

RMCG 07/14/2011

Members On Call- Mark Boche, Bob Jones, Dave Carter, Ken Kerr, Mike Davin, Dave Hall, Joe Lowe, Dan Smith

Members Not On Call- Jeff Fedrizzi, Ross Hauck, Cal Pino, Bill Ott, Don Westover, Ron Graham

Facilitator- Jim Fletcher

Note Taker- Erin Chialva

Guest- Steve Sorensen

The issue of the trainee process/protocol was revisited by Joe Lowe. There was no quorum on the original conference call but the consensus was made with the quorum offline through Ross Hauck. No one had any comments and the proposal is accepted.

**Task: Will need to make changes and distribute the process with changes. (Jim/Joe/Erin)**

Dan Smith with National perspective- conditions improved w/ good resources and available resources. Planning level may go down to 2 nationally. No questions to Dan.

Dave Carter- Business Manager- New job description was made and will be ready Monday or Tuesday. The business manager description was kept the same and the Intel part was taken out and a logistical dispatch was added to the position. Instead of being 60% Intel and 40% RMCG manager it will be 70% RMCG manager and 30% dispatch. It will be a GS6/7 position. Pay period could be full time or 13 and 13 or near full time. Mike Davin asked if contributions needed to be collected for the position and the answer is yes. Dave Carter reiterated the need to get the Colorado Agreement signed. We are only lacking Cal's signature.

**-Jim will fax to Bob Jones the agreement to be signed by the BIA/Cal's boss**

Dave Carter- dispatch support/ procedures- There are no problems with mission assignments issued to the Forest Service under ESF4. The Stafford Act applies and the agreement with agencies to bill the Forest Service back and get return of expenditures. When the state has an emergency there are two problems that can happen: When the Stafford Act doesn't apply or if it is not ESF4. And another agency besides the forest service gets tasked by FEMA to do something the Stafford Acts do apply but the agreements do not exist to move the money around. It makes it hard to know how things are going to get done. FWS and Parks had problems with this in the Oil Spill and this year with the floods in ND and SD. Agencies try to keep the dispatch centers informed of resource's locations by dispatching through the dispatch centers. When this is done and the incident is not ESF4 then the movements of some of these resources get paid for only part of the time. (Base 8, Travel) Kim and Fred (all hazard people in the DC office) have been working to resolve these problems by processing them as agency to agency severity requests. Nationally we need to be established with the federal response plan.

Jim/Dave to Dan- We can move resources agency to agency as needed. The problem happens when one agency wants to bring in resources from another agency. This needs national level attention. All hazard support, agreements, reimbursements and versions of these should be discussed. NMAC and State Foresters will need to discuss this and work to resolve this issue.

**Dan will take this forward. Dan wants an issue paper from Dave to itemize the problems onto one sheet. Dave will get this done in the next few days/week. Forest service will help as well.**

Mark- Authorities are different for different incidents. Getting authorities will take time. Jim- has history of documentation on the non Stafford Act.

**Jim will send previous issue papers out.**

#### Round Robin

Dan- nothing to add

Mark Boche- Sent out 2 pages on the status of cohesive strategy/FPA efforts. He would like feedback. There was discussion on FPA / cohesive strategy being associated with budgeting.

**Mark will send the letter to Ken.**

Bob Jones- spring meeting went over the 10,000 dollar limit. BIA will pick up the remaining balance. Ken wants to have the purchases itemized to make sure this does not happen again. There are issues with motel/hotel/facilities/etc. adding expenses after the fact and several points of contact instead of one for approving purchases.

**Bob Jones will show an itemized list of purchases, Beth has one and Bob will fax it to Ken to identify the purchases so they will not be charged in the future.**

Dave Carter- San Louis Valley is in severity and Western KS is dry. The rest of region is moderate and good. Resources have been mobilized elsewhere. April – present dealing with the flooding in ND and SD.

Ken- nothing

Mike-nothing

-Dave Hall - Building on what Bob said- A bill for the team is on my desk because of the SD agreement.

**Joe will find out if this \$15,505.46 bill has been paid by SD and is waiting for reimbursement**

Joe- Thanks to all who helped the state with the flooding incident a tremendous amount of work was accomplished.