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### **Fall Meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **Manhattan, Kansas**

**Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Present:**

Jim Fletcher (Advisor)  
Bob Jones  
Dave Carter  
Joe Lowe  
Bill Crapser (Exec Liaison)  
Jason Baldwin  
Ken Kerr  
Rich Homann  
Cal Pino  
Dave Hall  
Ray Weidenhaft  
Mike Davin  
Bill Ott  
Ross Hauck  
Wendy Hall (Business Manager)

**Unavailable:**

Mark Boche  
Don Westover

**I. Review of Consensus Decision Model**

- There are times it can be quite problematic. We are still learning. Promotes more discussion. RMCG will continue to use and refine over time.

**II. Bill Crapser (Executive Liaison)**

- Issues from Execs: Succession Planning; The report that was done several years ago and where do we stand on that? With the National concern with succession planning, how move forward with all of that.
- Last several years of fairly light fire activity and how that is tied to succession planning, maintaining qualifications, and safety.

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### **What concerns RMCG has to take back to the Execs?**

- Insurance Companies hiring firefighters: The concern is liability. How is this going to affect our incident management teams if we get involved in approving these insurance teams to go into some of these homes that are under a particular insurance policy and what happens if there is a burn over.  
  
Rich has a template on the process to handling these insurance resources on incidents that he will share.
- This is not unique to Rocky Mountain and probably needs to be address at the National level.
- Issue with regards to succession strategy and allowing RMA individuals to go outside the GACC to gain experience and training. One individual has requested permission to go outside the GACC and have been denied permission from RMCG.
- Seem to be acting on a lot of rumors. Need to be careful and not move on a rumor until all of the facts are straight.
- Issue of where RMCG should go to get legal advice? When facing a law suit, where should we go?
- Issue of expanding the membership of the Coordinating Group to include members like FEMA, and OEM? We are looking at non-traditional sources for out teams which could lead to representatives from their host agency.

### **III. NWCG/RMCG Succession Strategy- Bill Ott**

- Execs back in 2007 tasked RMCG to develop a succession strategy to keep teams going.
- A subset of RMCG put together in April 2008 a strategy with three alternatives.
  - 1 Maintain status quo
  - 2 5 Incident Management Teams
  - 3 4 Incident Management Teams
- August of 2008 the Execs gave us their selected alternative which was 4 teams: 1 Type 1 and 3 Type 2 Teams.
- Along with that was the decision to develop an action plan.
- Additional strategic attributes of the two configured alternatives (10).
- May of 2010 tasked the Ops Committee to updated the succession action plan (see Action Plan)

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- Ops committee is meeting next week to develop a short term set of process for recruitment and retention of RMA IMTs. This is also in the context of about four other succession strategies.
- They are working on creating some roles and responsibilities for the other RMA committees that are interconnected with the Succession Strategy.
- Need to look at the September 2008 action plan and recognize that Ops committee has already taken some of those things in there and already applied them.
- Need a bridge between the 2008 plan and what the Ops Committee has already accomplished.
- Need to look at the strategy and the wording in the mob guide and limit the "will" and "shale" language.
- Struggle to get participation because everyone has a day job. A lot of these people are collateral duty.
- We talk about recruiting non-traditional partners, it's not the ops committee that's going to make that happen, it's the Execs that are going to make that happen.
- Need to convince at the State level and the Governor's office what's in it for them.
- Diversity of task books: a way to combine?
- NR has completed a crosswalk for positions that have similar responsibilities.
- NR has been embracing including Sheriffs, Fire Wardens, and OEM.
- Status update on the report is a good tool to let the Execs know what we have done and what we have not done.
- NWCG is looking for suggestions on this topic.

#### **IV. Report Outs by Committees**

##### **Geospatial Committee: Elise Bowne (phone)**

- Updated their charter as requested by RMCG
- Updated all of the material for wildfire support for geospatial
- Helped support the Geospatial part of the MAC exercise last spring
- Did get a BIA representative Mark Browning
- Several members supported the various wildfires around the GACC and Nationally
- Also assisted with other natural disasters
- WFDSS: There seems to be no data management plan and no standards for data management. Considering writing a white paper that tie in other database issues at National Level.
- Data Management for RMACC and for when people when they go on assignment

**Task: Write an issue paper with regards to the lack of a database management plan.**

##### **Fire Program Analysis-Reeve Armstrong (phone)**

- The 2009 Rocky Mountain area was successfully submitting the 2009 analysis.
- The RMA FPA Committee submitted 2009 Geographic Area Review and was sent out to all agency lines.

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- It has been submitted to the FPA Team Leads in Boise.
- Donna Shultz is the FPA project lead has left the project.
- Joe Frost of the USFS and Jamie Cocheck of the DOI are now the co-leads.
- The Executive Oversight group has gone through a name change. They are now just the Oversight Group. As about five minutes ago, their charter was signed by the Federal Fire Policy Committee
- The signing of the Charter is significant for field and the Geographic Areas in that we will hopefully have some interagency guidance for 2011 by the end of this month.
- The 2010 analysis is being completed by FPA this year due to a lot of the issues and problems brought up by the FPU's in the different geographic areas and the GA review. It's being done by the project itself.
- The 2011 guidance, will basically be telling the geographic areas and the field what will be happening in 2011.
- It is looking like for 2011, the field will not need to be doing an analysis themselves. That will be done for them by a through a group going to be called the Analysis Working Team. They are looking for nominations for this Working Team as we speak. They will be performing the analysis for all 137 FPU's. There is recruitment out. It is not clear right now what other responsibilities the Working Team will have.
- They are looking at 8 to 12 people on this Working Team.
- This may go on to 2012 and do that analysis. The thought behind this is to lessen the impact to the field.
- We are not so sue 8 to 12 people is enough. The timeline is very aggressive. Things keep getting pushed back. It is all very much is a work in progress. Not sure how much of a work load there will be on the Working Team.

### **Training Committee-Rodney Windsor (phone)**

- MOU issue; the big problem in the 2008 Field Manager's Course Guide, the language did not allow for non-NWCG training providers to issue certificates with the NWCG logo on it.
- The Training Committee is looking for some guidance and direction from RMCG.
- In 2009, they changed the wording so that they could issue certificates if they had an agreement.
- For RMA the, only ones on the agreement are First (?) Community College, Colorado Fire Camp, and Colorado Fire Academy.
- The Training Committee would like some direction on how to proceed and who will sign it.
- In the past we have talked about not doing MOU's at all. The good thing about that would be not having the liability.
- The down side, then who is keeping track of classes that are going on.
- Tasking: Training Committee is looking for guidance/direction/decision on how we are going to proceed with the MOU process and the signatures to that. Who is going to sign off when an entity has taught a course, who is going to sign the certificate.
- The Training Committee needs to change wording in charter on consensus.



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- May need to investigate Wyoming and Nebraska as well.
- For now maybe leave the MOU's as is and continue to work on a good solid foundation on this MOU issue.
- Ron Simpson will be the incoming chair.
- Also been supporting Kim Bang with the training needs analysis.

### **Fuels Management and Prescribed Fire Committee- Update from Jeff Fedrizzi (given by Jason Baldwin)**

- The Fuels Charter got update. Jeff has asked Angie Foster, who is the new Wyoming BLM Fuels Lead, if she is interested in being the new Chairperson. She is. That's pending approval from the Committee.
- Looking to put an Rx burn boss workshop together potentially in Denver in February.
- Need to follow up and be sure it is focused on lessons learned. There have been problems in the past because it (the burn boss workshop) has focused on research. It needs to go back to what it was intended: lessons learned and what's going on out there.
- The Charter does have the consensus model and they have changed their name from Fire Use to Fuels Management and Prescribed Fire. Charter looks like it is good to sign.

### **Information/Education Committee- Ron Graham (phone)**

- Finished up our three conference calls for the year and have one meeting face to face scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> in Cheyenne.
- We've updated our Charter with the changes to the charter.
- Still working on getting the some of the notes out and posted to the web sight and out to RMCG and the other Committees Chairs.
- Did a PSA on debris burning. The title was "Learn Before You Burn". Getting some mixed reviews. I think overall was a pretty good project and hope to build on that.
- At the end of the calendar year will be transitioning out as chair. The new chair will be Lynn Barkly from the BLM. The vice-chair is going to be staffed by Colorado State Forest Service. Katherine Tim (?). Still have a vacancy from US FWS.
- Our face to face meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> will be at the state capital. There will be presentations from each state. If anyone is interested in attending, let Ron know and he will get you information on the agenda and meeting details.
- We are presenting an award to Russell Wenke. He was one of the long time members of the committee. Russ turned in his resignation to the committee. There will be a plaque that will be presented to him in December at the Rural Wyoming Firefighters Association. That is now a vacancy we have on the committee getting some rural Wyoming fire representation.
- On page 2 of the charter, wording states Wyoming State Forestry Division. Ron will make the change.





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### **V. Spring Meeting- Joe Lowe**

- Still need to get the agreement with the hotel
- He is working on getting a speaker for the Spring Meeting

### **Incident Business Management- David Lucus (phone)**

- 2010 Assignments: there was minimal fire activity, but many finance personnel did find assignments.
- 2010 Incident Business Management Update: similar to prior years, and incident business management update was provided at IMT meetings and via web ex teleconference. A similar update is planned for 2011. Generally the update is anything new from over the winter.
- FS Conference calls: due to limited fire activity, these calls were brief but still occurred and remain a successful tool to communicate with incident business personnel throughout the Area.
- Coordination and Contract Solicitations: implementation of best value contracting continues. Sue Huston and Joel Butzin remain the leads for the team and are doing an outstanding job supporting.
- Buying Team Coordination: BUYT Coordinator is working well; multiple RM/GB assignments; performance evaluations have been received and will be discussed at our fall meeting.
- Meetings: Spring-February 16-19 in Lakewood, CO. Focus is pre-season preparations and operating guidelines. Fall-November 8-10 in Reno NV. Focus is after-action on 2010 season and developing the 2011 Action Plan.
- Geographic Supplements: 2010 supplements to the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook were issues for Chapter 20: Acquisition; Chapter 30: Property Management; Chapter 40: Incident Business Management; and Chapter 50: Cooperative Relations. 2011 updates will be included with finalization of the committee action plan.
- Charter Revision: the RM/GB Incident Business Committee supports two geographic areas. We have discussed the proposed changes and recommend no change for this committee. However, we will discuss further at our fall meeting.
- RMCG members were okay with leaving the discussion for the consensus model for their fall meeting.
- One issue was mentioned from the Coordination Center. The Buying Team Rotation did not go well. Out of 6 orders, 6 times the Buying Team was unavailable when they were on rotation.

### **VI. Development of the RMCG Business Plan- Mike Davin**

- How do we conduct business?
- Objective is to come up with what the content would look like for the operating plan.
- Come up with a table of contents for, and then work on parts later.

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- Want a viable document that can be added or changed without going through a formal process. May review annually.
- This is a subset of the charter.
- Need an introductory statement- to give further definition of process and procedures (i.e. an into statement)
- page 3 of Mark's document: Beliefs
- Core Values/Guiding Principles
- May have to rewrite parts of the charter to better mesh with the operating plan.
- Current Charter has parts referring to operation.

### Business Plan

1. Beef up Preamble- tasked to Joe.
  - How to deal with stuff
  - Don't want to be redundant
2. Separate Charter and Operating Plan items
3. Business Plan captures operating principles
  - administrative side to operating guide
  - an appendix to the charter
4. Table of Contents for RMCG
  - A. Intro Statement for Ops Plan
    - further definition of Process and Procedures to RMCG
    - related to charter or include charter
  - B. Guiding Principles and Core Values
    - relate to key charter statements
    - values
    - principles
    - code of ethics
    - conflict of interest
5. Decision Making Model
  - description of consensus model used
6. Meeting Management
  - RMCG Meeting Coordination
  - Spring IMT Meeting

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- Fall/Winter Meeting
- Logistics
- Agenda Development
- Executive Sessions

### 7. Records Management

- Storage (retention and location)
- Awards
- Minutes
- Sensitive Info

### 8. Roles & Responsibilities

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Committee Liaison
- Business Manager
- Members/attendance
- Dispatch Center Liaison

### 9. Personnel Stuff

- award & criteria
- IMT Management/Evaluation
- disciplinary issues

### 10. RMCG Day Job Stuff

- Ratification of Team Recommendations
- Ratify Mob Guides
- Liaison to Zone Dispatch Center
- Approve Committee Charters
- Approve Special/Sub Committees
- Assign Tasking to Committees
- Bother Executives
- Resolution of Issue Papers
- 420/520/620n Applications

### 11. MAC

- duty officers
- MAC Coordination
- When MAC is called

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-Refer to MAC Operating Plan

12. Financial/Budget Process

- meeting support
- dispatch support
- IMT support
- How/Who/What
- Formal vs. Informal

13. Investigation/Review

- FAST
- SAIT
- Non-Serious Accident Review

14. Accreditation

- training/qualification

15. Issue Papers

- processes
- content

16. Committees

- Group Tasks
- Report Out
- Action Logs
- Distribution of minutes

17. Legal Protocols

- responsibilities
- lead agency specific

**VII. Substitution IC-Davin**

- Mike presented an issue paper that Paul Summerfelt had written with regards to substitution ICs for the Type 1 Team.
- Paper needs to be flushed out more and clarify intent
- Would be good to present at the NMACC/GMACC meeting
- Mike will work with Paul on refining the paper and get it submitted up to NMACC on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Operations Committee Report Out- Chuck Russell**

- Updating of Committee Charter: will have email to RMCG the 28<sup>th</sup> of October
- Vacancy filling process: working on
- Have meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>
- Working on IMT application process and adding to the operations guide so that there is no gray area have everything step by step for the application process.
- Succession Strategy and Action Plan; have not been able to make much progress; have been focusing on other issues. Working on developing a time line and tasking within the tasking
- Going to be working on 420/520/620 selection reviews.
- Going to be talking to the IHC and getting their evaluations. Also going to talk to them about rotations and how they went.
- Task: RMCG needs Ops committee to complete status section of the action log**
- Master Action log also needs to be updated.
- Paul Hohm will be the next Ops Committee Chair for the rest of the year
- Task: Filling of Vacancies for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year on IMT's. RMCG needs to a letter out soliciting for applications by November 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Having the RMCG meeting prior to the Ops Committee meeting causes issues. Be preferable to having the Ops committee meeting before the Fall Meeting.
- They start to look at applications in January

### **VIII. Report Out by ICs-Hahnenberg, Richardson, Pechota, and Lowe**

#### **Large Fires**

##### **Hahneberg (for Summerfelt):**

- No work due to the slow fire season for the Type 1 Team
- NIMO teams are stealing assignments
- Agencies don't/won't use Type 1 Teams on their jurisdiction due to time delay and added cost.
- NWCG sanctioned IMT Succession Planning effort will eventually eliminate Teams
- Puts frustration and concerns for the team members. The big picture being what's the future for the Type 1 Team.
- Looking to see if there are any vacancies or holes on the team. Will know soon.
- 2 Issue Papers: 1. Director, Supervisor, and/or Unit Leader replacement; 2. IC/C&G Replacement; all or part of Rotation.
- For Spring Meeting, Area Commander Loach to do a simulation to help "clear the fog of inaction"
- The ops group has already been assigned the task of replacing Director, Supervisor, and/or Unit Leader. Already in process.

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### **Hahneneberg: Medano (Handout)**

- Ordered short and complexity was increasing.
- Looked at some alternatives and determined need full team.
- With different management objectives, it was a significant balancing act.
- Sat down with agency administrators and FMO's to develop management strategy.
- Daily communication when had two components (east/west) was difficult.

### **Richardson: Four Mile Canyon**

- One element to be addressed #6. "How well did the Team anticipate and respond to changing conditions, was response timely and effective?"
- The team knew what was coming and ordered a Type 1 Team by 9 pm the first night of their assignment.
- What it meant was the relationship between EOCs and geographical dispatch centers and the ordering process. But of relationship/ordering unclarities between Fort Collins and the local EOC it took two days to get some folks to realize that this ordering process needed to be singular in point. Todd agreed to accept the 2 rating to ignite a discussion on how we are going to cooperate locally especially as WUI type of fires emerges.
- The WFDSS process, just have to get better at it. Be sure all the players get involved and be sure someone else doesn't do the work for them.

### **Pechota**

#### **Beaver Fire**

- Season started Memorial Day weekend on the Beaver Fire; totally wind driven,
- Work approximated 9.4 work years with on serious injuries other than one spangled knee
- Helped local unit with WFDSS development.

#### **Parkdale Canyon**

- Another wind driven fire in the urban interface
- The local initial and extended attack forces made a lot of saves.
- The political and economic sensitivity were a challenge (closing of Railroad and River to rafting)
- Went out of their way to be sensitive to those who lost homes; developed a strategy to protect them.
- No significant accidents or injuries.
- The thing that was unique was that had a 1200 close out. Broke camp, had close out, and made it to Estes Park for in briefing at 1800. Showed a lot of dedication of folks especially logistics.

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### **Cow Creek**

- Was different in that it was a remote fire yet was highly visible. Had different objectives from the agencies.
- They were able to work closely with the agencies officials
- Helped the Park in the development and refinement of the WFDSS process.
- Used the WFDSS to develop the Long Term Plan.
- Highly of this fire was the safety record that had to rely heavily on aviation assets to support the 4 or 5 crews.
- NWCG Guidance in relation to the Dutch Creek Mitigation Measures: there are a lot of significant challenges. Not sure how well prepared we truly are to implement that guidance.
- We worked through the editor of the National Lessons Learned and wrote an after action review.
- Once the appropriate strategy was determined, we had complete support to put the Dutch Creek measures in the fore front and try to brake some new grown to dispel some myths on short haul capabilities.

### **Round Mountain**

- Only about a 3 day event from the time we took the fire to meeting the objectives.
- No accidents or injuries.
- Able to some things for cost containment between the two fires.
- Succession Planning: We were able to get a new Plans Chief signed off. Almost have a Finance Section, Logistics and Ops Chief signed off.

**Richardson:** With those WFDSS skills, there is a learning skill. Need clear direction on how multiple agencies are suppose to work together. Will require folk's attention will take effort to blend all the agencies. Have to welcome all in no matter what percentage is responsible. Need to welcome all to the table.

### **Lowe**

**Medano:** the two agencies not working well together was really hard on the team. Wasn't until 2 to 3 days before they left assignment was there a common set of WFDSS objectives.

- The NPS was readily available, the other was not.
- Trainees were used heavily.

**Richardson:** Insurance Crews: One crew had an agreement with Boulder County. They were very cooperative and followed directions from Sheriff and Ops folks. They attended briefings and made themselves available to communicate. Didn't have any issues with the insurance crews.



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### **VIV.Coordination Issues: Fletcher**

#### **Post Season-**

- 2163 wildfires for 116,000 acres. 88 MMO fires. 459 Rx burns for almost 86,000 acres. Had about 10,000 resource order transactions in Ross. One resource order is about 4-5 transactions.

**Hauck:** In Kansas, burned over 2 million acres for Rx. Because of local jurisdiction they are not required to report.

#### **Highlights:**

- Medano, Cow Creek; are the first fires and are still burning. Four Mile and Reservoir Road were also noteworthy.
- Four Mile was the most catastrophic from structure loss.
- Spent a lot of time in Bark Beetle mobilization which had a dual benefit in pre-staging resources to respond to these fires.
- Oil spill; close to 3,000 people nationally and almost 300 within the geographic area. The consequences, there are probably 2,000 technical specialists that have nothing to do with fire.
- Morning briefings most agencies were available, operations briefing was helpful, multimedia briefing was popular in the field. Had some pretty significant incidents and had all the resources we needed.
- Have a nice cadre to help us beef up and keep ahead of the curve.
- Had a direct line to the ICs that allowed Jim to cut through the chase and short cut a lot of issues.

#### **Concerns:**

- For the Colorado, Front Range, how do we improve coordination between county, federal, and state coordination during emergency wildfire incidents. During Four Mile there was a period of time between initial and extended attack where when ordering of resources transitioned from county 911 EOC to the National coordination system. Resulted in tactical delay.
- Recommendation: RMCG should/could to review integration of operating plans and AOP.

**Kerr:** Problem of recognition of incident complexity from the beginning. Need to help them out if it is a simulation. Objective or Research should be to determine the common denominators for fires on the Front Range.

**Tasking: Jim will write an issue paper. Framing the ownerships of the issues. Jim will work with a group in figuring this out (Ken, Kelly, Scott, and Todd).**



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### **NFDRS Issues:**

- RAWs stations: several items rely on RAWs for data.
- Issue Paper by Tim Mathewson October, 2008. Was tabled by RMCG. Draw downs, etc are based on this.

### **Options**

1. Status Quo: Jim Brain do a report card - we have no accountability
  2. Improve elements of previously issue paper. 100% compliance on station maintenance and WIMMS is what NWCG standards require.
- To do an area wide NFDRS plan, need to have better data. The preparedness planning/levels are based on these.
  - An example was Redstone RAWs station in which the ERCs for the northern Front Range have been based on has not been measuring moisture correctly for several months.
  - We are at the point where we need resolve these issues before moving forward (i.e. a GACC wide NFDRS operating plan).
  - How to get agency oversight to fix where the stations that continues to have problems.
  - Will bring up again tomorrow to try and develop a tasking

### **Buying Team**

- Buying Team Rotation; Rocky Basin has not honored one assignment while on rotations this year. That's 6 missed assignments.

**Tasking: Rocky Basin Incident Business Management Committee to come up with some resolution and accountability to keeping these buying team members to honor their commitments.**

### **Executive Session**

#### **Team Rotation/Mobilization Issues-Fletcher**

- Operations Committee has been tasked with finding out the facts on Team C having to turn down a national assignment and to come up with any recommendations for possible changes to the Mob Guide.
- Concern was mentioned about the Ops Committee "investigating" Team C because they turned down an assignment and the Buying Teams, who turned down 6 assignments, were not being investigated.

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- Needs to be clarity on what the roles and responsibilities of the Ops Committee and RMCG with regards to teams.
- We need to come to the realization that Team C has a dual role with RMA and to the State of SD.
- Can change in the MOB Guide that PL 3 and 4 be a zone team. At PL 1 and 2 would be available for national assignments.
- Just was a flock transition between PL 2 and 3.
- A real easy fix is to have a Deputy as a replacement IC if Joe is unable to go. Would just have to fill a couple of state employee position.

### Proposals:

1. Leave things as is in the Mob Guide and just consider this to have been a unique rare event with transitioning between a PL 2 and 3.
2. Postpone this discussion until we hear back from the Ops Committee.

Discussion was tabled until Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2010**

#### **Present:**

Jim Fletcher (Advisor)  
Bob Jones  
Joe Lowe  
Bill Crapser (Exec Liaison)  
Jason Baldwin  
Ken Kerr  
Rich Homann  
Cal Pino  
Dave Hall  
Ray Weidenhaft  
Mike Davin  
Bill Ott  
Ross Hauck  
Wendy Hall (Business Manager)

#### **Unavailable:**

Mark Boche  
Don Westover  
Dave Carter

#### **I. Team Issues (continuation from previous day)-Fletcher**

- Group decided to wait until the Ops Committee determined their findings before RMCG would determine what action, if any, to take.

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### **II. Issue Paper: Substitution ICs (Summerfelt-paper 1)**

- Let paper go forward: Joe would take it to NMAC/GMAC
- Mike will work with Paul on refining the issue paper.
- Need to clarify intent (page 185 of National Mob Guide).
- If we pre-identify replacement or deputy ICs, prior to the season, may solve issue.
- Mob Guide says Deputy can take the team
- Issue paper needs to be rewritten and submitted to NMAC/GMAC
- Paul's issue paper will be rejected but will accept the issue.
- RMCG will take to National level
- Take out winy language
- Joe will take stab at writing paper; Mike will help; Joe will call around to get input

### **III. Issue Paper: Team Member Replacement Temporarily or Permanently (Summerfelt-paper 2)**

- Ops Committee has been tasked last spring to do this.
- They will give their recommendation after their fall meeting.
- Need to add to tasking that these temporary fills have the documentation
- Possible solutions: Have job shares with primary, secondary, and alternates. Other would be to have a cadre of folks (already screened to have the proper qualifications) that can fill in.
- Answer to Paul: Deferred to the Ops committee when they address the July 9<sup>th</sup> tasking. Will give Ops Committee Paul's Issue Paper

### **IV. Charter Changes for Committees-Wendy Hall**

- Review of Tasking to Committees on Charter Changes September 1, 2010
- Wendy through each of the Charters and looked for the 3 items from the tasking
- Geospatial had addressed all three items. Suggest they include a reference and link to RMCG charter and consensus model.
- FPA- same as Geospatial
- Training-still refers to voting. They plan on revising their charter at their Fall Meeting.
- Info Ed-Wyoming Division of Forest needs to be changed. Should be Wyoming State Forestry Division. Suggest they include a reference and link to RMCG charter and consensus model.
- Fuels Management and Prescribed Fire Committee: no changes needed.
- Incident Business Management: Will discuss at their upcoming meeting.
- Ops Committee: Still working on and will get back to us.
- If the committees are able to make these changes and get back to us by the Winter Meeting, the revised charters and get into the Mob Guide.

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- Wendy will write a response so the Committees know what needs to be corrected (Joe will review then send out).

### **V. Action Log-Wendy Hall**

- Went through line by line.
- Need to bump the Fall Meeting later in the month of October
- Tasking to Ops Committee: Draft of Succession Plan at Winter Meeting
- Wendy asked the members to review the Reoccurring Action Log to check for content and logical order by the next conference call.
- Difference between central and mountain time: be on the time zone we are in

### **VI. Location of Winter Meeting**

- Cal offered to host the meeting in Albuquerque
- Third week of January, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; travel on the 18<sup>th</sup>.