



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

Bureau of Indian Affairs (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)

Bureau of Land Management (Colorado and Wyoming)

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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 January 9, 2013 – 0930 MST

In Attendance:

Members

- Chair** Ron Graham
- Vice Chair** Mike Davin
- Jay Esperance
- Rocco Snart
- Kyle Cowan
- Shane Greer (*for Ott*)
- Willie Thompson
- Todd Richardson
- Bob Jones
- Dave Carter
- Cal Pino

- Dave Hall
- Earl Imler
- Ross Hauck
- Dan Smith
- Jim McMahill
- Facilitator** VACANT
- Business Manager** Brooke Malcolm

Ex-Officio

- Chad Ray

Guests

- Dave Niemi
- Dwight Henninger

I. Updates on SAT Report Action Items

- A. Per Ott: USFS has nothing new to report, and it is unlikely any additional AARs will be scheduled.

II. Reminders:

- A. Committee liaisons should reach out to committee chairs for feedback on Consensus Decision Model. Will be discussed at Winter Meeting.
- B. Forward suggested agenda items for FEC to Business Manager for discussion at Winter Meeting.
- C. RMCG Members need to submit Delegations of Authority to Business Manager no later than Winter Meeting. Samples were distributed in December for reference.
- D. RMCG Members should communicate with aviation staff regarding critical information sharing.

III. Issue Paper: Regional Prepositioning of Resources

Dave Niemi

- A. Topic arose from 2013 fire season; issues with proper coordination of prepositioned resources.
 - Level 1 Prepo: Self-sufficient prepositioned resources would be assigned to a regional preposition order reporting to designated dispatch zone for coordination and administration; RMACC would manage ROSS incidents for each dispatch zone, all charging to the R02 Preposition code.
 - Level 2 Prepo: Triggered when local unit cannot manage prepositioned resources due to local IA demands; self-sufficient prepositioned resources would be housed at a specified location (i.e. armory) to relieve burden from local zone.

- Level 3 Prepo: Non-self-sufficient resources would be housed at a mob center/staging area managed by RMACC.
- B. Graham recommends that Operations Committee work closely with Incident Business Committee for procurement and with RMACC for coordination and further development of a formal plan.
 - C. Henninger suggests that often larger costs associated with mob centers are related to comprehensive administrative and business support to resources. A simpler organization can be much more cost-effective.
 - D. Pino commented that approving the concept will provide the committee with a starting point for more in-depth planning.
 - E. Members concur that concept is approved. Minutes of this call will serve as documentation of that approval, with direction to the Operations Committee to continue further development of the concept.

IV. Winter Meeting Agenda Review

Graham

- A. Agenda is fairly full with items from Fall Meeting, previous conference calls and Recurring Action Log.
- B. Chair requests addition of report-out on GACGAC/NMAC/GMAC meeting by Graham and/or Bartter.
- C. Jones requests brief presentation on Issue Paper: Situations That Shout Watch Out and the Common Denominators; Issue Paper was distributed for review on 1/10/14.
- D. Smart still awaiting response from Donovan Puffer re: FEMA roles during MAC activation.
- E. Chair will forward more information about location of Winter Meeting in coming weeks. Lodging information is available also.

V. Spring Meeting Planning Updates

Davin

- A. Aiming to finalize Little America contract during last week of January.
- B. Dan Smith expected to attend Spring Meeting.
- C. Slight change in schedule will be communicated to all attendees soon.
- D. Chair notes that most other Geographic Areas do not incorporate the IMTs into the planning process as much as the RMA does; also unique to bring ICs and Executives together prior to the meeting.
- E. Esperance commended Niemi and the Operations Committee for their hard work planning and coordinating this meeting and other IMT-related activities.

VI. Updates from GACGAC/NMAC/GMAC Meeting

Graham

- A. RMA did not submit response to NWCG memo requesting feedback on Incident Management Team distribution analysis for Evolving Incident Management strategy. Deadline was January 3, 2014, but NWCG has extended deadline and recommended all GAs submit responses.
 1. Current prescription for RMA is a reduction of one IMT to three total.

2. Chair suggests assigning a task group to write response prior to Winter Meeting. Interested members should contact Graham.
 3. Northern Rockies Coordinating Group has written a letter to RMCG on this issue, which Esperance will share with the Chair.
- B. Incident Management Recruitment Periods
1. Proposal from NMAC to use two recruitment periods for IMTs: one in Spring and one in Fall. Each GA will be assigned to one or the other to accommodate different timing for fire seasons.
 2. Niemi believes that the current arrangement is the best one for this GA, given timing of fire season here. Other Members agree, with request from Cowan for Operations Committee to provide RMCG with more thorough analysis.
 3. Chair will provide feedback to NMAC that RMA is comfortable with its current arrangement and does not wish to change its recruitment schedule.
 4. Esperance notes that even with current recruitment schedules and flexible restrictions, there were almost 150 positions that were in shortage between the four RMA teams. Increasing restrictions will only make that situation worse.

VII. Round-Robin

- A. Esperance will be attending and speaking at the R2/R4 Hotshot meeting as an Agency Administrator and Incident Commander; requests topics from RMCG members to take forward.
1. Pino requests feedback on IHC perspective on having Type 2/2 IA crews assisting them on fires (including crew standards, fitness, proper utilization of Type 2/2 IA crews).
 2. Cowan adds that IHC support was critical during floods in Colorado for many operational needs.
- B. Snart updated on status of Colorado Statewide AOP: Pino has scanned and sent his signature; document is ready for final signature by DFPC director.