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Fire Only Conference Call Notes

Date: March 26, 2013

Central Office

- A memo from the Director's Office to define "mission critical" is coming forward. Expect to be narrow in definition.
- **Hiring Exception List** – the routing process is being redirected from Central Office, and will go forward to have the DOI Secretaries signature.

NIFC

Bob Roberts, Assistant Fire Director

- Regions are requested to respond to a BIA-NIFC Datacall to determine Regional OSG needs.
- If you have IDC, send to BIA-NIFC. Will be deferring the distribution until after we receive the second CR.
- It is unknown if we will receive carryover yet. What is provided will be base budget, and not include carryover.
- The IHC budget has not been given and no number will be available until CR is final.

Dan Sine, Budget Analyst

- FY14 Greenbook has not been released yet
- Reimbursement with Hurricane Sandy – looking at the regional paperwork for the reimbursement packages to ensure correct receipts, time and credit card statement are correct for reimbursement. The criteria will be established and a spreadsheet will be sent to the regions that will need to be returned in three weeks.
- To request a firecode be open, requests need to be made to Dan and CC to Dalan Romero and Jacqueline Hawley to document the request.

Mark Jackson, Associate Director – Fuels

- Northwest Tribal Consultation takes place in Washington State March 28. Sam Scranton is attending.
- No budget set for fuels yet.
- LANDFIRE Update – Authorizations to get the CFI data released is close to being signed by the Solicitor.
- Southern Ute Fire Module has been canceled due to funding.

Sam Scranton, Deputy Fuels

- Steve Larrabee sent out Quarterly Report Card for WFMI fire occurrence data. Data needs to be input by end of the month.

Myron Hotinger,

- A memo to announce BEAR Team nominations will be coming.
- FBMS- the transfer into the ES account to get funded has not occurred yet. When people can charge against ES costs, will notify the field.

Dalan Romero, Associate Director, Operations

- **Interagency Type 2 crews vs. IAT2 crews** - An interagency panel to evaluate crew standards, configuration and how many crews are needed to support the program will be put forward to NWCG by end of summer. If you have input, contact Dalan.
- **The AD Guidance Memo** regarding use, authorities and direction should be final in April. It will identify the fact that AD hire is inherently Federal. Tribes cannot hire on their own because there must be federal oversight.
- **AD hires, Investigations and Hiring Process** – a few RDs have given guidance to FMOs to process background investigations, specific to AD hires. HR does not require a background check for processing.
- **IHC Oversight Memo** – will be coming shortly to identify responsibilities will be coming in the near future.
- **Minor changes to WFDSS** - type 4 and Type 5 fires do not need to be put into the system, however Type 3 and up will have requirements to have WFDSS.
- **Wilderness First Responder Course** – need to have documents complete and submit back to Michelle.

Craig Cook, Training Officer

- IS-700/800 needs to be taken for qualifications and to receive Red Cards this year.

Regions

- **Midwest** – hurricane billing up to speed. Working on Readiness reviews and expecting fire season in two weeks.
- **Navajo** – IA activity taking place. Employee orientation is taking place this week.
- **NW** – Trying to enter info into FBMS, but the code is not taking.
- **RM** – IA is quiet. Weather is varied. Having FBMS issues with unauthorized drawdowns.
- **SW** - Fire activity is moderate.
- **Western** – Fire activity is picking up on several reservations.

Next Fire-only Conference Call: April 23

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