

BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC)

Conference Call Notes

Date/Time: 3/7/18 at 1030 MT (Boise)

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ROLL CALL:

AK – Steve Theisen/Amy Skraba

MT – John Thompson

NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren

AZ –

NV – Cindy Savoie

NIFC – Mike Ellsworth

CA –

NM – Teresa Rigby

NIFC – Pam McDonald

CO/WY – Kim Bang

OR/WA – Renee Beams

Aviation –

EA –

UT – Cherie Ausgotharp

Fuels –

ID – Matt Ziegler

SMJ – Ben Oakleaf

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Action Item Review

(Eno-Hendren)

- **2016-12:** Analyze BLM Type 3 organizations and develop a recommendation for potential required leadership training and report progress on the February 2018 conference call.
 - Renee Beams and John Thompson (co-leads)
 - Mike Ellsworth will send the rough draft to Renee and John.
- **2016-14:** Draft an issue paper that the BLM adopt the 310-1 qualifications for RXB1 and RXB2 and allow DIVS to maintain currency; report progress on the February 2018 conference call.
 - Task members: Steve Theisen, Mike Gomez (via Renee Beams) and Mike Ellsworth
 - Alaska still opposes DIVS maintaining currency for RXB1 and RXB2.
 - Mike spoke with Angie Simpson regarding the issue. She supports exploring the possibilities.
- **2018-01:** Send an email to BFTC members with historical information regarding an analysis to adopt the 310-1 requirement for RXB1 and RXB2, and further BFTC action as needed.
 - Email drafted; Mike will send to the BFTC.
- **2017-13:** Request the FOG appoint a new liaison to the BFTC; provide a status update on the February BFTC call.
 - Kelly Woods (lead)
- **2017-13c:** Send final FOG liaison request to Koreena Haynes and Marlene Eno-Hendren for submission to the FOG. (Kelly Woods, DD: prior to March FOG meeting)
 - The comment period has passed. Matt Ziegler will follow up with Kelly. Marlene will submit the request to the FOG during their face-to-face meeting next week.

- **2017-14:** Create BFTC conference call and face-to-face meeting agenda templates; provide a status update on the February BFTC call.
 - Kim Bang (lead) and Renee Beams
 - Kim sent the template to BFTC members for comments. **Comments due before the April conference call.**
 - Kim will work up a sample agenda for the 2019 face-to-face meeting.
- **2017-15:** Update the BFTC charter to include items from the facilitated discussion [at the fall 2017 BFTC meeting]: provide a status update on the March BFTC call.
 - Marlene Eno-Hendren (lead), Koreena Haynes
 - Work is progressing.
 - **Update action item: Report on the April 2018 conference call.**
- **2017-17 (revised):** Develop an issue paper requesting national-level funding allocation for training and workforce development recommendations and present to the BFTC on the April 2018 conference call.
 - Kim Bang (lead), Kelly Woods, Ben Oakleaf, and Teresa Rigby
 - The task group recommended moving from a strategic plan to an issue paper.
- **2017-20:** Review the proposed Training Folder/IQCS Audit Review Process and provide input to James Gannon and Marlene Eno-Hendren.
 - The task group is completing a final package BFTC members can vet through their channels.
 - Marlene Eno-Hendren will brief the FOG on the effort at their spring meeting.
 - Once vetted, the BFTC will make a recommendation about possible policy and/or Red Book and Federal Supplement language changes.
- **2018-02:** Poll BFTC members regarding their availability for a February 2019 face-to-face meeting.
 - February 5-7, 2019, was the date selected for the meeting.

2. 310-1 Updates

(Ellsworth)

- The seven air tanker positions will be moving to the 2019 version.
- Potential request for change proposal to make the O-305, Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Team course recommended training for Type 3 C&G positions. There is no impact for the BLM.
 - BFTC members did not have an issue with moving forward with a request for change proposal through OTC where it will be fully vetted.
- OTC is working on the “maintaining currency” aspect of ICT5. A request for change proposal may be forthcoming.
- There are inconsistencies in the area command positions with regard to maintaining currency as well.
- Mike presented NWCG’s initiative to incorporate the 310-1 into position pages.
 - The BFTC has serious reservations about moving from a comprehensive qualification document.
- All qualification changes must be through the approval system by June 1.

3. IQCS Training Competencies (Ellsworth)

IQCS is going through major code validations. The present effort is to link competencies to the training page. Training officers can expect to see changes to the training pages. This effort will not affect manually awarded competencies.

4. Training Folder and IQCS Retention Requirements (Eno-Hendren)

The FA-324 staff met with the NIFC Records Administrator to determine a path forward to align record schedules.

- Mike will coordinate with DOI partners.

ACTION: Draft an IM to align the IQCS record schedule and training folder record schedule and brief the BFTC on the April 2018 conference call. (Marlene Eno-Hendren)

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska**
 - Fully staffed.
 - Training season in full swing.
- **Colorado/Wyoming**
 - Training season is underway.
 - Plan to have all training records audited by 2019.
- **Idaho**
 - Facilitating classes.
 - Kelly Woods is out on family leave. Matt Ziegler will be acting through March 11; Rebecca Sorensen through March 16.
- **Montana**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nevada**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Mexico**
 - Finishing items from the academy in February. May conduct another academy in the fall for the northern part of the state.
- **Oregon/Washington**
 - Facilitating classes.
 - Still short-staffed; hoping to fill positions soon.
- **Utah**
 - Chris Delaney began a 120-day detail; Clair Jolley will detail into Chris' position.
- **Smokejumpers**
 - Conducting training.
 - Jump refreshers and fire refreshers begin next week.

Next conference call: April 4 @ 1030 (MST)