

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 11/1/17 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL:

AK – Steve Theisen

MT – John Thompson

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

AZ – Koreena Haynes

NV – Cindy Savoie

NIFC – Pam McDonald

CA – James Gannon

NM – Teresa Rigby

Aviation –

CO/WY – Kim Bang

OR/WA – Renee Beams

Fuels –

EA –

UT – Cherie Ausgotharp

SMJ –

ID – Kelly Wood

NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. INTS Task Book – Information only (Ellsworth/Eno-Hendren)

Presently, only the USFS recognizes INTS. The USFS has added the position to the 2018 Federal Supplement. Mike Ellsworth will work with other DOI partners and the dispatch/intelligence community to vet the need for the position beyond the USFS. The BFTC may provide input on the matter in the future.

2. FEED Grant – Request for Facilitator (Eno-Hendren)

Quite a few individuals have agreed to sit on the FEED grant review panel to rank the 57 applications received for 2017. Koreena Haynes volunteered to facilitate the panel.

3. December Meeting Draft Agenda (Eno-Hendren)

BFTC members discussed the draft agenda for the December face-to-face meeting. Some members questioned the need for a face-to-face meeting as presented. FA-324 will revise the agenda and send to BFTC members.

4. FOG March Meeting/Staff Ride (Eno-Hendren)

The FOG invites committees to join them for their spring meeting the week of March 19, 2018, in Grand Junction, CO. Included in the agenda is the South Canyon staff ride.

5. Other Updates (Ellsworth)

- IQCS user audits are due.
- OTC looking at an RT-300 proposal for fuels positions. More information is forthcoming.
- The NAO and NIAC approved the movement of air tanker base positions into the 310-1. Mike has received no comments.
- The Hotshot Committee may have found a gap in current UTV instructor qualifications. Shelby Gales is working with Bureau safety personnel on the issue.

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska**
 - Ready for the 2018 training season.
 - Processing nominations.
- **Arizona**
 - Coordinating classes and processing nominations.
 - Will be connecting with Teresa Rigby (NM) on a couple courses.
 - Learning the new job.
- **California**
 - Processing training nominations.
 - Finalizing a couple course offerings.
 - Busy with day job.
- **Colorado/Wyoming**
 - Colorado and Wyoming State FMO positions will be open.
 - Assisting the FOG with South Canyon staff ride logistics.
 - Coordinating classes and processing nominations
- **Idaho**
 - GBTU will be hosting the *Intelligence Support* (N9032) course the end of April.
- **Montana**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nevada**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Mexico**
 - Providing assistance as needed to the Sierra Blanca Wildland Fire Academy.
 - Conducting IQCS user audits.
- **Oregon/Washington**
 - Coordinating classes and processing nominations.
- **Utah**
 - Attending meetings and facilitating training.
- **Fuels (via Simpson email)**

PFTC selections are due on November 8.

Field Coordinators for this year are Cheryl Bright, Boise BLM, and Owen Johnson, Colorado. The BLM FMC is prioritizing the following PTBs:

- RXB2 – 21 students
- FIRB – 12 students
- FFT1 – 2 students
- FEMO – 1
- TFLD – 1
- ENGB – 1

NEXT MEETING: December 5-6, 2017, Boise, ID, at 8:00 a.m. (MST)