

# BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

## Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 2/1/17 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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### ROLL CALL:

AK – Steve Theisen/Amy Skraba

NV –

NIFC – Pam McDonald

AZ – Shawn Jaca

NM – Teresa Rigby

NIFC –

CA – James Gannon

OR/WA – Renee Beams

Aviation – Kirk Rothwell

CO/WY – Kim Bang

UT – Cherie Ausgotharp

Fuels –

EA –

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

SMJ – Phil Lind

ID – Kelly Woods

MT – John Thompson

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### AGENDA ITEMS:

**1. Date for the 2017 Face-to-Face Meeting (Jaca)**

BFTC members confirmed the date and place for the fall face-to-face meeting: December 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. Shawn will work with Marlene on the agenda and meeting plans.

**2. Continuing Education Recommendations for Fall Meeting (Jaca)**

BFTC members had no suggestions for continuing education opportunities and no volunteers stepped forward to lead a task group. Further discussion of the topic was postponed until the next conference call.

**3. Training Records Audits (Jaca)**

Kim Bang has adapted Joel Peters auditing process for use in WY/CO. BFTC members agree that a standardized national process is needed. James Gannon will lead a task group including Kelly Woods, Kim Bang, and Marlene Eno-Hendren.

**4. FEED Grant Update (Theisen/McDonald)**

Steve Theisen briefed the BFTC on the selection process for the FEED Grant. The FEED Selection Committee did a great job of selecting quality candidates. The BFTC thanks Steve for facilitating the selection process. The Selection Panel conducted an AAR last week; findings were sent to Marlene. Pam McDonald notified all applicants as to whether or not they were selected for a grant. Eight grants were awarded to 23 individuals for a total of \$50K.

BFTC members would like information regarding the applicant pool and selections as well as their role in the process.

**5. Pre-2015 Leadership Training (Ellsworth)**

Some BFTC members have encountered individuals who took Fireline Leadership training prior to 2005. Individuals may not have received credit and are now unqualified in IQCS. BFTC members request formal National Office direction.

**ACTION: Send comments regarding a directive for pre-2005 Fireline Leadership training to Mike Ellsworth by February 10, 2017. (All BFTC Members)**

**ACTION: Work with Marlene Eno-Hendren on formal direction regarding issuing L-380 competencies in IQCS by February 24, 2017. (Mike Ellsworth)**

**ROUND ROBIN:**

- **Alaska** – Not much to report. Finalizing preparations for the start of the training season.
- **Arizona** – Shawn Jaca took a job as the AFMO for The Arizona Strip. AZ is flying a stand-alone training position. Received a request that REAF maintain currency for READ. Will work on a request for change and bring it forward.
- **California** – California has begun auditing training folders. Sending personnel to training locally, regionally, and nationally.
- **Colorado/Wyoming** – Training season is in full-swing. Auditing training folders.
- **Idaho** – Matt Dutton was hired as the new GBTU Training Specialist. In the second week of UAS training; other trainings will occur across the nation. Hosting first session of “You Will Not Stand Alone” next week. Received an email regarding SF-182 use in the DOI and draft policy that could affect training; training officers are welcome to call into the conference call.
- **Montana** – Attended the alpha delivery of S-420. Rocky Mountain will host the course in May. Training session underway.
- **New Mexico** – Teresa Rigby is the new NM BFTC Representative. Teresa will take all the advice BFTC members have to offer.
- **OR/WA** – The PNW training position was caught up in the hiring freeze.
- **UT** – Updating IQCS records. Hosting courses.
- **NIFC (Aviation)** – The Aviation Leadership Development Initiative (ALDI) announcement will be issued soon. The *Aircraft Identification Guide* will not be updated. Non-fire aviation reviews: New Mexico, 4/10 and WY, 4/24
- **Smokejumpers** – Nothing to report.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:**

The next conference call will be **March 1, 2017**, at 10:30 Mountain.