



## **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 December 8, 2011, 09:30**

**In Attendance:**

**Facilitator**

Jim Fletcher

**Members**

Mark Boche

Dave Martin (for Hall)

Cliff Hutton (for Kerr)

Angie Foster (for Fedrizzi)

Michael Davin

Ross Hauck

Cal Pino

Rich Homann

**Business Manager**

Brooke Malcolm

**Guests**

Robert LaPlant (BIA)

**Unavailable**

Joe Lowe

Jeff Fedrizzi

Bob Jones

Don Westover

Ken Kerr

Dave Hall

Dave Carter

Bill Ott

Ron Graham

**1. Fuels & Prescribed Fire Committee**

- Question raised about whether or not committee should be in existence.
- Postponed until Jones is available as the committee liaison to join the discussion.

**2. New Conference Call Number**

- Recent change in providers will discontinue current call-in number.
- New Number: 888-858-2144, access code: 4665462#

**3. Winter Meeting Agenda**

- Overview of draft agenda, including old business carried over from Fall Meeting, Incident Management Team roster ratification, and RMCG Committee report-outs and roster approvals.
- Dan Smith will participate to discuss National Succession Planning and other topics.
- Business Manager will contact committee chairs to schedule ½-hour time slots for each committee's report.
- Requests for agenda items to be added:
  - RMCG Business Plan progress. (Davin)
  - USFS Record of Decision regarding use of retardant for wildland fires. (Boche)
  - Round-robin for each agency to share emerging 2012 policy changes that are likely to affect RMCG and the RMA. (Homann)

4. **Update on IMT Application Status** **Hutton**
- Deadline for applications has passed.
  - Selections will be made January 4 & 5 during Operations Committee meeting.
5. **NMAC/GMAC Overview** **Fletcher**
- Meeting covered many topics, including:
- Resolution on reporting for less-than-full suppression fires.
  - Due to the small fleet size, heavy airtanker management will now be handled by NICC. No GACC to GACC agreements for initial attack will exist for heavy airtankers.
  - All-hazard discussion included policy and authority limitations on participation by all agencies. More discussions are on the horizon.
  - New web portal for “one-stop shopping” for all incident reporting and information web pages—Complete Operating Picture (“COP”)—under development.
  - Radio Cache experiencing several problems. Name requests for radio kits, particularly for training exercises, will no longer be accepted.
  - Interagency Dispatch Improvement Project (IDIP) or Interagency Dispatch Optimization Pilot Project (IDOPP), is currently underway in Southwest Area and Region 5. Focus in Region 5 has been on incorporating law enforcement into the dispatch system and consolidation of dispatch centers. Participating GACCs will develop toolkits for other areas that wish to participate in the future.
  - Nelda St. Clair (former Center Manager at Western Great Basin) now in Great Basin operations position. Will be working on consolidating Western and Eastern Great Basin GACCs.
  - Succession Planning recommendations summary was presented. More information will be discussed at Winter Meeting.
6. **Impact of Travel Restrictions on Spring Meeting** **Boche**
- USFS has implemented travel caps, which greatly restrict the ability for personnel to attend meetings.
  - Likely that only Command & General Staff and new employees will be approved to travel to Grand Junction in April for the IMT Meetings.
  - Other federal agencies affected in similar ways.
  - Concern that complexion of meeting will change significantly if only C&G participates.
7. **FAST Mobilization Procedures Tasking** **Foster**
- Mob Guide product draft was sent by Fedrizzi to the others involved several weeks ago.
  - Might have been a problem with Fedrizzi’s e-mail, since no one received the message.
  - Draft was re-sent this morning and will be forwarded again by Business Manager to all recipients to ensure receipt.
8. **Meetings with State Fire Officials** **Boche**
- Boche and others will be meeting with Bill Crapser and others to discuss issues concerns and opportunities in Wyoming.
  - Would like to take information about status of Wyoming Dispatch Study. Currently, no updates available. Conference call later this week. Fedrizzi would be best person to address questions.
  - Plan also to meet with Homann and CSFS representatives to discuss AOP progress.
9. **Housekeeping** **Malcolm**
- RMCG final calendar will be distributed at Winter Meeting
  - Issue raised that Action Log on website is outdated. Business Manager will work to get most recent version posted immediately. Also working on process to improve timeliness of postings.