



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

Bureau of Indian Affairs (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)

Bureau of Land Management (Colorado and Wyoming)

Fish and Wildlife Service (Mountain/Prairie Region)

Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region)

National Park Service (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)

State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas

Minutes of Conference Call March 7, 2012 – 09:30 MST

In Attendance:

Members

Chair Ken Kerr

Vice Chair Ron Graham

Jay Esperance

Rocco Snart

Angie Foster

Bill Ott

Mike Davin

Jim McMahill

Bob Jones

Dave Carter

Cal Pino

Dave Hall

Earl Imler

Dan Smith

Facilitator Jim Fletcher

Business Manager Brooke Malcolm

Guests

Cliff Hutton

Dwight Henninger

Unavailable:

Willie Thompson

Don Westover

Ross Hauck

Chad Ray

1. **RMA Succession Planning Follow-Up** **Ott**
 - Executive Briefing letter to executives addressed national succession planning and RMA succession planning efforts

2. **Nebraska Statewide Agreement** **Ott**
 - Agreement is expired; current extension expires March 31st.
 - Difficulty getting DOI Solicitor to complete legal review and provide feedback.
 - Carter working with Solicitor's office to expedite process; expect response any day.
 - McMahill will follow-up with Solicitor's office through NPS channels.
 - Four alternatives presented for signatory agencies to pursue (*see attached memo*).
 - Ott drafted letter regarding State of Nebraska involvement with RMCG; will send to McMahill & Carter for review & comment.
 - Carter recommends 3-month extension to allow for Solicitor's office review to be completed.
 - Per Imler, State of Nebraska does not want another extension, as last extension was signed on the promise that final agreement would be complete before expiration of extension.
 - Prefer 1-year extension to allow for DOI Solicitor's review.

3. **Operations Committee Charter Approval** **Hutton**
- Changes include:
 - Added new member names
 - Listed state agencies individually
 - Updated Chairmanship rotation
 - Charter was e-mailed to RMCG members on March 4; feedback due back to Business Manager or Hutton by March 15.
4. **Service & Supply Plan Tasking for Business Committee** **Fletcher**
- Addressing bus shortages in RMA; looking for other ways to pre-plan for mob center support.
 - Fletcher will work on developing tasking to include buses and mob center support.
5. **Spring IMT Meeting Update** **Graham**
- Trying to get final attendance count.
 - Possibility that vendors will host “social hour” on Tuesday evening; awaiting confirmation.
 - Little America almost full; newly selected team members can use other local hotels from additional lodging list.
6. **RMCG Spring Meeting Agenda** **Malcolm**
- RMCG will meet at the following times:
 - Monday, April 1, 1300-1500 and with ICs and Executives 1500-1700
 - Tuesday, April 2, 0800-1015 and 1300-1700
 - Henninger will provide all-hazard IMT update on Tuesday afternoon.
 - Dan Smith will provide NMAC/NWCG update on Tuesday afternoon.
 - Ott suggests preparing to brief Executives on:
 - Review of RMCG Briefing Letter
 - Fire information management
 - FTE sponsorship for dispatcher at RMACC
 - Statewide agreements
 - Succession planning
 - Critical IMT shortages
 - Coordination with national succession planning
 - Request for Leaders’ Intent from Executive group
 - 2012 AAR
7. **MAC Exercise Update** **Fletcher**
- Kerr, Fletcher, Davin & Ott met to identify tasking for Kleinman’s NIMO team to develop scenario for 2013 MAC exercise.
 - Doodle Poll will be sent out to RMCG members once Kleinman identifies his availability between April 15 and May 10.
 - Looking to develop an escalating season scenario instead of just prioritizing incidents.
 - Will include key points from 2012 AAR and Lessons Learned.

8. Round-Robin

All

- Snart: No report.
- Davin: No report.
- Pino: May not be able to travel for Spring Meeting, but will plan to call in. Regional Director will not be able to attend executive meeting in April, but will call in. Request extension of time to get signatures on Nebraska Statewide Agreement. Fire season beginning in SWA. Working on exceptions to hiring freeze for seasonal fire staff.
- Henninger: All-hazard IMT help with Mob Centers still in works. All-hazard community will be informed about critical shortages on IMTs to identify areas where they might be able to help.
- Foster: Kim Bang will address S-341 issue at GATR meeting since it is coordinated at national level. Will follow-up with Fletcher on RMA Dispatcher of the Year Award.
- Jones: Freeze on travel & training.
- Hall: No report.
- Smith: No report.
- Esperance: Fires in Southern & Central Black Hills, but expecting some moisture soon. ERCs at all-time high in Custer State Park; above average in other areas. Team C agenda for Spring Meeting is full; request Jim or Glenn to report-out. Meeting with Governor of SD for vision for Team C; will report out to executive group in April.
- Ott: Rescheduled Risk Management meeting for May 8. Invitations will go out soon. Helen Hankins, executive from BLM, committed to attending. FS sharing risk management protocols with CO DFPC. Acting Director Mike Williams until Willie Thompson reports.
- Carter: Still waiting to learn more about budget issues. Fuels program hit hardest. Region 6 in good shape for this year, but remains to be seen what impacts of CR will be.
- Imler: Will be Nebraska's RMCG representative moving forward.
- McMahill: No report.
- Kerr: No report.

9. Outstanding Tasking Updates

Malcolm

- Updated status for taskings from Winter Meeting.
- Reminder for dispatch liaisons to review zone LMAC plans prior to MAC exercise.
- New Action Log will be posted to web soon.