



## **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 November 9, 2011, 09:30**

**In Attendance:**

**Members**

Bob Jones (**acting Chair**)  
Jeff Fedrizzi (also rep. CO BLM)  
Dave Martin (for Hall)  
Ron Graham  
Sandra LaFarr (for Boche/Ott)  
Mike Davin  
Rich Homann  
Blair Dunn (for Lowe)  
Dave Carter  
Cal Pino  
Ross Hauck

**Business Manager**

Brooke Malcolm

**Guests**

J. Kent Hamilton

**Unavailable**

Joe Lowe  
Ken Kerr  
Don Westover  
Jim Fletcher

#### **1. NMAC/GMAC Issues and Agenda Items**

**Jones**

- Meeting scheduled for November 28-December 2 in Boise.
- Request that all RMA items that need to be addressed at the meeting be sent to Business Manager for compilation.

#### **2. Aviation Committee Reinstatement**

**J. Kent Hamilton**

- Presented proposal to reinstate Aviation Committee under RMCG due to new environment in fire aviation.
  - New fleet of tankers, including jets.
  - Increased complexity of frequency management.
  - Need for coordination of training and succession in key aviation positions.
- Fedrizzi voiced opposition to reinstatement of committee:
  - Proper procedure was not followed for proposing reinstatement. Such proposals should come from RMCG through the agency representative, not the committee itself.
  - The Aviation Committee should be incorporated into the Operations Committee to ensure proper coordination.
- The need for a RMCG representative for the aviation committee was voiced.
- RMCG requests that Aviation Committee charter follow the RMCG standard format. Carter will provide template to Hamilton.
- Consensus was reached to reinstate the Aviation Committee, with Fedrizzi declaring reservations (for WY & CO BLM).

- Committee Charter is due for presentation at the RMCG Winter Meeting for review and approval.

### **3. Fire Prevention and Education Team Processes** **Homann**

- Follow-up on Spring Meeting agenda item to review selection process for FPET members.
- New recruitment and application documents were presented.
- Request was made to ensure coordination with the Operations Committee to avoid overlap with IMT member selection.
- Request was made to standardize the evaluation process for FPETs to match the IMT evaluations.
- Consensus was reached that documents were acceptable, and process should move forward.

### **4. Incident Business Committee Split** **Graham**

- Great Basin Coordinating Group made decision to split Rocky-Basin Incident Business Committee into two committees.
- Jones sent letter to Lowe to be signed and sent to GBCG regarding RMCG's stance on the issue (that the committees should remain unified). It is unclear if that letter was ever received by the GBCG.
- RMCG now faces issue of whether to maintain a business committee under RMCG.
- Jones will send another letter to GBCG on the issue and follow up by telephone week of November 14 to determine the following:
  - How was the decision made?
  - Why was the committee allowed to steer the decision for the GBCG?
  - Will this decision set the precedent for other splits of shared Rocky-Basin resources & rotations?
- Members are encouraged to send concerns to Jones for inclusion in his communications with GBCG chair.

### **5. Action Log Item Follow-Up & Housekeeping** **Malcolm**

- New Action Logs sent out via email to all members for review.
- Effort to update Action Logs for 2012 and clean up old items.
- Members requested to review the Action Logs for items they are responsible for.
- Business Manager will be following up by telephone with individuals in next week to get status updates.
- Committee Liaisons need to remind committee chairs to send calendar items to Business Manager for inclusion on RMCG calendar.

### **6. Winter Meeting** **Malcolm**

- Meeting dates: January 18-19, 2012 (17th & 20th travel days).
- Location: Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center  
2850 Youngfield Ave., Lakewood, Colorado
- Agenda items carried over from Fall Meeting.
- Request from USFS to add Dan Smith & National Succession Planning to agenda.
- Committee updates are due at this meeting
- Members requested to bring Delegations of Authority.
- All other agenda items should be sent to Business Manager for compilation and approval by chair.