

BLM NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING COMMITTEE
Conference Call
December 10, 2010

Conference Call Participants

Mike Ellsworth, BLM Training-NIFC; Al Olson, BLM Training-NIFC; Pam McDonald, BLM Training-NIFC; Carol McElroy, ID; Charley Luevano, NM

IQCS (Mike Ellsworth)

IT personnel are in the middle an IQCS PeopleSoft software upgrade. Users should not see much difference to the user interface when the upgrade is released next fall. However, significant activity is happening behind the scenes to make the upgrade as seamless as possible to the end user.

FEMA is conducting a pilot program to see if IQCS meets their needs for tracking qualifications and certification. This pilot program should have little impact on current IQCS environment.

The DOI – All Hazard group, following the oil spill response, has created an all-hazard qualification guide. The group is also looking at IQCS or IQS to see which one better fits their needs for tracking purposes.

IQCS is being studied as a potential means of tracking workforce development. For example, the addition of an apprentice academy competency is being developed which allows documentation of WFAP attendance. Training Officers may begin to see more workforce development items placed into IQCS.

RX OJT (Al Olson)

Al Olson is informally accepting applications for the FY11 RX OJT Program. Due to the lack of program funding at the national level, no official informational bulletin will be released. However, Al will continue to facilitate placement of locally-sponsored trainees. To date, four individuals have been placed. Local units seeking placement assistance should follow the nomination process found on the BLM Fire Training website at

http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/training/fire_training/training_programs/rxojt.html.

IFPM (Mike Ellsworth)

Mike reminded Training Officers that seasonal hires in IFPM positions must meet IFPM requirements.

Leadership Subcommittee Updates (Pam McDonald)

The NWCG Leadership Subcommittee met last week. Items of interest to Training Officers include:

- There are four approved vendors for L-380 with three new vendors seeking approval.
- A task group will study the need for potential L-380 revisions.
- There are three approved vendors for L-480 with one new vendor seeking approval.
- The L-580 course announcement is out. See http://www.fireleadership.gov/L-580_Announcement_2011.pdf for more information.

- A request for Paul Gleason Lead by Example Award panel members was distributed earlier in the week. If you know of someone who could serve as BLM representative, contact Ted Mason or Pam McDonald for further information.
- All Lead by Example award nominations must be submitted by December 31, 2010.
- Efforts are underway to create a briefing and intent video similar to the AAR video distributed a few years ago.
- The LSC is looking into the continuing education concept and possible tracking mechanisms.

Round Robin

Carol McElroy (ID) – Nothing to report.

Charley Luevano (NM) – Asked about FA IM-2011-009 regarding NIMS training requirements, specifically IS-700a and IS-800b. The memorandum can be found at http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/Directives/IM2011/FA_IM2011009.pdf

ACTION: Forward FA IM-2011-009 to BLM Training Officers. (Mike Ellsworth)

Next Conference Call

BLM Fire Training personnel will discuss the need for, frequency, and time of BLM National Wildland Fire Training Officer conference calls and report back during the next conference call which is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 3, 2010**, at 1000 hours (Mountain).