



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 6, 2012 – 13:00

In Attendance:

Members

Chair Bob Jones
Vice Chair Ken Kerr
Mike Davin
Cal Pino
Dave Carter
Dave Hall
Dwight Henninger
Jay Esperance
Angie Foster
Rocco Snart

Unavailable

Ron Graham
Bill Ott
Willie Thompson
Don Westover
Dan Smith
Ross Hauck

Facilitator

Jim Fletcher

Business Manager

Brooke Malcolm

1. **RMCG Chair Rotation** **Davin**
 - New chair rotation ready to be approved and finalized.
 - Will be incorporated to Operating Plan, and pertinent changes will be made to Charter.
 - Consensus reached to approve new rotation. Davin will make necessary changes and distribute new Operating Plan and Charter for approval at Winter Meeting.

2. **Training Committee Liaison** **Jones**
 - Chair spoke to Ross Hauck and he has agreed to step down as liaison.
 - Angie Foster volunteered to assume liaison position, and is still willing.
 - Recommendation to discuss liaison position and promote continuity when new BLM Wyoming representative is hired and joins RMCG, as Foster may not be permanent RMCG representative.
 - Consensus to appoint Foster as new Training Committee Liaison.

3. **WIMS/RAWS/NFDRS Committee** **Kerr**
 - Ott, Thompson & Kerr working to finalize draft letter to Governor of Colorado. Will be passed to Paul Cooke before Christmas for review before it is sent to Governor's office.
 - Task group feels that independent review of RAWS system operation and maintenance may be unnecessary due to previous reviews and 95% performance reliability.
 - Chartering of new committee is next step.
 - Reminder to all members to contact agency representatives volunteered for committee.
 - Carter will be new committee liaison; will contact individuals nominated at Fall Meeting to start chartering process. Business Manager will send list of nominees to Carter for action.

4. **Nebraska Relationships** **Kerr**
- McMahon reported back that meeting in Lincoln was successful.
 - Issues were addressed and started to be resolved.
 - NEMA will begin taking stronger or leadership role in interagency wildland fire system in Nebraska.
 - McMahon plans to do more in-depth presentation and discussion at Winter Meeting.
5. **Team C Zone Team Status** **Jones**
- Letter to Great Plains Zone Board is in progress.
 - Operations Committee drafted verbiage for 2013 Mob Guide, which is included in letter.
 - Fletcher requests removal of Operations Committee Chair as part of decision process for using Team C outside the zone.
 - Consensus to omit Operations Committee from approval process.
 - Letter will be sent to Chair for signature and distribution.
6. **RMA Succession Planning** **Fletcher**
- Documents from 2008 were distributed to RMCG members.
 - Reminder to review and come prepared to discuss and make revisions at Winter Meeting in January.
7. **Dispatch & Leadership Vacancies** **Kerr**
- Key dispatch positions in RMA are remaining vacant for long periods of time.
 - Budget constraints and other issues have negatively affected recruitment and retention for dispatch positions.
 - Length of vacancies impacts functionality of dispatch system.
 - Encourage RMCG members to assist with filling vacant positions as quickly as possible.
 - RMCG may need to elevate issue to Executive Group to help minimize length of vacancies and develop strategy for recruiting high-quality candidates.
8. **Team Meeting Agenda & Logistics**
- Need details about meeting (location, etc.) from Ron Graham.
 - Todd Richardson is lead IC for agenda coordination.
 - Fletcher will talk to Richardson & Graham about including dispatch community on agenda.
 - Center Managers will also be meeting at same time in same place, and looking to participate.
9. **IMT Application Status**
- New system seems to be working well.
 - Minor technical problems, but system seems easy to use for most.
10. **InfoEd Tasking** **Fletcher**
- Tasking being drafted for RMACC fire information plan.
 - Kerr clarified intent of tasking with committee Chair.
 - Draft tasking will be circulated for comments before it is delivered to committee. Responses requested by Friday 12/14.

11. Awards

Malcolm

- Please provide Business Manager with names of award nominees as soon as possible after first of January.

12. Winter Meeting Plans & Agenda

Malcolm

- Attendees travel January 22, meeting January 23 & 24, then travel home January 25.
- Will check on block of rooms at Holiday Inn Express, per request. List of hotels in the area will be distributed as soon as possible.
- Reminder to committee liaisons to contact committee chairs to request report-outs.
 - Business Manager will contact committee chairs to schedule report-outs.