



BLM Fire Training Committee (BFTC) Monthly Call

10:30 Mountain Time (MT) • first Wednesday of each month

Phone number: 866-564-6856

Date: 9/5/18

Participant code: 4091601#

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| On the Call | Representing | Name | Update |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Alaska | Steve Theisen & Amy Skraba | Nothing to report. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Arizona | Koreena Haynes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new southwest area charter was developed, includes west Texas airbase training. • Working on M-581 and S-420 courses for the SW area. • Looking into grant funding opportunities for L-380 and L-381. • Working with Utah on a family liaison workshop. • LLC may be expanding. Koreena will talk with Kelly Castillo about BLM representation. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | California | James Gannon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of activity. • Working on fall/winter training. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Colorado/Wyoming | Kim Bang | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing the FY19 training schedules and putting together cadres. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eastern States | Kerry Jacobson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crew is on assignment. • Drafting an IB regarding training and Red Card support for Eastern States and Washington D.C. office personnel. Will share the IB via Google Drive for input from other BFTC members. • Mike Boomer is in place as the new FMO. • Kerry is new to the fire program and welcomes assistance and support. • Welcomed new District Manager Bob Smithers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Idaho | Kelly Woods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing class rosters. • Working with Cherie Ausgotharp and Cindy Savoie to plan the Great Basin Training Officer Workshop. • Facilitating the Priority Trainee Program. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Montana | John Thompson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Rockies Training Center has released their FY19 training schedule. Of note is a Remote Education Workshop that includes mobile GIS course, Type 3 planning course, and FireNet suites course. John will send the flyer to BFTC members upon his return to the office. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nevada | Cindy Savoie | Nothing to report. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | New Mexico | Teresa Rigby | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning continues for the northwest New Mexico academy. • There should be slots available for the FI-310 course at Sierra Blanca Academy. • Appreciates information Marlene provided for S-262 lead instructors. Will contact Renee Beams about potential backup instructors. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Oregon/Washington | Renee Beams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on FY19 training season. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Utah | Cherie Ausgotharp | Nothing to report. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Smokejumpers | Ben Oakleaf | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aviation | Kirk Rothwell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviation safety briefing cards (previously available through the cache) are available on the IAT website-library. • ACE preregistration is available for upcoming events: February 2019 - Vancouver, WA; and April 2019 - Minneapolis, MN. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fuels | Angie Simpson | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Mike Ellsworth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMS 310-1 will be out in October. Biggest changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ combining HEB1 and HEB2 into HEBM. ◦ UAS position. ◦ airtanker positions from the FWQS. • Red Book clarification is needed for dozer qualification to ensure BLM dozers are staffed with the appropriate qualification. Currently the only qualification to staff a dozer is to be a FFT2 (Redbook, p. 303, line 18). The policy loop was not closed when the qualification was created. • The FOG continues to evaluate an OTC request for DIVS to maintain currency for FBAN. • Please send educational programs that support the 401 to Ellsworth. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Pam McDonald | Nothing to report. |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FA-324 | Marlene Eno-Hendren | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a lot of inquiry whether the FEED Grant will be available for FY19; no direction at this time. Marlene will be working on changes to the rating plan. • Wildland Fire Apprenticeship Program: First quarter has passed. Close to the funding limit. BLM will not be able to move forward without a new agreement. BLM supports the program with instructors. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FOG Liaison | Dave Whitmer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will keep BFTC members informed about the FOG's discussion about the FBAN/DIVS issue. • 401 multi-graded positions are presenting issues at the local level. AK will be working to reestablish their relationship with the University of Alaska/Fairbanks. • Appreciates the participation on today's call and the information shared. • When is the next face-to-face meeting: February 5-7, 2018 in Boise. |

TOPICS

| Item | Topic Type | Topic | Action Item # | Presenter | Informational (I) Recommendation (R) Decision (D) | Comments |
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CRITICAL DEADLINES

| Due Date | Who Responds? | Who Receives the Response/Issue? | What is Due? |
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OPEN ACTION LOG

| Action Item # | Date Assigned | Action Item | Mtg. Notes Pg. # | Date Due | Person(s) Responsible | Status |
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| 2015-21 | December 1-3 Boise, ID | Develop an issue paper for the FOG outlining the need for National Office funding to assist with future NWCG course revisions and report status during the January 2016 BFTC conference call. | | January 2016 | John Thompson and Kelly Woods | Completed Monitor Progress |
| 2016-12 | October 17-19 Meeting | Analyze BLM Type 3 organizations and develop a recommendation for potential required leadership training and report progress on the March 2018 conference call. | 3 | January 2017 March 2017 February 2018 March 2018 | Shawn Jaca , Renee Beams– Lead, John Thompson, and Mike Ellsworth | 3/18 – Draft written |
| 2016-14 | October 17-19 Meeting | 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. | 7 | December 7, 2016 March 2017 February 2018 | Shawn Jaca , Steve Theisen, Mike Gomez, and Mike Ellsworth | 3/18 – draft in progress; final pending further review |
| 2017-14 | December 5-6, 2017 | Create BFTC conference call and face-to-face meeting agenda templates; provide a status update on the May 2018 BFTC call. | 2 | February 2018 March 2018 May 2018 July 2018 | Kim Bang, lead; Renee Beams | Call template complete; face-to-face pending |

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| 2017-15 | December 5-6, 2017 | Update the BFTC charter to include items from the facilitated discussion; provide a status update on the May 2018 BFTC call. | 2 | February 2018 March 2018 April 2018 May 2018 | Marlene Eno-Hendren | |
| 2017-17b | March 7, 2018 | Develop an issue paper requesting national-level funding allocation for training and workforce development recommendations and present to the BFTC on the May 2018 conference call. | 2 | April 1, 2018 May 2018 | Kim Bang, lead; Kelly Woods, Ben Oakleaf, and Teresa Rigby | |
| 2017-20 | December 5-6, 2017 | Review the proposed Training Folder/IQCS audit Review Process and provide input to James Gannon and Marlene Eno-Hendren. Update: Review edits, refine the packet and send to BFTC members for field vetting by May 2018. | 5 3 | January 31, 2018 March 2018 May 2018 | All BFTC members Task Group | |
| 2018-04 | March 7, 2018 | Draft an IM to align the IQCS record schedule and training folder record schedule and brief the BFTC on the May 2018 conference call. | | April 2018 May 2018 | Marlene Eno-Hendren | |
| 2018-05 | April 4, 2018 | 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. | 1 | May 2018 | Koreena Haynes | |
| 2018-06 | April 4, 2018 | 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. | 1 | April 13, 2018 | All BFTC members | |
| 2018-06b | May 24, 2018 | Develop a white paper to SFMOs and SAFMOs regarding the BFTC's oversight. | 3 | April 13, 2018 | Koreena Haynes | |
| 2018-10 | May 24, 2018 | Obtain clear leader's intent regarding the FLT Workforce Development Committee through proper chain of command. | 3 | July 1, 2018 | Marlene Eno-Hendren | |

Standard Operating Procedures

- Send meeting agenda items to the National Training Officer at least one week prior to BFTC conference calls or meetings.
- Solicit Refresher comments/evaluations from the field annually.
- Tasking memos coming from sources other than the FOG or within the BFTC will have the source identified at the beginning of the memo.
- Send all revisions for the *Federal Wildland Fire Qualifications Supplement* to Mike Ellsworth by October 1 each year.
- The BFTC will update Preparedness Review Checklist 6, Fire Training and Qualifications, each fall during the annual face-to-face meeting. Incorporate changes into the next year's checklist.
- Notify Marlene Eno-Hendren of BLM instructors or students attending WFAP.
- Forward BFTC continuing education recommendations to Marlene Eno-Hendren.
- Send training position descriptions to Marlene Eno-Hendren for placement on the Fire Operations internal website.

Eyes Forward

- BLM PTBs are in the "old" format and do not include competencies.
- BLM does not have a standard tracking system to capture training beyond what is input into IQCS.
- Creating an IQCS input standard for tracking instructors, including refresher training and ATV/UTV chief instructors.
- Identify efficiencies between the S- and L-curriculums.
- Assemble a task group to review the WFAP curriculum to identify critical pieces and identify alternative and universal standards for developing BLM "apprentices."
- Command school concept.