



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 October 4, 2012 – 09:30

In Attendance:

Members

Chair Bob Jones
Steve Hasenohrl (for Esperance)
Dave Hall
Rocco Snart
Cal Pino
Bill Ott
Jeff Fedrizzi
Mike Davin
Dan Smith

Unavailable

Vice Chair Ken Kerr
Dave Carter
Ron Graham
Jim Fletcher
Don Westover
Ross Hauck

Guests

Dwight Henninger (CO)

Business Manager

Brooke Malcolm

1. NWCG Succession Plan Update

Smith

- Implementation of Evolving Incident Management is underway.
- Assigned work units to address eight major pathways for implementation.
- All documents available on NWCG website
- Hired contractor Barry Matthias as full-time project manager.
- Eight pathways:
 - IMT Typing: conversion to Type 1 for federally-sponsored teams.
 - IMT Governance and Mobilization: determine locations of 40 federally-sponsored teams, surge capacity, mobilization procedures, IMT standard operating procedures, etc.
 - IMT Composition: trainees, standard positions, etc.
 - IMT Augmentation: transition to service center or module approach
 - Transition of Area Command to strategic command model
 - NIMO
 - Single Qualification System
 - Overarching Principles
- Encourage representatives from all geographic areas to get involved in planning and implementation.
- Implementation begins in 2014, with full implementation in 2016.
- RMCG should continue with internal succession strategic planning, as per Executive tasking due in January at Winter Meeting.

2. **Wyoming Dispatch Review Updates** **Fedrizzi**
 - BLM Wyoming leadership that requested review has changed hands.
 - Meeting October 11 to discuss direction under new leadership.
 - Fedrizzi will ensure communication to RMCG decisions regarding next steps.

3. **NMAC/GMAC Meeting Update** **Smith**
 - Date changed to Jan 9 & 10 in Boise.
 - Want to tie in with RMCG members for possible attendance.

4. **Operations Committee Liaison Selection** **All**
 - Looking for volunteer to assume role as soon as possible.
 - Meeting October 16-17 in Cheyenne.
 - Bill Ott volunteered to assume the role.
 - Organizational knowledge and tenure on RMCG will be assets to the position.
 - Esperance volunteered via e-mail, but is willing to stand aside for Ott.
 - Concern raised over possible conflict of interest for Esperance, as he will likely be Team C IC.
 - Consensus reached to appoint Ott as new Operations Committee Liaison to RMCG.

5. **Operations Committee Chair Selection & Rotation** **Fedrizzi**
 - Will be discussed and agreed upon at Operations Committee meeting October 16-17.

6. **Type 1 Team Priority** **Fedrizzi**
 - Looking for affirmation of the priority status of the Type 1 IMT for filling positions.
 - Need for priority based upon level of commitment of national Type 1 team and difficulty of finding qualified team members.
 - Agreement that given future movement toward 40 Type 1 teams nationally, it makes sense to prioritize Type 1 team staffing ahead of other teams.

7. **Status of Team C Incident Commander Joe Lowe** **Fedrizzi**
 - At time of team selection in January, Joe Lowe was exempted from the sunset rule in the Mob Guide due to the shortage of Type 2 IC applicants.
 - Exemption was intended to extend until qualified IC trainee was qualified.
 - Need confirmation that Lowe will be replaced by another qualified IC, given that applications include five qualified ICs available to cover three Type 2 teams.
 - Recommendation for Operations Committee to present Lowe with letter of thanks explaining current situation, and follow-up with award at Spring team meeting.
 - Special thanks to GATR Kim Bang for her assistance with IC trainee certifications.

8. **Proposed RMCG Charter Amendment** **Snart**
 - All responsibilities for wildland fire have been transferred to Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. No further responsibility lies with the Colorado State Forest Service.
 - Suggestion to make amendments to RMCG Charter and present to Executive Group Chair Bill Crapser for approval.
 - More discussion will take place at Fall Meeting in Lander, WY. Need to complete charter amendments by beginning of 2013.

9. **All-Hazard Representation on RMCG** **Henninger**
 - All-Hazards program from FEMA Region 8 is interested in being involved with RMCG and assisting with projects and incidents moving forward.
 - Need decision about what future participation from this group will look like.

- Decision regarding RMCG involvement may rest with Executive Group.
- Concern raised that all-hazard involvement in RMCG may overexert agency resources, and mission creep is also a possibility.
- Formalization of the relationship could take the form of creation of a liaison position, an ad hoc task group, or a standing committee.
- Suggest formal proposal be developed for Fall Meeting and presented by Kerr, Ott, Snart, Henninger, and any other state representatives who wish to participate.

10. Fall Meeting Agenda

Malcolm

- Final draft will be sent to Chair for approval today.
- Agenda is full, and should consume both days as scheduled.
- Request to add discussion about RMACC Information Management, in light of Steve Segin's departure.

11. Type 1 Team Availability

Fedrizzi

- Pete Blume is unavailable through month of October.
- NIMG states that team must stand down if primary IC is unavailable and no deputy IC is available.
- Ops Committee recommends stand-down through October. Normal availability will resume when Blume returns.

12. Forest Service Personnel Announcement

Ott

- Beginning October 9, Fire & Aviation Management will have new 120-day detailed Acting Director, Willie Thompson from Region 5.