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DFWFM Conference Call Notes

Date: October 22, 2013

NIFC

Dave Peters – Budget Officer

- Meeting with OWF to discuss FY14 funds execution under the CR they provided. Will provide information to the Regions when more is available.

Gini Broyles, Administrative Officer

- Incident Business Management committee meeting was cancelled due to the furlough. A conference call with the IBC is scheduled Wed Oct 23. Positions that need to be classified for 2014 will be the main focus. We have the EMT positions at the top, but if you have any other positions that you wish to be considered, submit a position description. I will be sending out results of this meeting first of next week.
- Will be meeting with Kristy Valentine to address the Employee Common Identifier Program and process. The program implementation date was delayed until Jan. 1. i will relay this information after my meeting with CPC.

Robyn Broyles, Communication Specialist

- Time to update the www.bia.gov/nifc/ website. If you have changes you would like NIFC to incorporate, please send me an email.
- The link to the Blue Book is posted at: <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/operations/bluebook/index.htm> If you Google “Blue Book,” make sure the page that comes up says “2013 Blue Book”... If it does not, it is not the correct page.

Mark Jackson, Associate Director, Fuels

- Fuels funding carryover had challenges this year. Will try to identify a means to help improve the obligation of funding.

Joe Kafka- GIS Specialist

- Deadline for collecting LANDFIRE Data was extended. Please provide your Fire perimeter, fuel treatments and feedback data Oct. 29

Joel Kerley, Aviation Manager

- National Aerial supervision Academy – looking for two people that are ICT3/DIVS qualified to go to the academy. Once complete, a good portion of taskbooks are complete. If you have nominations, contact Joel.
- Looking for a representative for the Aerial Ignitions Committee. Carl Romus retired and now a vacancy exists. Looking for a field member to participate. Participation is once a year, and NIFC pays for travel. A person qualified in Fuels/ Aviation can participate.

Dalan Romero, Associate Director, Operations

- New 310-1 is out. Three major changes included
 - 1: The qualification/ recertification for TFLD
 - 2. The language for NIMS is being updated to ensure there is only ONE “I” in NIMS as NIIMS is going away.
 - 3. ATGS minimum requirements will hold to 5 missions per year to stay current for BIA requirements, an 8 hour annual refresher will also maintain currency.

Tony Beita, National Safety Specialist

- Medical Standards Program will remain the same for FY14. A memo will be sent out with funding codes by the first of the year.
- WFSTAR Website is available for the annual refresher
- Wilderness First Responder Program will continue forward in FY14. Will have as many training sessions as funding allows.
- Please look at the Safety Chapter (Chapter 9) of the Blue Book and provide feedback. In 2014 Bluebook, may require new life support requirements be in place during work capacity test.

Myron Hotinger, BAER Coordinator

- When OWF funds the BIA suppression account, then can start funding ES projects. DOI BAR funding did not have enough money to meet all the needs. There is 12 million allocated for BAR this year with 29 percent of the allocation for the CR.
- Have the FY13 ES & BAR final accomplishment inputs into NFPORS by Oct. 28

Regions

- **Eastern** – Past fire season was super wet, minimized fire activity. Hurricane season was minimal. Some units are starting to drop in RH and getting ready to get into fall fire season. RH in FL is somewhat low.
- **Navajo** – Positions need filled – IHC Assistant Sup. Will be advertised Nov-Dec. Working with Sam to do a Prevention GS-11 Prevention Position
- **Rocky Mountain** – No report
- **Southwest** – Drying a little following the monsoonal moisture, which affected the BAR/BEAR projects. Streamlining two Agencies (Zuni / Rama) due to the buyout. Will have a zonal concept in place. Looking at alternatives with other agencies for support.
- **Western** – Priority is to get RX burning this fall. In RX now to get fire on the ground.
- **OK City** – Elmore Rosco was selected to be the new Regional Coordinator
- **Great Plains** – nothing
- **Eastern OK** – Quite a bit of rain, may be 2-3 weeks out before fall fire season kicks off.
- **Northwest** – Beautiful fall weather. John Z. is leading a seasonal wrap up Nov. 18. Cory is at Warm Springs.
- **Midwest** – Got snow and are done for the season

ITC

- ITC symposium may have a fire breakout day. If there are specific topics which you would like to have address, send an email to Jim and CC to Lyle.

Next Fire-only Conference Call: Nov. 26

Send agenda items to Robert.Carlile@bia.gov

Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: Nov. 12

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