

## BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

### Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 3/1/17 at 1030 MT (Boise)

Phone number: 866-564-6856

Participant code: 409160#

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#### ROLL CALL:

AK – Steve Theisen/Amy Skraba

AZ –

CA – James Gannon

CO/WY – Kim Bang

EA –

ID –

MT – John Thompson

NV – Cindy Savoie

NM –

OR/WA – Renee Beams

UT – Cherie Ausgotharp

NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

NIFC – Pam McDonald

Aviation – Kirk Rothwell

Fuels –

SMJ – Phil Lind

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#### ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska** – Training will be in full swing next week.
- **California** – Still on a detail. Working on the training records audit tasking. See “Agenda Items.”
- **Colorado/Wyoming** – Hosting the BLM Qualifications Workshop in April. A few slots are available for the May 2017 South Canyon Staff Ride.
- **Montana** – Nothing to report
- **Nevada** – Nothing to report.
- **OR/WA** – Facilitating training.
- **UT** – Slots available for the May 8-12 engine workshop.
- **NIFC (Aviation)** – Sent SME names to Nicole Oke for the Training System Analysis. There is a large conference group for ACE. M-3 will be held in March. Non-fire aviation reviews: New Mexico, 4/10 and Wyoming, 4/24
- **Smokejumpers** – Nothing to report.
- **NIFC (Training)** – Preparedness review nominations are due; more training people are needed. The letter to the DOT regarding equipment inspection training got lost in the process; a new letter is being sent. Limited travel may be necessary to various state locations, but there should be ample opportunities for students; evaluators are also needed. John Glenn retired February 28; Jeff Arnberger will be acting until the detail can be filled.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. Training Records Audits (Gannon)**

James has been pulling together resources and will convene the task group (Kelly Woods, Joel Peters, Amy Skraba, and Marlene Eno-Hendren) to develop a formal proposal. CO/WY are moving forward with auditing training folders and will conduct a BLM Qualifications Workshop in Cheyenne, WY, the week of April 6, 2017. Interested parties should contact Kim Bang for more details.

**2. Action Item Review (Eno-Hendren)**

- Mike and Shawn will work the BLM Type 3 organizations item and report on the next conference call.
- Mike and Shawn will work on drafting an issue paper to adopt the 310-1 qualifications for RXB1 and RXB2 and allow DIVS to maintain currency and report on the next conference call.
- BFTC members had no recommendations for continuing education. FA-324 will look for potential opportunities.
- No recommendations were provided to change the BFTC charter.
- Dropped pursuit of BFTC alignment under the FLT.
- IB for pre-2005 leadership training is being drafted; will be sent to BFTC next week prior to presentation to the FOG in March.

**3. FEED Grant Update (Eno-Hendren)**

Marlene shared the BFTC roles for FEED Grant administration. BFTC members suggest including an applicant/supervisor notification timeline in future grant directives.

**4. IQCS (Ellsworth)**

- WTOP is now in IQCS; there is no historical recognition.
- BFTC reported no problems with the new EMT licensing feature.  
**ACTION: Contact Kaili McCray to verify whether final approval is through the state or the Medical Director and notify BFTC members by March 15, 2017. (Mike Ellsworth)**
- OTC is taking comments regarding a proposal that RX-410 become required training for RXB2.  
**ACTION: Submit to Mike Ellsworth or Jeff Arnberger a consolidated state response for RX-410 becoming a training requirement for RXB2 by March 15, 2017. (All BFTC members)**

**5. OTC Updates (Ellsworth)**

The FMO/AA training project is in the objectives validation stage. Preliminary analysis indicates the sufficiency of one course. The task group hopes to merge course objectives and complete the design criteria by June 1, 2017. Course vetting, oversight, and determination of online course material, and course development funding are yet to be decided.

**6. READ/REAF**

**(Ellsworth)**

The proposal for the REAF position to maintain currency for READ was approved and will be added to the 2018 *Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement*.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:**

The next conference call will be **April 5, 2017**, at 10:30 Mountain.