



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 February 2, 2012 – 09:30

In Attendance:

Members

Chair Bob Jones
Vice Chair Ken Kerr
Clair Brown (for Homann)
Jeff Fedrizzi
Jim McMahon (for Davin)
Dave Carter
Ron Graham
Steve Hasenohrl (for Dunn)
Cal Pino
Dave Hall
Mark Boche

Business Manager

Brooke Malcolm

Guests

Robert LaPlant (BIA)
Kelly Kane (Operations)
Glenn Bartter (RMACC)

Unavailable

Blair Dunn
Rich Homann
Bill Ott
Mike Davin
Ross Hauck
Jim Fletcher
Don Westover
Dan Smith

1. IMT Roster Finalization

Kane

- Working on clarifying process used for team selection this year. Will include in Ops Guide.
- Type 1 Team roster nearing completion.
- Glenn Bartter & Amy Stephens working on completion of Type 2 rosters.
 - Some delays are due to rostered individuals needing to be contacted by IC to confirm their assignment.
 - Some team members were placed on rosters without having applied for team.
- Mob Guide deadline for Type 2 rosters is Team Meeting in April. Working to expedite process.
 - Line officers expressing need for rosters to make decisions about travel to Team Meeting.
 - Draft rosters were distributed to Operations Committee members. These can be used by line officers until final versions are posted.
- Agency Administrator letter went out to RMCG members for distribution.
- Dan Dallas leaving Type 1 team—accepted as Type 2 IC(T) on Great Basin team.
 - Russ Long will assume Dallas' position as 2nd OSC1 (team carries 2 OSCs; the other is Dave Carter).
 - Dallas will be removed from priority trainee rotation.
 - Consensus reached to approve Dallas' request to join a team outside the RMA.

- Rationale for decision: Issue has been discussed before, and there was a replacement available to fill his position on the Type 1 team.
- Kane will contact Great Basin Operations Committee to communicate RMCG's decision.
- Consensus reached to approve Russ Long as replacement, with request for more formal process to be developed for future changes.
- Operations Committee (Kane) will develop a proposal to present changes to RMCG once per month for approval. Will be presented for consideration at next RMCG call on March 1.

2. **Type 1 Team Takeover**

Jones

- Fletcher requested that Jones contact Summerfelt to notify him that his request to step down from the Type 1 IC position in January was being honored.
 - Direct contact was not made—voicemail was left explaining that Hahnenberg would be assuming the IC position immediately.
 - Same was communicated to Hahnenberg.
- Question raised about which roster will be used until 2012-2013 rotation begins.
 - Proposal to use new roster immediately.
 - Mob Guide states that new roster takes effect after new rotation begins around Feb. 7 or 8. Still waiting on new Rocky-Basin rotation to be published by Eastern Great Basin.
 - Preparation is needed to switch to new roster from a logistical standpoint.
 - Fletcher has confirmed that new roster will be used immediately.
 - Have not yet received on-call roster from IC for immediate mobilization in current rotation.
 - Point raised that same issue comes up every year. General understanding is that once rosters are approved by RMCG, old team stands down and new team steps up.
 - Consensus reached to use new roster immediately.
- Question raised about whether or not Mob Guide timeline for roster activation needs to be changed.
 - Confusion with current language.
 - Should modify tasking from Fall Meeting to define Type 1 timelines in the Mob Guide to include the Type 2 timelines.
 - Consensus reached to modify original tasking. Due date: March 1 for RMCG Conference Call. Bartter will participate in the Operations Committee meeting (Feb. 14) to refine language.

3. **RMCG Accomplishments Letter**

Jones

- Clarification on whether the current chair or outgoing chair is responsible.
 - Current chair will assume responsibility and work with Business Manager to complete.
 - Suggestion to refer to Action Log and Recurring Action Log to glean accomplishments.
- Should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

4. **Letter of Support for Agency Outreach to State Rx Fire Councils**

Fedrizzi

- Should be final tasking for the outgoing Fuels/Rx Fire Committee.
- Follow-up to close loop on why committee was dissolved and move forward with momentum already developed with local councils.
- Tasking: Jones and Fedrizzi to make contact with Andy Bundshuh and Angie Foster. Jones to draft letter to be finalized and approved by RMCG.

5. **Letter to Agency Administrators (Spring Meeting Attendance)** **Malcolm**
- Forwarded to all RMCG members for distribution. Included agenda for Team Meeting.
 - Hotel/logistics information was sent out to Operations Committee members for distribution to meeting attendees.
6. **Training Committee Tasking Update** **Kerr**
- Formal tasking for evaluation of course approval process and “verbal” tasking to resolve S-372 issue were both delivered by e-mail to Ron Simpson.
 - Informal tasking was outlined by Kerr for clarification.
 - No follow-up since e-mail was sent on January 24th, but confirmed receipt with Simpson when it was sent.
 - Update on progress will be sent out via Business Manager within next 2 weeks.
7. **Zone Team Task Group Update** **Jones**
- First meeting of the Task Group is scheduled for February 9th at 1030.
 - Conference call on RMCG line.
 - Agenda to discuss schedule of work.
 - Include discussion about national strategies.
8. **Platte Canyon IHC Certification Process** **Kane/Fedrizzi**
- Clair Brown submitted letter requesting certification of crew.
 - Certification has been initiated.
 - First 5 of 19 steps in Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations certification list have been completed.
 - Steps 6 to 19 consist of assembling certification team.
 - Informal request in to Larry Money to begin this process.
 - Formal completed certification will be sent to RMCG for approval, then RMACC will need to send to NICC.
 - Process well underway and completion anticipated in time for 2012 fire season.
 - Award nomination submitted for Dave Hamrick.
9. **Information Updates** **Malcolm**
- Reminder to send in contact information changes for committee chairs and calendar entries for the RMCG calendar.
 - Awards nominations: some received already. Please send any other nominations to Business Manager as soon as possible.
10. **RMCG Charter Review** **Kerr**
- Committees Section:
 - Remove Fuels and Rx Fire Committee
 - Amend Business Committee title
 - Add appendices for Operating Plan and Consensus Model.
11. **Team C Leadership** **Jones**
- Question raised that if Lowe is retiring, will he remain Team C IC?
 - Lowe has retired, but is now a seasonal employee with State of South Dakota.
 - Letter of confirmation of employment will be sent by State of South Dakota (Hasenohrl) as formal documentation of Lowe’s position.
 - Intent was for Lowe to complete training of priority trainee Del Grosso to take over Team C.

- o Does not preclude other qualified applicants from being considered when time comes to replace Lowe.
- o More information on the future of Team C will be forthcoming after Esperance assumes his position.