1. **NICC Emergency Ops Coordinator** – Bill Fletcher (NICC Emergency Ops Coordinator)
   A. Mobilization guide update
      a. Chapter 10
         i. 10.11.3 local and geographic area drawdown, levels, and national ready reserve
            - national ready reserve implementation responsibilities are as follows: NMAC establishes national ready reserve requirements by resource category, type and quantity.
            - NICC implements NMAC intent by directing individual GACCs to place specific categories, types, and quantity of resources on national ready reserve.
            - GACCs direct local dispatch centers and/or assigned IMTs to specifically identify resources to be placed on national ready reserve. Resources must have at least 7 days left in 14 day rotation (extensions will not be factored in this calculation).
            - GACCs provide NICC specific names of national ready reserve resources.
            - NICC mobilizes national ready reserve resources through established ordering channels as necessary.
            - When ordered, national ready reserve resources must be en route to the new assignment within specific timeframes.
         ii. 11.2 priorities – deleted develop _draw down plans,_ replaced with "confirmed drawdown level.
         iii. in setting national priorities and draw down levels, the following criteria should be considered
      b. Chapter 20
         i. 21.4.2 removed fire use (BIA)
         ii. 21.4.3 removed fire use E12 (NPS)
         iii. 21.4.5 removed "G" code (FS)
         iv. 22.1 added supplemental fire department resources-overhead tied to local fire department by general agreement that are mobilized primarily for response to incidents/wildland fires outside their district or mutual aid zone. They are not a permanent full time part of the local fire organization and are not required to attend scheduled training, meetings, etc of the department staff. When mobilizing supplemental fire department resources outside of the fire district or mutual aid zone the following apply: mobilization will follow established ordering procedures as identified in National, Geographic, and local mobilization guides. Resources will be mobilized from the host dispatch zone in which the department located. Personnel will provide a copy of the resource order request after confirmation of availability and prior to department from their home jurisdiction. Resource orders shall clearly indicate incident assignment, incident location, expected incident arrival time and any additional special needs or equipment authorizations, e.g. cellular phones, laptops and rental vehicles
         v. 22.4 fire use language change
         vi. 22.10 fire use management team (FUMT) to wildfire management team (WFMT)
         vii. fire use language change to interagency fire use modules to interagency wildland fire modules
         viii. 23.1.2 updated best value language
         ix. 26.5.3 fire use language change
      c. Chapter 40
         i.. added new FAA Western Region Temporary Tower agreement
            - Alaska
            - Arizona
            - CA
            - Colorado
            - Hawaii
            - Idaho
            - Montana
            - Nevada
            - Oregon
            - Washington
            - Utah
            - Wyoming
         ii. are in the process of formalizing two additional agreements (Central and Eastern regions) with the FAA to cover the entire country
         iii. removed old version of DoD agreement 42.1, as had added the new agreement last year
      d. Chapter 60
         i. added 62.7 Non-Standard Overhead Groups
         ii. when ordered as a non-standard overhead group, "module, fuels" or "module, suppression," individuals requested must reside within one geographic area. At the discretion of the host geographic area center manager, modules may be comprised of individuals from multiple host units within the geographic area.
         iii. with the assistance of the aviation group, edited the language for 62.9 flight manager
         iv. 63.1 removed DPIC (does not exist in IQCS) from configuration. Removed language the Deputy ICs must be agency employees
         v. 63.3 fire use language changed
         vi. 63.2.1 removed language that assistant area commander positions may only be filled with current agency employee
         vii. 63.4 deleted the National Park Service all hazard teams
   B. Air tankers
      a. 19 air tankers
      b. 4 down in Texas-SW area and have been active
   C. MAFFS
      a. 2nd generation systems approved 6 to 8 tankers delivered
      b.. conducted training 1/2009 and in addition planning Spring training exercise
      c. still has 8 old units operational

(con't of NICC Emergency Ops Coordinator update)

D. SEATS
    a. BLM funding 17 with variable term exclusive use
    b. contract is 30/60/90 days
    c. dates/locations to be determined as need arises
    d. 86 seats on CWN contract
    e. if $$$ available more can be picked up on contract
E. BLM ASM
    a. 3-5 available depending on needs
F. FS ASM/Lead Plane
    a. 14 platforms (12 leased, 2 agency owned)
G. Large Transport Aircraft
    a. 2009 second year of a three year contract
    b. NICC maintains the capability to procure large transport charter when needs exceed those of our contract vendor
H. Helicopters - Type I, II FS initial attack/large support
    a. EXC total 34 items, vary in lengths 90/150/180 day contract
I. Helicopters – Type II, FS initial attack
    a. EXC – 33 items vary length 120/150/170 days
J. Helicopters – Type III, FS
    a. CWN/EXC for Region 4 and 5 will be contracted through FS NICC contracting office, dispatch protocols
K. AMD
    a. continues to transitioning from ARA to CWN procurements for light tactical aircraft for fire use (T3 helicopter and platform)
L. Equipment
    a. best value language added to NMG to 23.1, 23.2
    b. increase in types of contract equipment that are solicited competitively (VIPR) Virtual Incident Procurement
        i. some solicitations are up for review by FAM
        ii. see schedule at http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/solicitations.php
        iii. http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/faq.php
        iv. can go to VIPR procurement and look at past templates
        v. equipment typing continues to be flushed out and still being looked at by the equipment team.
        vi. working with ROSS group on how to handle some typing and efficiency of filling equipment in ROSS
        vii. dispatchers will hear more information from Gina Papke
        viii. on next solicitation round the group should be able to give suggestions on the templates that are going too involved. IiX
        ix. Dolly will send Judy Dummah a message that the NW wants to provide input on the next equipment solicitation.
M. Shower/caterer contracts
    a. 23 catering units
    b. 40 shower units
N. Commissary
    a. no national commissary – contract expired in 2007 and will not be renewed
O. Overhead/Teams/Crews
    a. Rocky Mountain and Great Basin will integrate their FUMT with existing type 2 IMT's
    b. SW, CA and NR currently still have fire use teams (WFMT)
P. Type 1 IHC crews
    a. no change
    b. BLM IHC initial attack crew concept has been discontinued
Q. NIMO
    a. 4 teams total
        George Custer   Jeff Whitney
        Tom Cable   Steve Gage
R. Self sufficiency of resources (specially crews)
    a. this is response to crews being dispatch but crew members do not have travel cards or purchase cards for motels/meals, etc
    b. Mary Ann Szymoniak (FS) is still working with ASC (Albuquerque Service Center) on resolution
S. Situation report
    a. started doing the national situation report because of all the activity that has picked up

2. **Incident Cache Business System (ICBS)** Bill Fletcher (NICC Emergency Ops Coordinator)
    A. Update
        a. Rocky Mountain, Prescott, Silver City, Southern Area, North Eastern and recently Northern California are using ICBS team members are working with Southern California cache personnel on data to be migrated to the new
        b. team members are working with Southern California cache personnel on data to be migrated to the new and training will take place as soon as network/WLAN is complete
        c. implementation team members met with Northern Rockies Cache personnel Feb. 12th to discuss implementation pre-work, location set-up, etc
        d. the ICBS-R wireless team will visit the Northern Rockies and Coeur d'Alene cache to complete network/WLAN work
        e. other national caches are using the legacy ICBS program
        f. ICBS website
            i. http://icbs.nwcg.gov/index.html
            ii. http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/cache/index.html - legacy program

3. **. IRWIN** Bill Fletcher (NICC Emergency Ops Coordinator)
    A. What is IRWIN
        a. IRWIN (**I**ntegrated **R**eporting of **W**ildland-Fire **In**formation) is an NWCG sponsored project to explore opportunities for developing an "end–to–end" fire reporting capability that provides an integrated and coordinated process for collecting and reporting incident/event data – concept right now.
        b. a small group of people are looking at this program Do not have a clear list of what the final listing of grouping is going to
        c. presently has identified 13 primary systems, and 9 secondary systems as candidates for interconnection. These systems include: computer aided dispatch, decision support, incident management, financial management, situation analysis, weather, public information, and final fire reporting
        d. do not know what the timeframes are
    B. What are the benefits
        a. allow consistent reporting of data
        b. reduce, if not eliminate the duplicate entry of data
        c. speed access to data in diverse
        d. increase data accuracy
        e. increase the availability of data
        f. identify authoritative sources
    C. Where do we go from here
        a. phase 1 Analysis and Business Case development - September 2008 –September 2009
        b. phase 2 – form a project team to implement selected alternative
    D. Questions
        ? making Irwin a high priority not sure about the funding
        ? if you enter the data into say 209 program then information will be transfer into the other programs
        ? wildcad should interface with Irwin

4. **NWC**-Gerry Day (NWCC Center Manager)
    A. Gerry challenged the dispatchers to come up with responses for the following questions
        a. What can dispatchers say about our customers?
            - Truth
            - Customers expect more from dispatch then before
            - Demanding high expectations
            - Constantly changing customer base
            - Being willing to ask
            - Offering different way to do business
            - Willing to work within our guidelines
            - Provide them out best effort
            - Great customers
            - Stay focus on the customers
            - Appreciate the support
            - They are needy
            - Complexity of their jobs have got more
            - Don't realize the workload that dispatch has
            - Improve the customers knowledge of dispatch work
            - Staffing has been dropped in the customers base and vise versa
            - They work in adverse conditions and need our support
            - They rock

(con't with NWC presentation)

      b. What can dispatchers say about our employees and our workplace in 2009?

- Ask to do more with less and are we doing ourselves a favor
- Workforce is getting older and more AD's appearing
- Not going to find a group of more dedicated people in the dispatch world
- Some our stagnet, some are responsive,
- Being held accountable for jobs not trained to do
- Facing change
- Employees are great
- bare great workload
- can rise to the challenge

      c. What are dispatchers willing to do differently?

- Willing to learn regional issues
- Committed our staff and customers bang for the buck
- Take more risk and stretch imagination
- Try to explain the different process
- Encouragement to learn new things, learn new ideas
- Lets be positive, take responsibility
- Get outside supervisor skills and be a leader
- As government employees maintain professional but have compassion
- Get to know the people you are working with
- ♥ Make a safe workplace

      d. NWC organization
         i. assistant center manager/operations coordination position is hung up at ASC (Albuquerque Service Center) for grade
        ii. assistant center manager position for 2009 will be advertised as a competitive detail not to exceed for a year
        iii. assistant Intel job announcement will be coming out soon
        iv. looking at all the geographical area positions in order to standardize positions
        v. Kristi Cutler from KFC is now a NW field representative for the ROSS change board

5. **Oregon Department of Forestry** – Belinda Boston (Salem ODF Center Manager)
   A. Updates
     a. experiencing budget shortfall and several programs could take a huge cut
     b. agency will have a better grasp come late May in what programs/personnel will be cut
     c. emergency board has allocated 2.6 million $$ for air tankers and helicopters
     d. will be recruiting for logistic position at NWC and announcement should be out in next couple of months
     e. Salem Coordination Center has had good success with the ROSS program last year
       i. ROSS implantation committee has been formed
       ii. formulating small ROSS dispatch team to help expanded dispatch teams and offices
       iii. RFP soliciting agreement has closed March 12th on the crew contract and should be out in May
     f. ODF dispatch classification study
       i. still in review
       ii. leadership group is taking a look at information and should be out around October
     g. 2009 ODF district aviation resources
       i. Klamath Falls – type III with helitack crew, airtanker
       ii. Roseburg DFPA – type III helicopter
       iii. John Day – fixed wing recon/ATGS platform
       iv. Medford – fixed wing recon/ATGS platform with aircraft being federally carded and airtanker
       v. Redmond - airtanker

6. **Emergency Preparedness Coordination, WDNR** - Jeannie Abbott (DNR Emergency Preparedness Coordinator)
   A. Updates
     a. DNR is experience budget shortfalls
     b. looking at a lot of shuffling around because of the budget shortfalls
     c. there is a hiring freeze and no out of state traveling being allowed
     d. 10 new engines and will come with 3 people
     e. 105 engines right now but with budget cuts don't know how many will make it through the cuts
     f. Cobras and Hueys federally carded
     g. PBY in Deer Park in agreement with BLM

7. **Air Space Updates** – Julie Stewart (Interagency Airspace Program Manager)
   A. Julie does not have the updates until Thursday March 12 and will send those out to the dispatchers
   B. Julie put on a wonderful presentation called "Communications in Stressful Times"
   C. Julie's contact numbers:
     a. juliestewart@fs.fed.us
     b. (503) 808-6728

8. **Preparedness Reviews** – Dave Lentz (Fire Operations Specialist)
   A. review process
      a. designed to improve performance at all levels
      b. preparedness reviews are located on the NIFC websites
      c. May 5 will do the Alaska Tongass/Chugach National Forest
      d. FS-Mt. Baker /Olympic review June 7th
      e . BLM national review will occur last 2 weeks in June – 2 teams will work Oregon, 1 Eastside and 1 Westside
      f. all blended units will be reviewed this year
   B. what have we learned over the years
      a. agreements are where we need to concentrate on. Units should look at mutual aid, use of facilities, etc
      b. group does not have a process to go back and see if the problems are fixed/recommendations at the dispatch office until the next
         review- Dave will take that back to the office and discuss this with the group.

9. **Dispatch (efficiently) Feasibility Study** – Gerry Day (NWCC Center Manager)
   A. Status
      a. first 3 months of 2008 looked at by Washington Office and excluded the states…. nothing that nobody could do
      b. was getting good reviews
      c. report is available on the web…. 200 pages
   B. Components
      a. first component talks about what are a dispatch center, staffing, budget, location, and building
      b. second component – organization
   C. Data calls
      a. data call A was about dispatch centers
         i. center managers need to read this report
      b. data call B was staffing
      c. data call C was asking the dispatch personnel about themselves
   D. What the study can do for dispatchers
      a. this study has a lot information that this dispatch community can used for not only the results but also the information that was put in
         the report
      b. will need to find away to be more efficient with less money
      c. future will look different in terms of office conditions
      d. done cheaper with fewer and larger GACCS
      e. some offices trying to do IA over geographic borders which is where we need to head
      f. needs to see how we can operate across geographic borders
      g. look at how/when you set up expanded
      h. what we do is out of tradition or historical
      i. need to think creatively
      k. if we don't define how we want to look other people will going to do it for us
   E. Status of report
      a. passed the report back to the director of the fire agencies and told them to start making some headway
      b. NWCG will take a look at the executive summary to see if some of the items have been completed
      c. team members are taking a look to see if they can narrow down the list
      d. one area looked at is how are we governed, how are we structure, workload
      e. recommendations down the road is to look at the organization and uniform between the offices
      f. implantation of an international CAD system
      g. how we will manage data and systems tied together and end reporting
      h. look at ROSS – continue funding ROSS, next generation of ROSS
   F. Questions
      ? the items they are looking at and the changes coming down the road are we going to get support/funding for these changes – national
         office – they do support dispatch and coordination system and recognize that change is needed for efficiently. Will need to go back
         and ask fire staff if they support the dispatch system and the dispatch offices
      ? talk about consolidating offices right now. There is a big disconnect out there with dispatchers and fire groups because we are taking on
         more and there are a lot of groups out there that we don't communicate very well with each other sometimes. Need to go to IC
         meetings or close outs, etc to get known and present ourselves at meetings. Need to build relationships
      ? talked about reams of data in the study and gleaning out some of the information in the study. Dispatchers should be able to use that
         information for planning, etc.
      ? the data is 2007, are there any plans to try and keep it up to date. The question is who is going to keep the data up to date. This is a
         question and solution the center managers need to decide
      ? was facilities discussed in this plan…. Yes
      ? need to look at how we can use the plan to help better ourselves and the job we do

10. **Frequency** – Mike Tuominen (Telecommunication Specialist) and Scott Dewitz (R6 Air Attack Program Lead)
    A. Northwest Air-To-Ground frequencies
       a. committee working under the PNW aviation working group formed to address these working issues
       b. 2008 all 17 forests in R-6 were issued an air-to-ground frequency
       c. to be used for initial attack by the specific forest within forest boundaries
       d. concern was expressed that air-to-ground fractured the initial attack zone concept and removed the flexibility of dispatch centers to assigned frequencies during initial attack
    B. How did we arrive here
       a. working under the PNW (Pacific Northwest) aviation working group was formed to address these issues working in conjunction with NICC, USFS spectrum management and BLM spectrum management
       b. phonetic alphabet was used to identify each frequency i.e. air-to-ground "Alpha", "Bravo", etc. because frequencies are shared within the GACC and initial attack zones
    C. Air-To-Ground frequencies issued in spring of 2008 to the USFS
       ♫ 168.3125 – COF   168.2875 – OWF
       ♫ 167.4500 – DEF   167.3000 – RSF
       ♫ 167.6250 – FRF   167.3750 – SUF
       ♫ 168.3125 – GPF   167.6250 – UMF
       ♫ 167.3750 – MAF   168.3125 – UPF
       ♫ 168.2875 – MHF   167.5500 – WIF
       ♫ 167.3000 – MSF   167.5500 – WWF
       ♫ 167.3000 – OCF   167.4500 – WNF
       ♫ 167.6250 – OLF   167.4750 – GACC Wide
    D. Sharing
       a. frequencies are not unique to each forest they are shared within the GACC
          ♫ 168.3125 A/G A – COF, GPF, UPF   167.4500 A/G E – DEF, WNF
          ♫ 167.3000 A/G B – MSF, OCF, RSF   167.5500 A/G F – WWF, WIF
          ♫ 167.6250 A/G C – FRF, OLF, UMF   168.2875 A/G G – MHF, OWF
          ♫ 167.3750 A/G D– MAF, SUF   167.4750 A/G H – GACC WIDE
    E. New BLM Air-To-Ground and existing ODF
       a. BLM
          ♫ 167.0750 A/G K – OR05
          ♫ 166.8750 A/G I – OR07
          ♫ 169.3625 A/G J – OR07
       b. ODF
          ♫ 151.3100 A/G L – OR04
    F. Licensing and agreements
       a. each Forest Service frequency is licensed for use to the Forest that it is assigned to
       b. BLM frequencies are assigned to the initial attack zone as opposed to a Forest or district but next year that could change
       c. NICC will act as the single point of coordination for IA FM Air-to-Ground frequencies just as they are for IA AM Air-to-Air frequencies
       d. cooperator M.O.U.'s are generated locally and a copy may be kept at NICC as part of the coordination
       e. the people at NICC are assigned to each GACC. Mike is assigned to the NW
    G. Questions
       a. "**H**otel" is a region wide air to ground
       b. need to have coordination with your neighbors about radio frequencies
       c. for areas that are not identified with a frequency, can use the region wide air to ground but again need to talk with neighbors about frequencies being used
       d. this year if dispatch uses up all the air to ground frequency, put an order in ROSS for a new air to ground frequency.
       e. if another agency i.e. BIA can call the tier 3 dispatch to see who is using what frequency and what frequency they can use
       f. the frequency guide is a new start this year, should be out by middle of April
       g. NW air to air there is no change on 2009 map…they are not based on a radius If you have questions call Mike Tuominen on cell 208-863-4141 or can call Communication duty officer which someone is there 24/7 at 208-387-5644
    H. FTP web site
       a. FTP web site: ftp://ftp.nifc.gov
       b. had to put this on a web protected page
          File log in as
          User-radioaccess
          Password-READ!Radio
          Folder-Radio Management
          Initial Attack
          PNW

11. **FAMWEB Help Desk** – Faye Chandler (HelpDesk Representative)
    A. Contact
        a. 1-800-253-5559
        b. fire_help@fs.fed.us
        c. business hours are 7:30 am to 5:00 pm MST
        d. duty officer available after hours for emergencies
    B. Supported applications
        * AFF
        * AMIS
        * ARS
        * AWSR
        * Behave+
        * Dispatch Utilities
        * Farsite
        * FEPMIS
        * Fire Program Analysis (FPA)
        * FireFamily+
        * FireStat
        * Fire Incident Mapping Tools (FIMT)
        * Flammap
        * FPA
        * ftp>nifc.gov
        * GIS(limited to fire support)
        * ICBS
        * InciWeb
        * KCFAST
        * NEXUS
        * Sit/209
        * WIMS
        * WFAS
        * WFDSS
    C. Famweb Page
        a. fam.nwcg.gov/fam-web
            i. please look at the alert area
    D. Famweb updates
        * LDAP logon
        * Password security
        * Firestat update
        * Sit/209 update
        * WIMS update
    E. LDAP Setup (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) – User Information
        a. each user defined in the LDAP directory. Following information shall be collected (WIMS and KCFast will maintain the current log ID's for the time being)
            * First Name - **Mandatory**
            * Last Name - **Mandatory**
            * Common Name (e.g. Suzy Smith) – **Derived from First Name Last Name entry**
            * Agency Name (e.g. National Park Service) - **Mandatory**
            * Agency Abbreviation (e.g. NPS) - **Optional**
            * Organization Name (e.g. Yosemite National Park) - **Mandatory**
            * NWCG Unit_ID (e.g. CA-YNP) - **Optional**
            * Office Phone Number - **Mandatory**
            * Office Fax Number - **Optional**
            * Cellular Phone Number - **Optional**
            * Email Address – **Mandatory**
    F. Password security requirements
        a. password changes – a user may change the password with the following limitation
        b. min password life: 1 day (can only change password once a day)
        c. max password life: 60 days (has to be reset
    G. Passwords shall be comprised of the following:
        a. minimum of one lower case letter
        b. password changes - A user may change the password with the following limitations:
            * min password life: 1 day (can only change password once a day)
            * max password life: 60 days (has to be reset within 60 days)
            * Password Grace Limit - Describes the number of failed attempts that a user may have when attempting to log into an application. This value shall be set to 3. (FSM 6680). Have to contact Fire Applications Helpdesk after 3 failed attempts
            * password warning – Users shall be provided with a warning message when there password is about to expire. The warning message shall be provided at a minimum of 5 days prior to password expiration.
            * password syntax – Passwords shall be reviewed by the system to assure that no dictionary words are used as a component of the password.
            * password changes - A user may change the password with the following limitations:
            * min password life: 1 day (can only change password once a day)
            * max password life: 60 days (has to be reset within 60 days)

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(con't of FAMWEB)

H. Firestat Update
  a. the restriction for updating historical records is still in place and will remain in effect unit the following steps have been completed
     i. cleanup of existing Firestat users
     ii. assign region/forest to active Firestat users
     iii. enable region/forest security in Firestat which will prevent users from entering and updating fire records outside of their assigned region/forest
     iv. add the ability in Firestat for the administrator to turn off/on the restriction for updating historical fire records. Currently this can be done by changing the Firestat code
     v. the FORMATTA form should be available for testing by the first of April 2009
     vi. form will set on your computer
     vii. form will allow users to enter fire records without being logged into FIRESTAT or connected to the network
     viii the data entered through the form can then uploaded into FIRESTAT
I. Datawarehouse Update
  a. due to the problems we have encountered getting the warehouse operation on the National Enterprise Shared Services (NESS) architecture at NITC, we are installing the warehouse on servers outside of this architecture in an effort to see if this will resolve the problems
  b. target date of June 31, 2009 has been set to have the warehouse running on these servers.
  c. will wait until the program is fully functional before starting the training and we can come to your unit
J. SIT/209 Update
  a. the issue of having different numbers being reported for protection vs. ownership is still being worked on
  b. the updates for SIT/209 that were requested in November at the Predictive Services/Intell workshop are being worked on now with an expected production release date of April 30
  c. include the update to the username/password change to use the FAMWEB security module instead of the Oracle usernames currently shared with WIMS
  d. this is to meet the security requirements
K. WIMS Update
  a. still ironing out bugs
  b. user guide and training packages will be completed by the end of summer
  c. new dashboard includes fw9 export functions
  d. NWS forecasting offices naming conventions updated and pick the actually office
  e. new security features and log on/password requirements updated
  f. working currently underway to implement the Nelson Models (which will pick out the state of weather) testing planned for April 2009
L. Discussion
  a. suggestion was made about having a pull down for lighting predicated and actual.
  b. when you change to a new user id, what will it do to the user id being used now. The plan is to make a table that will match the old with the new. Eventually will have to move away from that.
  c. will have one log on for all the programs but depends on your roles in the different program

12. **System and Project Update** - Faye Chandler (HelpDesk Representative)
  A. **ASCADS** (Automated Sorting Conversion and Distribution System) {Project Manager: Greg Jensen}
     o Lifecycle planning for end of life (i.e. Unify DB)
     o Development underway in WFMI will result in retirement of the ASCADS system tentatively scheduled for early 2010.
  B. **Denver Backup - Network/Internet** {Project Manager: Louie Leezer, PMP}
     o This is on hold pending DOI/ESN approval
  C. **FEOS** (Fire Equipment Ordering System) {Project Manager: Greg Jensen}
     o FEOS development is on-going and is scheduled to be complete and ready for production in May 2009.
  D. **FireCode** {Project Manager: John Noneman, PMP}

- o new hardware was purchased and deployed for the production environment. Existing hardware repurposed as development environment for FireCode.
- o Connections to FS IDBD are completed and functional.
- o Finalizing ISA/DEA w/ IBDB
- o Validate draft O&M charter
- o Connection to DOI FBMS is completed and functional
- o Finalizing ISA with DOI FBMS
- o FireCode maintenance contract ended January 31, 2009. All maintenance activities and help desk support will be done by BLM Fire IT Business Systems Unit.

(con't of program and systems update)

E. **FIRES** (Fire Integrated Recruitment and Employment System) {Project Manager: John Noneman, PMP}
  - o System normal
F. **IQCS** (Incident Qualifications and Certification System)
  - o Certification and Re-Accreditation of the IQCS system was completed in December 2008.
  - o Draft Interconnection Plan for a one-way data transfer of medical standards data from the Medical Standards Program (MSP) on hold pending resolution of issues regarding unique identifiers.
  - o Ongoing discussion is occurring in regards to the proposed Interagency Aviation Training (IAT) one-way data transfer to IQCS.
  - o Initial phase discussions are occurring in regards to a proposed ROSS to IQCS transfer of experience data.
  - o **CPIC/Lifecycle Planning** {Project Manager: John Noneman, PMP}
    - ▪ Gathering original business requirements for potential analysis of new/alternate systems
    - ▪ Exploring options for Oracle dropping of PeopleSoft support in 2013, $250K for planning requested for FY2009
  - o **IQCS System Server Move** {Project Manager: Michael Morgen}
    - ▪ System move to NICC completed in Dec 2008.
    - ▪ Complete hardware refresh in conjunction with system move.
    - ▪ Disaster recovery planning is in the initial stages.
G. **RAWS Maintenance S/W (CMMS)** {Project Manager: NOC}
  - o CMMS functioning for internal use only; still trying to optimize for general release
  - o Contractor has been hired to review the system and develop proposals for optimization. Review will begin in Feb 2009.
H. **ROMAN** (Real-time Observation Monitor and Analysis Network) {Project Manager: John Noneman, PMP }
  - o Business case completed – submitted to new NWCG review process
I. **Training Database** - Competencies tracking {Project Manager: John Noneman, PMP}
  - o Design/build ongoing (.Net)
  - o This will be hosted at NICC on the GSS.
  - o Work is ongoing with Training Group and contractor. Contractor security clearance in progress.
J. **WFMI** (Wildland Fire Management Information System) {Project Manager: Greg Jensen}
  - o Development underway to incorporate the current functionality contained within ASCADS into the weather module. Tentatively scheduled for production in December 2009.
  - o Design for update of ARC/IMS component in progress with anticipated start of build in winter of 2009-2010
K. **WildCAD** (Wildland Computer Aided Dispatch) {BLM Project Manager: John Noneman, PMP}
  - o Support contract ends June 2009 – USFS working on replacement contract
  - o Currently, 49 BLM dispatch locations are utilizing WildCAD with 5 additional locations being added in 2009.
  - o Training for the new centers is scheduled for March and April in Missoula. Training for existing centers will be offered this spring in Boise and Reno.
L. **FFI** {Project Manager: Martha Isbister}
  - o Version 1.02.10 released December 19, 2008 fixed a number of issues noted in version 1.02.0.
  - o Training: 3 hands-on face-to-face workshops (65 participants), 9 online WebEx training sessions (75 participants). Participants include employees from USFS, DOI (NPS, BLM, BIA, FWS, USGS), Tribal, State and non-Gov't entities (TNC).
  - o Distributing software and listing training classes on FFI FRAMES Web site. Using Google Groups for FFI discussion site.
  - o Promoting FFI by short course, oral presentation and poster presentation at Pacific Coast Fire Conference San Diego, CA (Dec. 1 – 4) and providing a poster for the USFS Region 8 Fire Meeting (Dec.)
M. **AFF** (Aviation Flight Following) {Project Manager: Bob Roth}
  - o Nothing new

N. **AMIS** (Aviation Management Information System) {Project Manager: Brad Harwood}
- o The Aviation Business System is not supporting Forest Service aircraft flight legs. These must still be entered into AMIS.
- o F&AM will continue to provide support for AMIS and correct any problems. However, no changes or enhancements will be made.
- o The ABS data will be stored in the Data Warehouse and all aviation reports and queries will be done via the warehouse. The ABS source system has limited reporting functionality.

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O. **ARS (Aviation Resource System)**
- o The ARS system was officially moved into production on February 26th, 2009.
- o All ARS users need to either create a user id in production or have their existing user id given the appropriate ARS roles.
- o The ARS system in test has been temporarily disabled to reduce the risk of users entering 2009 inspections into test instead of production.

P. **AWSR** (Annual Wildfire State Reporting) {Project Manager: Brad Harwood}
- o Changes have been made to the FS-3100-8 report in AWSR to make it an official OMB form.

Q. **BehavePlus** (Fire Behavior)
- o The Beta release of BehavePlus version 4.0 is now available on FireModels.org.
- o A summary of changes from version 3 to version 4 is on the Downloads page. New features and modeling capabilities have been added. A problem that occasionally caused very slow operation has been fixed.
- o Training material has been updated as part of a JFSP project. Additional lessons are being developed. They will be posted to the web site as they are completed.
- o Individuals who subscribe to FireModels.org News Items will receive an e-mail with new information that is added to the News page.

R. **Dispatch Utilities** {Project Manager: Sue Petersen}
- o Nothing new

S. **FAMWEB Applications (AWSR, AMIS, FIRESTAT)** {Project Manager: Brad Harwood}
- o A FAMWEB update was applied to the production site on February 26, 2009. Details about this update can be found on the FAMWEB home page at http://fam.nwcg.gov/fam-web/
- o New password requirements that are effective March 9, 2009 will be incorporated into all FAMWEB applications by March 31st, 2009. The new password requirements were sent to all employees on March 3rd, 2009 in an e-mail from the CIO.

T. **FAMWEB Data Warehouse** {Project Manager: Brad Harwood}
- o Due to the problems we have encountered getting the warehouse operational on the National Enterprise Shared Service (NESS) architecture at NITC, we are installing the warehouse on servers outside of this architecture in an effort to see if this will resolve the problems.
- o A target date of March 31, 2009 has been set to have the warehouse running on these servers.
- o Once the data warehouse is operational we will conduct formal training. Details about the training (location, dates, etc.) have yet to be determined. If any region would like to host a training session please contact Brad Harwood at 208-387-5289. This is a great opportunity for users in your region to learn how to use the new GIS tool, build customized queries and analyze fire/weather data.

U. **FEPMIS** (Federal Excess Property Management Information System) {Project Mgr: Brad Harwood}
- o The re-design of FEPMIS is currently underway and is expected to be complete in the fall of 2009.

V. **FireFamily Plus – FFP** (Fire and Weather Analysis) {Project Manager: Larry Bradshaw}
- o Release of Version 4 on 12/1/008
- o The current release of the software can be found at: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/planning/nist/distribu.htm

W. **FIRESTAT** (Fire Statistics) {Project Manager: Brad Harwood}
- o The PCHA upload process has been run in production.
- o The restriction for updating historical records is still in place and will remain in effect unit the following steps have been completed:
  - Cleanup of existing Firestat users
  - Assign region/forests to active Firestat users
  - Enable region/forest security in Firestat which will prevent users from entering and updating fire records outside of their assigned region/forest
  - Add the ability in Firestat for the administrator to turn off/on the restriction for updating historical fire records. Currently, this can only be done by changing the Firestat code.
- o The FORMATTA form should be available for testing by the first of April 2009.

o This form will allow users to enter fire records without being logged into FIRESTAT or connected to the network. The data entered through the form can then uploaded into FIRESTAT.

X. **FPA** (Fire Program Analysis) {Project Manager: Donna Scholtz}
- o Fire Planning Units (FPUs) are completing their first analyses. Wave 1 and 2 Fire Planning Units (FPUs) should be working on their investment alternatives, while Wave 3 FPUs should be completing the Initial Response Simulator (IRS) validation runs. Conducting workshops throughout the country.
- o The FPA-WFDSS C&A package was reviewed by the department and recommended for Authority To Operate (ATO). This is a major security milestone.
- o see also fpa.nifc.gov

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Y. **IBA** (Incident-Based Automation) {Proj Mgr: Jon Skeels; Deputy PM: Gina Bald}
- o **I-SUITE**
  - ▪ Current Release is 8.01.04
  - ▪ I-Suite Version 9.X is due to be released in early to mid May. This release will include several report enhancements, major defect repairs, and database audit requirements
  - ▪ The I-Suite Team will perform a Proof of Concept of Bar Code technology and processes at the incident to automate the check-in process and supply issues/returns. We are working with the San Dimas Technology & Development Center (SDTDC) to test equipment/connectivity and develop Bar Code media. Target date for the Pilot is July/August
  - ▪ I-Suite received C&A (Certification and Accreditation) in July 2008.
  - ▪ A formal Change Management Board (CMB) is in place.
  - ▪ Security and Audit requirements continue to be a priority for the project.
- o **e-ISUITE**
  - ▪ Pilot release is late 2010
  - ▪ Development team is currently validating requirements and design specs
  - ▪ Several business meetings will be held over the next several months to gather and validate additional requirements
- o **IBA INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT**
  - ▪ National level performance based contract which will deliver computer infrastructure, support, and connectivity to incidents and other activities throughout the contiguous United States and Alaska
  - ▪ Technical approval has been granted
  - ▪ Documents being reviewed by ASC Contracting Officer
  - ▪ Anticipate award in time for the Western Fire Season

Z. **ICBS** (Interagency Cache Business System – Legacy) {Project Manager: Brad Harwood}
- o Will be replaced by ICBS-R at all caches by December 31, 2009.
- o ICBS will not run on Windows XP machines. Waivers to keep Windows 2K machines have been requested for those caches still running ICBS
- o F&AM will continue to provide support for ICBS; however, no changes or enhancements will be made.

AA. **ICBS-R** (Interagency Cache Business System Re-Engineering) {Project Manager: Jon Skeels; Deputy PM: Andrew Gray}
- o The re-engineered ICBS system is in production at NITC and received its Forest Service Authorization to Operate (ATO) on February 13, 2009
- o The system is currently being used by six of the thirteen National Incident Support (Fire) Caches: Rocky Mountain (CO), Prescott (AZ), Southern (KY), Northeast (MN), Silver City (NM) and Redding (CA)
  - ▪ The Implementation Team is currently working on "pre-implementation" tasks with the next three caches that will make the transition to the new system
  - ▪ User support for the new ICBS is provided by "Interagency Helpdesk Services," which also supports ROSS, DMS, I-Suite, EaTIS, ABS and VIPR
- o A "phase 1" interface with ROSS was deployed in 2008. This interface allows ROSS to read the NFES (National Fire Equipment System) supply catalog from ICBS
- o Work continues on the "phase 2" interface. This will allow the two systems to exchange information on incidents, incident orders/requests, "fill" and shipping information. Testing and deployment of this interface is projected for late this calendar year
- o Initial high level requirements and design work has been completed for a retrofit of the re-engineered ICBS system for the DOI/BLM's Financial Business Management System (FBMS). BLM funding to complete this work is anticipated in the last half of FY2009

BB. **InciWeb** (Centralized Public Incident Information Sharing) {Project Manager: Sue Petersen}
- o Currently undergoing updates for the upcoming fire season. The ability to track Complexes has been added and is currently loaded on production.

- - o A technote will be coming with all of the enhancements for this fire season. We are also in the process of updating the charter with NWCG, forming a user group to identify business requirements, and planning for the next version of Inciweb.
- CC **KCFAST** (Fire Data and Reports Retrieval) {Project Manager: Sue Petersen}
  - o Nothing new
- DD. **LANDFIRE** {Project Manager: Bruce Jeske}
  - o Are in the latter stages of production in LF National East milestone.
  - o Of the 67 map zones in the lower 48 states, 51 have been completed.
  - o All remaining map zones have been started and are in various stages of completion for incremental delivery.
  - o Operation and Maintenance Plans have been approved by the Executive Oversight Committee and transmitted to LF project sponsoring agencies and bureaus.

(con't of program and systems update – LANDFIRE)

- - o LF data are being used for a wide variety of purposes at national or regional scale. Data application case studies are available on the LF website.
  - o LF data and were used, or modified with locally relevant data, as inputs to WFDSS on over 150 wildland fire incidents this past season.
  - o The project has begun the early stages of the Alaska milestone and is making strategic plans for how to best complete Alaska and Hawaii with the time and funding remaining in the project.
  - o Initial Operations and Maintenance activities have begun with a Rapid Refresh process. The RR updates western map zones to use more current imagery and incorporates some recent disturbances into the data. The RR delivery dates have been closely coordinated with FPA schedule.
  - o Other Operations and Maintenance activities include progress on the long term Refresh procedures and Southeast update. These efforts insure that LF data from all areas of the USA are updated.
  - o Data distribution and technical transfer activities continue to be provided. The project gets good feedback on data distribution activities.
- EE. **NESS** (FAM - National Enterprise Support Services) Project {Project Manager: Keri Vest}
  - o System stabilization efforts continue
  - o Applications currently in production on NESS are: FAMWEB, ROSS, ICBS-R, InciWeb, and GACC and NWCG web pages
  - o Applications currently in Pre-production or fail over status are: FPA, WFDSS,
- FF**. PCHA** (PC Historic Analysis) {Project Manager: Keri Vest}
  - o Nothing new.
- GG. **ROSS** (Resource Ordering & Status) {Project Manager: Jon Skeels}
  - o ROSS – Current release is 2.8.0.23.
  - o Dry run deployments of Version 2.9 are in progress. Deployment is planned for mid-March 2009.
  - o Coding and test Case Development for Version 2.10 is underway. Deployment is planned for mid-June 2009
  - o Field reviews in California we completed in February 2009.
  - o Check the website for more information (http://ross.nwcg.gov)
- HH. **SitReport/209** (Incident Information Reporting) {Project Manager: Faye Chandler}
  - o The issue of having different numbers being reported for protection vs. ownership is still being worked on. The updates for SIT/209 that were requested in November at the Predictive Services/Intell
  - o Workshop are being worked on now with an expected production release date of April 30. This will include the update to the username/password change to use the FAMWEB security module instead of the Oracle usernames currently shared with WIMS. This is to meet the security requirements.
- II**. Incident Management Team IT Kit Standardization (Thin Client) Project** {Project Manager: Andy Trent - MTDC}
  - o Project funded by Interagency Interoperability Oversight Group (IIOG) for FY09
  - o 2009 Deployment testing will be conducted in the Great Basin Geographic Area
  - o Systems development (server, wireless, client) on-going
  - o Deployment and Helpdesk documentation will be competed in FY09
  - o Deployment trailers will be available in spring 2009
  - o Cost Benefit Analysis will start in 2009
  - o CTSP training scheduled for May 2009
- JJ. **WFAS** (Wildland Fire Assessment System) {Project Manager: Matt Jolly}
  - o Nothing new
- KK**. WFDSS** (Wildland Fire Decision-Support System) {Project Manager: Dan Keller}
  - o The latest release of WFDSS implements the decision process that will be supported this fire season. Allows agencies to develop, document, approve and review decisions.
  - o Conducting regular webinars
- LL. **WIMS** (Weather Information Management System) (Project Manager: Jeff Barnes)

- o Version 1.2.0 in FAMWEB production February 18, 2009
- o WIMS Change Board is compiling priority SPR's for next version release.
- o New database structure in production.
- o User guide and training packages will be completed by end of summer.
- o New Dashboard includes fw9 export function.
- o NWS forecasting offices naming conventions updated.
- o New Security features and log on/password requirements updated.
- o Work currently underway to implement the Nelson Models, testing planned for April 2009

13. **Incident Contracting** – Dolly Davis (NWC Asst Emergency Ops Mgr), Kermadine Barton (R-6 Contracting Officer), Jeannie Abbott (WDNR) Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Dale Guenther (Regional Information Tech Specialist, Don Mortiz (ODF Fire Contracts Manager)
   A. Crew contracts
      a. posted on the web 2/9/2009 and closed March 9th
      b. agreement has not changed just simplified
      c. first attachment solicitation and the second attachment is agreement
      d. 1 hour offer is still the same
      e. changed responsibilities as far as status available…don't have to accept severity or out of region assignment.
      f. 1st attachment talks about ROSS and gives them a contact number
      g. Attachment 2 exhibit D
         ☺ 2nd has 7 items in it. Talks about neighborhood concept, ordering crews out of host unit when becoming a large fire
         ☺ scope of agreement has changed – awarded 20 person type 2 crews, did have a line item for strike team and crew
         ☺ remain over night – this year it needs to go into the remarks column which crew is going to RON and where
         ☺ if a crew gets to an incident and they want to form a strike team with another vendor the fire will issue a resource order for that strike team at incident and it would be under one of the contract crews.
   B. Questions
      ? were there much enforcement done last year..17 actions in 2008
      ? issues on password – Salem will field those calls
      ? end of April hoping to send out intent to award letter
      ? May 1st dispatch list
      ? giving them to June 1st to get into crew compliance
      ? Dolly – new dispatching pilot in SW Oregon
         i. Grants Pass ODF will handle the crews and Medford will be handling the engines/tenders
         ii. if Grants Pass ODF is closed you can go right to the vendor and order the crews but this is just their neighbors.
         iii. hoping to streamline the host units and that is why we are trying this

14 **National Contracts** – Kermadine Barton (R6 Contracting Officer)
   A. National Contracts
      ☺ Mobile Food Services
      ☺ Mobile Shower Facilities
      ☺ Aircraft Maintenance
      ☺ Airtankers
      ☺ Fire Retardant
      ☺ Helicopters, CWN
      ☺ Helicopters, Exclusive Use
      ☺ Smokejumper Aircraft
      ☺ Type 2 IA Hand crews
   B. R6 Regional Agreements
      ☺ 2007 Agreements
      ☺ Water Handling Agreements Engines and Tenders
      ☺ Bus Agreements (Crew Carriers)
      ☺ Equipment and Personal Time Recorders
      ☺ Voucher Examiners
      a. last year for our 3 year agreement for water handling agreement
   C. R6 Regional Agreement I-BPA's
      a. 2009Agreements
         ☺ Single Fallers/faller modules
            ■ single fallers
            ■ module fallers
         ☺ Mechanic with Service Trucks
            ■ type 1-heavy construction/logging
            ■ type 2-automotive, light & heavy trucks
            ■ type 3-inspection & diagnostic service
         ☺ Clerical Support Units
            ■ daily rate
            ■ per copy rate
            ■ plotting per LF rate
         ☺ Refrigerated trailer Units

- - - type 1- 43 ft.+ overall length
    - type 2 – 29-43 ft. overall length
    - type 3 – 24-28 ft. overall length
    - mobilization/demobilization per mile
  - ☺ Tents and Canopies
    - Type 1 – Canopy
    - 40x40   40x60   40x80
    - Type 2 – Canopy
    - 20x40, 20x60
    - Type 3 – Tents
    - 501-700 Sq. Ft.

(con't of National contracts – tents and canopies)

  - ☺ National-GIS Units hosted by R6
    - Type 1
      - Minimum of 5 workstations
    - Type 2
      - Minimum of 2 workstations
- D. 2009 Regional Agreements (solicitations out by 3/13 and awards middle of April)
  - ☺ Mobile Laundry Units (new solicitations this year)
    - Type 1
    - Minimum production capability 2500 lbs/day
    - Type 2
    - Minimum production capability 1500 lbs/day
  - ☺ Portable toilets/portable hand wash station
    - Portable Toilet
    - includes rental and 2 service calls
    - Wheelchair Accessible Portable Toilet
    - Rental and 2 service calls
    - Portable Hand washing Station
    - Rental and 2 service calls
    - Delivery (round trip) Pickup (round trip)
    - Additional Service Calls
    - Reset Fee
  - ☺ Potable Water/Gray Water/Trailer Mounted Hand wash Stations
    - Type 1 - 4000 Gallons +
    - Type 2 – 2500-3900
    - Type 3 – 1000-2499
    - Type 4 – 400-999
  - ☺ Trailer Mounted Hand wash Stations
    - Minimum 8 Wash Basins
- E. 2010 Agreements
  - ☺ Water Handling Agreement
    - Engines, Tactical Water Tenders and Support Water Tenders
  - ☺ Heavy Equipment with Water
    - Skidgens, Super Skidgens, off road tenders, pumpers, cats, and softtracks
  - ☺ Buses-Crew Carrier
- F. EERA's (emergency equipment rental agreements)
  - a. if the agreement is incident only then agreement good only for that incident
  - b. those existing EERA's will be extended 2 years
  - c. if contractors sign up on I-BPA then that will cancel the EERA
  - d. process in distinguishing between I-BPA's and EERA's
  - e. terminate portable water/grey water EERA's
- G. Potable water solicitations
  - a. will close April 13, 2009
- H. Dispatch priority list
  - a. http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/bestvalue.php
  - b. keep checking the above website because it will change through the year
  - c. Germaine will try to notify dispatch when there is a change
  - d. all done through VIPR
  - e. everything will be done electronically
- I. Questions
  - a. equipment inspections – will be doing random inspections during the summer
  - b. equipment typing in mobilization guide –laundry, tents and a few other items not in 2009 mob guide
  - c. Dale Guenther will work on getting typing posted somewhere else
  - d. Fallers

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        i. once the regional agreements have been exhausted then can go locally to order

       ii. fallers will to go into VIPR this year to register

     iii. concern about having to bring someone from a far away place just to fall 1 tree or need the person for a day…Kermadine will look at fallers for short assignments vs. large fire assignments

     iv. states and DNR are not going to use faller agreements

J. Contacts

    a. Kermadine Barton – Contracting Officer - kbarton@fs.fed.us

    b. 541-471-6746

    c. 541-324-1206(last year Kermadine did not want her cell phone given to contracts so I would think that would be the case this year).

15. **Computers** – Dale Guenther (R-6 Information Tech Specialist)

A. Iteam – incident team acquisition management

    a. the system will go in and pull up the IBPA's

    b. starting the development phase right now

    c. website will be available so that you can pull up equipment, location, etc

    d. post all agreements in PDF format

    e. system will be in house

    f. vendors this year cannot access this system

    g. later on once all the agreements in place will allow the dispatchers to log in and get more detail information

    h. dispatchers will be able to go in and find in a given radius where a piece of equipment is

    i. 3/9/2009 to start implementation

B. Expanded dispatch computer lab

    a. will be available July 1, 2009

C. Google earth project

    a. FS has acquired Google earth globe (enterprise)

    b. will have a website that you can go and download i.e. roads etc

    c. there is no membership cost.

D. Resource Tracking

    a. would like to conduct a field study on providing dispatch offices or command teams real time tracking of where their resource are

    b. small GPS unit, size is like a deck of cards

    c. sends information to a site that allows tracking of resource

    d. goal is to purchase enough units for a dispatch office to use this year

    e. the cost is $180.00 per unit

    f. they do have emergency phone home service

    g there is a subscription to the tracking program which is $100.00 a year per unit

E. Questions

    ? will Google earth and resource tracking talk to CAD program ,etc. This is up to the CAD group because there are costs, etc.

    ? British Columbia uses the resource tracking so they would be a contact for more information

16. **Aviation Panel** - Jon Rollens (R6 Aviation Officer) and Jim Ziobro (ODF Fire Aviation Specialsit)

A. public vs civil aircraft laws

    a. foundational pieces of where we land and don't land or use

    b. any time put a/c in the air we are operating under public law

    c. under federal law state agencies is under different law and they always fly under civil aircraft law where agency flies under public aircraft law

    d. public aircraft law=agency oversight/liability

    e. civil aircraft law=FAA oversight/liability

B. operator of aircraft

    a. operator is determined by who ordered the aircraft, who is paying, who is directing the aircraft and who is benefiting from the mission.

C. non-federally approved aircraft

    a. Federal Agencies – any non-agency aircraft without an Interagency approval card or agency letter

    b. Oregon Department of Forestry – DC-7 large fixed wing air tanker, some helicopters

    c. Washington Department of Natural Resources – FEPP helicopters, PBY water-scooping airtankers, some Canadian assets

D. Rules of engagement – Federal aerial supervision

    a. air tactical group supervisor missions are okay

    b. leadplants may be used with non-federally approved aircraft

E. Use of Non Federally approved aircraft "Imminent Threat"

    a. Preparedness Strategy 2008: Appendix 7, page A-7, 3 of 3;

          Emergency Circumstances: In an emergency circumstance, where lives and property are immediately threatened, in the current burning period, by wildland fire on federal lands under federal protection, a local federal line officer may, with state concurrence, take operational control over state contracted airtankers if sufficient federal aircraft are not available to protect

the public. The local federal line officer must obtain prior approval from their Fire Director, or Fire Director Designee. Any such use will be documented by the approving federal line officer, and the documentation will be forwarded to the agency national aviation headquarters within two week.

    i.   eminent threat to life and property as described by Federal policy
    ii.   approved by appropriate Federal authority
    iii. as listed in the current master cooperative fire protection agreement operating plan
    iv. ODF will not make tat distinction-if an ODF airtanker is ordered it will be dispatched and ordering agency will be billed

  b. Federal line officer is the one that needs to be making the decision to use the ODF AT and needs to go through NWC

F. Primary Contact for emergency circumstance approving officials
  a. Jim Furlong – 503-808-6518
  b. Duty officer – 503-808-2775

(con't of aviation panel)

G. 2009 ODF air tanker operation plan
  a. process to order an ODF is to go through Salem
  b. the order has go through Salem before the use of ODF airtanker can take place
  c. even if you divert an ODF AT to another incident that still needs to go through Salem
  d. initial attack is the priority for the ODF AT
  e. the local dispatch office never has control of the ODF AT only Salem

H. FS 5700 Aviation Manual Rewrite
  a. coming and better written then the past

I. ODF exclusive use helicopters
  a. paid by the states

J. ODF and FEMA
  a. when dealing with FEMA ODF can go back to FEMA and have them pay 75% of the daily availability
  b. even if they do 1 shift can get $$ from FEMA
  c. need to help facilitate that
  d. has to be fed approved/CWN aircraft because FEMA does come back and do an audit
  e. make sure the incident is a FEMA incident and documentate

17 **Helicopter** Update Rick Dunlap (National Helicopter Coordinator)
A. Update on the National helicopter coordinator position
  a. filled the job full time – Rick Dunlap has that position
  b. increase the efficient mobilization utilization of helicopters and personnel for large fire support and initial attack
  c. works for the National helicopter operations specialist
  d. works directly with NICC/National multi-agency coordination group (NMAC)
  e. tracks utilization of type 1, II and III exclusive use and CWN resources
  f. the designated COTR for CWN
  g. an operation sounding board for the field

B. 2009 exclusive use large fire support (cargo/water haulers)
  a. currently 34 items (host bases)
    i.   contract periods are for 1 base year with 3 option periods
    ii. base year will expire on April 30, 2009
    iii. all options for all 34 items will expire on April 30, 2012
    iv. MAP periods for the 34 host bases will be for the following time frames

6 bases for 189 days

11 bases for 150 days

bases for 90 days

C. Exclusive Use initial Attack (passenger capability)
  a. will have 26 National IA helicopters, once the final option is exercised it will be good through April 30, 2010
  b. will have 7 regional helicopters good through April 30, 2010 once the option is exercised
  c. plan to combined all 33 IA ships and advertise one solicitation in the Spring of 2009 which is already out now
  d. evaluate and award as early as October
  e. MAP periods will be as follows:

25 are for 120 days

7 are for 150 days

1 is for 170 days

total of 33 helicopters

 D. Upcoming solicitations for exclusive use (EU)
  a. 3 solicitations have or will be advertised this year (2009) for exclusive use contracts
   i. 2 EU initial attack (passenger/rappel capability)
   ii. 1 large fire support (water hauling)
 E. First initial Attack was recently awarded
  a. recently awarded a solicitation for exclusive use initial attack 3 host bases, 1 year period
   i. expires on April 30, 2010
   ii. Bases were

Trinity, CA

Wenatchee, WA – awarded Hillcrest 205 helicopter

Salmon, ID

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 F. Second Initial Attack (re-advertisement)
  a. requirement for 5 helicopters
  b. requirement will be for type1 and type II aircraft
  c. will require they be standard category (passenger capability)
  d. one year period only
  e. expires on April 30, 2010
  f. on the streets right now
 G. Large Fire support
  a. 5 bases of the 34 items will be re-advertised
  b. requirements will be for type 1 and type II
  c. one base year and 2 option periods
  d. available on February 23, closing on March 17th
 H. Cascading contracts
  a. a process of advertising solicitations to include small and large business vendors at the same time
  b. will consider small business vendors first and if we have insufficient competition we then will consider large business
  c. the benefit is not having to re-solicit (30-90 days) due to insufficient competition
 I. Contact Information
  a. Rick Dunlap – National helicopter coordinator
  b. 208-387-5735
  c. rdunlap@fs.fed.us

18. **Incident Business Management** – Kathy Shelton (chair of incident business practices working team)
 A. AD Changes
  a. deputy incident commander and deputy AC are now okay as AD's
  b. DOI has a separate plan for stimulus
   i. one pay plan for regular suppression and one for fuels (mechanical and chemical)
  c. Additional positions added to the matrix
   i. GACC meteorologist
   ii. intel support
   iii. tractor plow operator
  d. rates are still being negotiated
  e. FS AD pay plan should soon
  f. don't think the forms will change just the authority
  g. did not remove any AD positions
  h. contract out for forest fire staff
  i. doing the position as contract rather than classify the position as AD
   i. still can use mobilization center manager as AD
  j. can still use exception position
  k. AD pay plan is a human resource plan not a fire plan
 B. Incident travel AD's
  a. will be paid on OF-288 (firefighter time report) for mileage/incidentals
   i. will get $18.00 first and last day for meals, .55 cents per mile pov and $3.00 a day for incidentals. If this is all you have then cost can go on OF-288
   ii. this will not be taxed it is reimbursement
   iii. a copy of the OF-288 has to be attached to the copy of GovTrip voucher when submitted if cost has been accrued
   iv. receipts will have to be submitted to ASC (Albuquerque Service Center)
   v. mileage needs to be documented on crew time report (CTR)

      vi. mileage will not change

      vii. still writing out directions and hopefully will see it in the pay plan

  b. flights made through CBA will NOT require voucher on TA

  c. will need to be processed through GovTip if more than above

      i. Forest Service ASC will help with TA and voucher

      ii. BLM use GovTrip after the fact

C. Information from the Forest Service Help Desk for AD travel

  a. FS-6500-231(vendor code information sheet) needs to be current and correct

  b. you can do one FS-6500-214 financial information security request form) for a group in certain cases but if you do will have to complete a 231

      i. one travel arranger will do all of their travel

      ii. comments section says we have xxx AD's and attach a spreadsheet with individual information

      iii. if you have problems with ASC, let Kathy know and she will send you a letter saying you can create one travel authorization form with the 214 form

  c. BLM employees use GovTrip after travel

  d. Forest Service employees need to

      i. prepare a limited open authorization for mission-critical

      ii. use GovTrip to process TA and voucher

      iii. P codes will be available to all for TA

(con't of incident business mgmt)

  e. after the first initial limited open authorization the next ones will not go to supervisor

  f. some people have had problems with GovTrip when going to different fires with multiple mgmt. codes

  g. do not create a limited open for AD's

  h. point of hire determines where the mileage starts

  i. crew bosses can still use PCMS cards to subsist their crew

D. General Topics

  a. cost reviews

      i. no relief – still a priority for Forest Service

      ii. NWCG has adopted standard guidelines

      iii. expect more discussion with budgets dropping

  b. fuel vendors

      i. expanding the use of credit cards

      ii. if you have a personal vehicle to fuel at camp will need a credit card for the gas

      iii. if you have a rental vehicle furnished by the fire there will be an exception rule-talk to procurement leader and they should set you up at camp

  c. rental vehicles through R-6 EERA

      i. process payments like any other equipment

      ii. will be left as an EERA instead of rolling to an I-BPA

      ii. do not pay on your travel voucher

      iii. dispatch is your contact point

      iv. Dollar (Oregon) and Enterprise (Oregon/Washington) companies will rent off road vehicles

  d. rental vehicle for resource transport to the incident

      i. it does NOT have to be documented on the order for a transport

      ii. Government has the responsibility of transporting a person to the fire from point of hire

      iii. if they use the vehicle on the fire than the vehicle has become a fire vehicle and has to be on a resource order

      iv. if the vehicle is used to go back and forth to the motel than still has to be on the resource order

  e. Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook (IIBMH) will be supplemented this year

      i. mandatory days off after extension have been eliminated -- if you do a 14 day assignment and extend for 21… you only get 2 mandatory days off.   Have to do another 14 to get the 2 days off.

      ii. some changes/clarifications in acquisition

      iii. National team will look at the IIBMH and put in supplementals every year in April

  f. Best value dispatching in full swing

      i. resources hired for incident only released first

      ii. after that priority is set in demob plan (no expectation to release in best value order)

      iii. don't confuse VIPR with best value

      iv. if a piece accidentally does not go out be best value ranking please let contracting know as soon as possible and document immediately

      v. ODF has the authority to hire locally and not go off of best value

      vi. BIA has the tribal preference who to hire

  g. OWCP clarification

      i. poison oak/ivy will require CA-1 plus CA-16

      ii. all paperwork goes home with employee, no faxing anymore

      iii. supervisor will have to put the information into SHPS

      iv. state employees, cooperatives, contractors are under their own medical process

E. Fire district agreements

    a. fire district agreements will be changed for out of local area response
        i. NWCG recognized a need and tasked the IBPWT to develop a template
        ii. desire for consistency in National mobilization and agreements
        iii. need for transparency for the receiving unit
    b. does not affect regular department personnel
    c. mandatory for national dispatches
    d. no portal to portal
    e. set pay rate
        i. GS wage, step 5 at fire district locality
        ii. allows for overtime and hazard
        iii. pay for job performed, not highest qualification
    f. set overhead amount for fire district
        i. above the reimbursement for cost of benefits (10% for overhead rate)
    g. requires disclosure of benefits/costs in the AOP
    h. requires names of resources signed up with local fire departments in the AOP (there is a template for this)
    i. FS implementation date is June 1, 2009
    j. BLM implementation is "before the western fire season"
    k. agreements can still be used until June 1, 2009 after than will need to be rewritten

F. ODF Requests
    a. ODF cannot honor federal agreements
        i. when sending an agreement resource they will need a new EERA when they arrive
        ii orders must have the ODF project number
        iii. make sure that if you have both mgmt. codes for each agency involved
    b. mob and demob times need to be accurate
    c. ODF needs to get resource order copies
        i. for initial attack, mobilization and billing
    d. initial attack information – ODF needs to get information

G. Dispatch Issues
    a. pay attention to ODF retardant drops and how they are charged
    b. the spreadsheet for firecode is important
    c. new class of resources: SR (supplemental resource)

H. Future Years
    a. Bar-coding is back and alive
        i. 2 teams in California are piloting this year
    b. E-ISuite is on line for release in 2010
        i. web base version of I-Suite mid 2010 for release
    c. Master agreement for the Federal agencies is being rewritten – expect release fire season 2010
        i. originally agreement extended for 1 year
    d. serious injury and death handbook for Forest Service
    e. federal excess personal property rules are being looked at
    f. single point of payment
        i. DOI-casual pay
        ii. FS – EERAs and contracts

I. Questions
    ? do not know how much AD work the stimulus money will create
    ? there are BLM/FS template agreements for cooperative agreements with fire district and cooperatives
    ? line officer signature is required on agreements with fire departments
    ? issue with bar coding will be $$$

19. **ROSS Project** – Steve Tarver (ROSS project team)
    A. 2.9 comes out 3/12/2009
    B. Resource release authorization
        a. allow resource release authorization to be set at the category and catalog item level
    C. Roster Enhancements
        a. allow trainee required positions
        b. allow quick fill with single resource
        c. updates resource order form to show that a trainee acceptable request was filled with a trainee
        d. allow trainee required positions
        e. allow quick fill with single resource
        f. ability to fill with single resource and add the roster later up to reassignment
        g. user warning when about to reassign a resource that was to have the roster added
        h. updates resource order form to show that a trainee acceptable request was filled with a trainee
    D. Tactical aviation changes

     a. allow editing of the reload base when releasing resource
     b. display incident min/max elevation on the view tactical aircraft incident information screen
     c. add go to button from tactical aviation screen to the incident screen
  E. User accounts
     a. when searching for vendor rep web access user's ability to search by vendor organization
     b. when searching for government rep web access user ability to search by government non-dispatch organization
  F. Password security updates
     a. must change password every 60 days
     b. can only change password once in 24 hours
     c. password minimum of 12 characters
     d. password must have one each of alpha, numeric and special character
     e. history of 24 previously used passwords
  G. User role changes
     a. restrict incident management team role to creating new requests and viewing and printing requests
     b. new expanded dispatch role
        i. same functions as dispatcher except no access to resource status and new incident screen
  H. incident preferred airport
     a. ensure that every incident has an airport identified
     b. can designate an airport as the preferred airport on an incident
     c. if you create an incident and ROSS has put in the wrong one let Steve know so they can correct it in the program
     d. able to designate on screen the preferred airport

(con't of ROSS)

  I. Resource Print and view changes
     a. add view request and view incident to resource status and resource assignment history screens
     b. replace view icon with view button menu
     c. ability to print a resource order on the fill screen rather than having to go the request status screen
     d. auto documentation created for resource status changes
     e. uninstall 2.8 before you add the new ROSS version 2.9
     f. FS will need admin rights if you are installing for the first time
     g. won't need to change password right now, but when you have to change your password will need to change it to meet the new password format
  J. ROSS version 2.10 changes coming in June
     a. Travel screen
        i. ability to put a resource back into a travel to be arranged state
     b. ability to edit mob and demob travel for current and previous assignments
        i. no assignment travel time overlap allowed
     c. ability to indicate if a crew or overhead resource needs transportation when filling or releasing
  K. selection area enhancement
     a. configure selection area to be able to place a request placed down to you from NWC
     b. configure selection area to be able to receive a request from a selection area member and to place it to another selection area member
  L. Password reset
     a. allow users to request a temporary password via online user account is locked due to invalid attempts or password expiration
     b. this includes ROSS users, vendors, web status users and clearinghouse users
  M. Archived documentation
     a. access to incident and request auto documentation will be provided via query studio
  N. Future of ROSS
     a. interface with contracting, IQCS, ICS, etc
     b. if you have any suggestions to better the program or help you out let us know
     c. ROSS team is doing the budget right now…stable for operation of maintenance but new development is up in the air. This year and next looks stable.
  O. Questions
     a. practice is 2.9 and running
     b. practice is mirrored with production

20. **NWCC Fire Weather & Predicative Services –** Dan O'Brien (Predicative Services)
  A. Season Outlook
     a. cool Feb. March, April with no strong precipitation signal
     b. slightly below normal to near normal to snow pack by Spring
     c. near normal snow free date
     d. good spring burning opportunities
     e. dry extended summer possible
  B. Products

      a. the fuels/fire danger page contains products created and edited by the predictive services unit for the purposes of helping fire managers estimate fire danger at various time intervals into the future
          i. http://www.nwccweb.us/predict/fire_fuel.asp
  C. New Products
      a. experimental preparedness chart
      b. web briefing for products that they produce
      c. fire behavior service center
  D. Intel people for the summer at NWC
      a. looking for people to help out this summer when high levels of fire activity increase fire behavior analysis, GISS, IMET
      b. if interested contact Dan O'Brien

21. **Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) –** Dan O'Brien (Predicative Services)
  A. What it does
      a. provides decision support through short term fire behavior
          i.. FSPro.RAVAR/RIVAT
          ii. networked to data: NFDRS, RAWS, NWS
          iii. documents decisions and decision rationale
  B. overview of the WFDSS Dispatcher role
      a. gets into and creates an incident
      b. fills in the information
  C. Vision
      a. spatial and oriented
  D. Training Dates
      a. Web site - http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS_training.shtml

  E. Contact
      a. WFDSS Help Desk – fire_help@fs.fed.us + 1-800-253-5559
22. **IHC Operations Update –** Lance Honda (Prineville IHC Superintendent)
  A. Update
      a. Pioneer Peak gained type 1 status from Alaska
      b. Spring meeting March 22, 2009
      c. trying to get the IHC web page at NWCC up and running besides working on our own IHC web page that will get information to the public on how to apply for jobs, contacts
      d. last year made up a form to evaluate IMT's and going to update the form this year and use it again
      e. nationally we have decided to go from the hotshot guide to hotshot operations standards and be referenced in the red book. On NIFC page it just came out and signed last month
      f. Dolly at NWC would like to have the start and stop dates of all the IHC crews

23. **Rappeller Operations Update** – Larry Yeckel (Lead Rappeller of the Wenatchee Valley)
  A. Central Oregon Helitack – COFMS Zone
      a. Bell 407 with 16 personnel
  B. Frazier Rappellers – Umatilla NF
      a. Bell 407 with 16 personnel
  C. Malhuer Rappel Crew – Malheur National Forest
      a. National Bell 205A++ with 6 personnel
      b. Regional Bell 205++ with 18 personnel
  D. Siskiyou Rappellers – Rogue River-Siskiyou NF
      a. Bell 407 with 16 personnel
  E. Sled Springs Rappellers – Wallowa-Whitman NF
      a. 205A++ with 18 personnel
  F. Wenatchee Valley rappellers – Wenatchee/Okanogan NF
      a. National - Bell 205A++ with 6 personnel
      b. Regional – Bell 205A++ with 18 personnel
      c. Forest – Bell L3 with 4 personnel
  G. Website
      a. http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/aviation/helicopters/index.html

24. **Smoke Jumper Update** – Tony Slesnick (Redmond Smokejumper Base)
  A. Update
      a. 7 bases US Forest Service
          Grangeville, ID – a/c Twin Otter
          McCall, ID – a/c Twin Otter
          Missoula, Mt – a/c Sherpa C-23A and DC-3T
          North Cascade, WA – a/c Casa
          Redding, CA – a/c Sherpa C-23A/Dornier 228

Redmond, OR - a/c Sherpa C-23A
West Yellowstone – a/c Dornier 228
  b. Pacific Northwest
North Cascade
Redmond
  c. Bureau of Land Management
Boise, ID – a/c Twin Otter
Alaska – a/c Twin Otter/Dornier 228
B. Websites
  a. http://www.smokejumpers.com
  b. http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/smokejumpters/national-si-users-guide.pdf
  c. http://www.nifc.gov/smokejumper/smjrpt.php

24. **Dispatch Steering Committee Updates**
   A. Charter
      a. the committee will be reviewing the charter
   B. Task order form
      a. the form is located on the NWCC web page
         i. http://www.nwccweb.us/admin/nw-dispatch-committe.asp
      b. the form can be sent to the chair which is Roberta Runge at Roberta_Runge@or.blm.gov
   C. 2009 tasks
      a. neighborhood concept
      b. how to get more dispatchers out
   D. How to get involved
      a. commitment is for 2 years
      b. talk to your current steering committee rep

   E. Steering committee
      ♥ Roberta Runge – OR-SAD (Chair)
      ♥ Renae Crippen – OR-NOC (assistant chair)
      ♥ Tom Evans – OR-MICC
      ♥ Kathi May – NWCC
      ♥ Sara Stone – ODF-Salem
      ♥ Belinda Boston – ODF-Salem
      ♥ Carla Buckland – OR-VAD
      ♥ Jeannie Abbott – WDNR
      ♥ Amy Davis – Columbia Cascade
      ♥ Lynn Kenworth – WDNR

25. **NWC Awards**
   A. **Excellence in Dispatching Award…….Albert Kassel – WDNR**
      a. nominated were Lynn Satterfield, Nicky Webb-Smith and Lynn Kenworthy

   B. **Center of the Year ………Medford Interagency Communication Center**