a proposal to move the seven air tanker positions from the FWQS to the 310-1. The NIAC is currently reviewing the proposal. Mike has worked with Kristina Curtis at the National Aviation Office.

ACTION: Provide feedback regarding the movement of air tanker positions from the FWQS to the PMS 310-1 to Mike Ellsworth by October 16, 2017. (All BFTC members)

3. NWCG Review (PTBs and S-420) (Ellsworth)

NWCG is conducting various PTB reviews. Mike wants to make sure that BLM subject matter experts are providing feedback.

S-420 field review comments are due back to NWCG by October 11, 2017.

4. FEED Grant (Ellsworth)

The FEED Grant IB has been issued with an October 20, 2017, due date for applications.

5. New BFTC Co-chair (Ellsworth)

Interested parties for the BFTC co-chair should contact Marlene Eno-Hendren. The co-chair serves a two-year term.

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska**
 - Conducting fall fire reviews.
- **Arizona**
 - Working to get the Hospital/Family Liaison Workshop to the fall fire meeting.
 - Trainings coming up in March: AZ Wildfire Academy, M-581.
 - Shawn Jaca stepping down as the BFTC co-chair to focus on detail as the AZ Strip FMO. Koreen Hayes will be replacing Jaca for state-level training responsibilities.
- **California**
 - Work on end-of-the-year projects: budget.
- **Colorado/Wyoming**
 - Closing out the fire season.
 - Preparing for the 2018 training season.

- **Idaho**
 - Winding down the fire season and the Priority Trainee Program.
 - Coordinating 2018 training courses.
 - BLM UAS courses are coordinated out of the GBTU. Matt Dutton is the lead.
- **Montana**
 - Winding down from fire season.
 - Conducting post-season fire reviews.
 - Pulling together training nominations by geographic area.
- **Nevada**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Oregon/Washington**
 - Preparing for the training season.
- **Smokejumpers**
 - Conducting end-of-season clean up.
 - Phil Lind detailed into the Deputy Base Manager position. Ben Oakleaf will represent the smokejumpers.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:

November 1, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. (MDT)