Northern Rockies Dispatch Center Synopsis

## Billings Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch Personnel Changes:
   1. No personnel changes, center manager feeling and getting older.
2. Dispatch Center Vacancies:
   1. All BLM & FS positions should be filled, still waiting to hear about the BIA slot with David Walks and the DNRC dispatcher slot.
3. Billings ATB is certified to load MAFFS again this year.

## Bitterroot Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch Personnel Changes:
   1. Same permanent employees (Tony, Kelly, Shannon)
2. Dispatch Center Vacancies:
   1. Looking to fill a temp position.

## Bozeman Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. No real changes other than we lost our seasonal dispatcher Trista Babcock to pregnancy and will be without Cristi after July sometime to yup, you guessed it, pregnancy. She will return sometime after the birth. Due date Aug. 5
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. We plan on filling the Seasonal Position sometime in May.
3. We are continuing to improve our dispatch center with multiple screens at each dispatch station. New wall map this year which is something we have been working on since 09. Still rumblings about us moving but very doubtful with the budgets the way they are. So we have resigned ourselves to improving what we have.

## Dillon Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Lost one dispatcher (Lee)
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. We will not be filling the vice-Lee job this year.
3. We will be using dispatchers to fill in for our vacancy throughout fire season. In this way we can evaluate many more people that may be interested in the job. It will also give them an opportunity to see if they would like to move here.

## Grangeville Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Since last Spring – Mark DeCaria as ACM starting 7/27/2013 filling Vice Julie Lombardo. Courtnee Hanson left to go to Nursing School. Elizabeth Schmidt hired as I/A dispatcher for Grangeville last summer.
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. Filling 1 seasonal Pathways summer temp intern position and one 3 month IDL temp dispatcher position.

## Coeur d’Alene Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch Personnel Changes:
2. CDC North Zone
   * 1. Katy Melun accepted a position with a 911 center in WA, vacating the Lead position
     2. Beth Palanuik moved into the Lead position
     3. Sally Reynolds, IDL new hire, accepted the entry dispatcher
3. CDC Central Zone
   * 1. No change, Randy Thomas is the Lead, entry level dispatcher position is still vacant
4. CDC South Zone
   * 1. Wendy Dougherty is the Lead
     2. With Beth Palanuik accepting the Lead position on the North Zone the entry level dispatch position is vacant
5. Front desk
   * 1. Lara Tucker-White is on maternity leave
6. Intel
   * 1. Barry Dumaw resigned
7. Dispatch Center Vacancies:
   1. North Zone entry level vacancy; Sally Reynolds accepted a job closer to home.
   2. South Zone entry level vacant with Beth Palanuik moving into a Lead position.
   3. Central Zone entry level position has been vacanct since October 2011
   4. Front desk
   5. Intel dispatcher
   6. Filling 2 entry level dispatcher positions through Idaho Dept. of Lands
   7. Filling 1 entry level dispatcher position through Idaho Panhandle NFS
      1. Either 1039 or GS-5 13/13
   8. Filling Front Desk
      1. With a detailer from within the CDC Zone
      2. Or Idaho Panhandle NFs 1039
   9. Not filling the Intel dispatcher – It was suggested and approved by the CDC BOD to not fill this position for the next 2 years.

## Helena Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Alyssa Stewart joined the center as Assistant Center Manager in April 2012.
2. Dispatch center vacancies & any plans to fill:
   1. No vacancies.
3. Moved into our new office at the Central Land Office (8001 North Montana) in May 2012.

## Kalispell Dispatch Center

1. Dispatcher center vacancies & any plans to fill:
   1. FS, GS-05 IADP Temp
   2. DNRC, IADP, 0.5 FTE permanent
   3. DNRC, RADO, 70 day temp

## Great Falls Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Gail Thurston (Center Manager) retired December 2011
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. Dispatch Center Manager Vacant, panel is doing interviews on Friday, March 1st.

### Blackfeet Agency Synopsis

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. None
2. Dispatch center vacancies & any plans to fill:
   1. None

### Fort Belknap Agency Synopsis

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Trisha Blackcrow vacated IADP position
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. IADP vacancy, no plans to fill at this time

### Rocky Boy’s Agency Synopsis

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Barbara Anderson vacated IADP position
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. IADP vacancy

## Kootenai Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. No personnel changes at this time, might be losing Brad Mohr our logistics dispatcher and would not fill behind.
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. No vacancies
3. KNF Lost two DAFMO’s, one at Murphy Lake and one at Three Rivers.  Plan is to fill the one at Three Rivers the other will be incorporated into the zoning of Murphy lake and Rexford Ranger districts.

## Lewistown Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch Personnel changes:
   1. No permanent personnel changes but we will have 2 new BLM and 1 new CMR seasonal dispatcher
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. 3 seasonal dispatch positions with all intentions to fill (we will see what sequestration does to us)

## Miles City Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. There are no new personnel to introduce from the dispatch center, although Tasha Taylor (DNRC) and Megan Jacobsen (BLM) resigned in 2012 due to personal reasons. We look forward to welcoming two new BLM temporary seasonals for this upcoming season.
2. Dispatch center vacancies:
   1. There are three dispatch vacancies within the zone.
   2. The BLM has one career-seasonal vacancy. A selection has been made, but this position is on hold due to the DOI hiring freeze.
   3. The BIA has one career-seasonal vacancy. This position is on hold due to the DOI hiring freeze.
   4. The DNRC has a vacancy that will be advertised in March/April pending FTE and funding approval.
3. Meg Masse-Geary is the new Fire Business & Training Specialist for the BLM-Eastern Montana/Dakotas District. The USFS-Ashland Ranger District’s seasonal fuels crew will help to staff the BLM engines located at the Fort Howes workstation. The FWS Charles M. Russell NWR-Jordan workstation will have significant staffing changes due to budget. The BIA-Northern Cheyenne Agency will be advertising for a Fire Management Officer, since Ray Hart accepted a job in Alaska.

## Missoula Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Vice-Roy Robinson DNRC dispatcher position has been filled with Karen Stewart. We will also have Joy back this year (on detail to NRCC last summer).
2. Dispatch center vacancies & any plans to fill:
   1. All filled

### Flathead Dispatch (Ronan)

1. Dispatch personnel changes:
   1. Joe Couture left position. Buttercup will fill in.
2. Dispatch center vacancies & any plans to fill:
   1. No plans to fill vice-Couture position.

### DNRC SWLO Unit/IA Centers & Plains Dispatch

1. No personnel changes or vacancies.

## Missoula Smokejumper Center

1. Dispatch personnel changes
   1. Sarah Doehring took the Grangeville Smokejumper Base Manager Position.
2. Dispatch center vacancies & any plans to fill:
   1. Operations Foreman (vice Doehring) should be on the street soon…
3. # of IADP, ACDP, EDSD, & EDSP trainees

Many trainees.  We are working with Missoula Dispatch to detail jumpers into gain experience.

1. Anything else of import you’d like to share:
   1. The DC 3 will be up and flying this year.
   2. Check out the new Smokejumper Informational Video on the NRCG website (<http://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/dispatch/overhead/UsersGuideSMKJ2.mp4>) and it takes a while to load.
   3. With the new Smokejumper filling in ROSS there is sure to be a healthy learning curve…

## North Dakota Dispatch Center

1. Dispatch Personnel Changes:
   1. State to have a Seasonal person – not sure who or when
2. Anything else of import you’d like to share:
   1. Zone resources as of this writing
      1. NPS – short staffed, will hopefully have a fire person qualified as an ENGB to lead an engine that would be staffed with USFS personnel as FFT1 or 2's
      2. FWS – Short staffed. Due to budgets and planning for additional cuts a number of qualified fire personnel have taken other positions that will make them available locally but perhaps not even with in ND. FY14 may be even worse.
      3. NDC – after Andy retires status of position is in limbo. Not sure what will happen at this time.

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1. Dispatch personnel changes
   1. Kathy Pipkin was selected as the center manager. She joined the center in late August, on her second day we mobilized 6 teams.
   2. Roy Robinson joined the NRCC staff in July of 2012.
   3. Ray Nelson retired in December of 2012.
   4. Mike Kreyenhagen retired in December 2012.
2. Dispatch center vacancies & any plans to fill:
   1. Vice-Ray job (DNRC) is open and closing soon.
   2. The FWS is currently working on filling the vice-Kreyenhagen position.
3. # of IADP, ACDP, EDSD, & EDSP trainees
   1. We have a number of trainees and will be working to get them out on assignments when opportunities present themselves.
4. Anything else of import you’d like to share:
   1. Barb inherited Ray’s BBQ duties for NRCC lunches (this might only be important to us at NRCC).

# Available Trainees

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|  | IADP | ACDP | EDSD | EDSP | CORD |
| BDC | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| BRC | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| BZC | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| CDC | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| DDC | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| GVC | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| GDC\* | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| HDC | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| KIC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| KDC | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| LEC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| MCC | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| MDC\* | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| NDC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals:** | **24** | **19** | **22** | **14** | **5** |

\*Includes 4th tier centers as applicable.