

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 –	NIFC – Marlene Eno-Hendren
AZ – Koreena Haynes	NV –	NIFC – Mike Ellsworth
CA – James Gannon	NM – Teresa Rigby	NIFC – Pam McDonald
CO/WY – Kim Bang	OR/WA –	Aviation –
EA –	UT – Cherie Ausgotharp	Fuels –
ID – Kelly Woods	SMJ –	FOG Liaison – Dave Whitmer

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Red Card Certifying Official Direction (Haynes)**
BFTC members discussed whether written direction is needed to designate the Certifying Official/Agency Administrator for the State FMO incident qualification cards.
ACTION: Develop potential policy language to explicitly designate the Certifying Official/Agency Administrator for the State FMO incident qualification cards and send to BFTC members for review and consideration and report on the May/June 2018 conference call. (Koreena Haynes)
- 2. Proposed Realignment of the BFTC (Haynes)**
Action 2016-18, previously dropped on the October 2017 conference call, was discussed in relation to potential realignment of the BFTC from the FOG to the FLT.
ACTION: Query SFMOs and SAFMOs as to whether the BFTC should be under the purview of the FOG or the FLT and send responses to Koreena Haynes by April 13, 2018. (All BFTC members)
- 3. Hospital and Family Liaison Workshop (Haynes)**
Koreena assisted in the delivery of a hospital and family liaison workshop in Nevada in March. Colorado will host another session the end of April.
- 4. Course Tuition (Haynes)**
Koreena discussed issues the Southwest is experiencing with regard to paying for invitation travel for non-agency instructors teaching regional-level courses. The BFTC referred the topic to an offline discussion between GATRs.

5. Geospatial Analyst (GSAN) Position (Ellsworth)

The NWCG Fire Behavior Subcommittee is drafting a proposal to remove the Geospatial Analyst (GSAN) position from the Federal Supplement and inactivate the position in IQCS. Once completed, Mike Ellsworth will send the proposal to BFTC members for vetting.

6. FOG Updates (Ellsworth)

- Dave Whitmer is the new liaison to the BFTC. Welcome, Dave.
- A FOG tasking is forthcoming regarding ICS-400 as it relates to Type 3 positions.

7. Action Item 2016-14 – RXB Qualifications (Ellsworth)

The BFTC discussed whether to move forward with 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.).

Due to a lack of group consensus, Mike Ellsworth will contact Angie Simpson on potential paths forward.

ROUND ROBIN:

- **Alaska**
 - Training season continues
- **Arizona**
 - Fire season has come to AZ. Finishing up refreshers and other courses.
- **California**
 - Answering questions about training and tuition payments; struggling with tuition payment processes.
- **Colorado/Wyoming**
 - In the midst of team meetings.
 - Finalizing primary FFT training record audits; hope to meet the 4/13/18 deadline.
 - Has been unable to move forward on assigned action items; move deadline to next call.
- **Idaho**
 - Finishing up the last month of training season.
 - NWCG LMS
 - Requests space to discuss the project on the next conference call agenda.
 - The “Functional Requirements” task group is about finished with their document. Send suggestions to Kelly Woods.
- **New Mexico**
 - Finishing up training season and issuing red cards.
- **Utah**
 - Preparing for the ENOP course in May. Issuing red cards.
- **Smokejumpers**
 - Conducting training. Rookies will be coming on.

- **NIFC – Ellsworth**
 - The O-305 effort is moving forward.
- **NIFC – McDonald**
 - Finished the draft ENOP course for Alpha testing. The first major test will be in Utah. Contact Brian Williams or your Engine Committee Representative for course preview materials.
- **FOG Liaison**
 - Dave Whitmer welcomes the opportunity to be a liaison to the FOG.

Next conference call: TBD

ACTION: Poll BFTC members on the preferred date for the May/June conference call, as well as whether to suspend calls over the summer months. (Koreena Haynes; due date, April 13, 2018.