



## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP**

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RMCG Conference Call  
03/04/2010

**On Call:**

Jeff Fedrizzi  
Rich Homann  
Mike Davin  
Dave Carter  
Mark Boche  
Don Westover  
Ray Weidenhaft

Dan Smith-NICC  
Jim Fletcher-RMCG Advisor  
Wendy Hall-RMCG Business Manager  
Beth Hermanson (Joe Lowe's Assistant)

**Not Available:**

Ken Kerr  
Bill Ott  
Joe Lowe  
Dave Hall  
Bob Jones  
Cal Pino  
Ross Hauck

**Agenda:**

- I. Unit ID Issue Paper- Jim Fletcher
- II. NWCG/NMAC Update-Dan Smith
- III. IC Letter of Expectations (version #4)-Dave Carter
- IV. Spring Meeting Update- Beth Hermanson
- V. Spring Meeting Facilities- Rich Homann
- VI.FPA Committee Review Process- Dave Carter
- VII. Fuels and Fire Use Committee Update- Jeff Ferdrizzi
- VIII. Ops Committee Items-Wendy Hall for Ken Kerr
- VIV. Action Logs (Sorted by Name) - Wendy Hall

**I. Unit ID Issue Paper- Jim Fletcher**

- Jim presented an issue paper submitted by Sheri Fox, Great Plains Interagency Center Manager, prepared for the National and Regional Coordinators.
- The issue paper was sent out to the Center Managers and National Coordinators for comment. Several of them supported what they had written.
- Jim will make some minor editorial changes and would like to submit it to the National Coordinating Group via Dan Smith.



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- Issue Paper asks RMCG to forward it this issue paper up to either NMAC or NWCG for consideration and action.
- Group suggested that in the recommendation section have the wording state that "RMCG requests that NWCG to develop standard business protocols for issuing requesting Unit IDs".
- Jim will include an example or two of a Unit that is listed differently in ROSS, IQCS, or FPA to show how a lack of a current system isn't working.
- Once changes are made, issue paper will be sent to Mark to be forwarded to Dan Smith. A courtesy copy will we sent to the group and ask if there are any further changes or recommendations prior to Mark sending it to Dan.

### **II. NWCG/NMAC Update-Dan Smith**

- Things are very quiet. Working on the NMAC Preparedness Strategy for 2010. Will be very similar to 2009 with some additional emphasis on risk management and incident management teams being prepared to handle incidents with in an incident.
- Still have 12 or so folks over in Victoria Australia.
- In the south and the east with the impact of the El Nino being wet and snowy we are off to a much slower start to the fire season then we were in 2009.
- NWCG is working on the final versions of the master cooperative agreement national template. Hopefully will be out within a month or two after legal review. It does address some broad cost share issues and provides an umbrella. It is very similar to what NWCG sent out last April as interim measures for the annual operating plan.
- During Spring Meeting will have time with Dan on Monday afternoon and with larger group on Tuesday.

### **III. IC Letter of Expectations (version #4)-Dave Carter**

- Did get some input from the ICs. Only comment he (Dave) received was the part with regards to the ICs sticking to the 6 year rule and trying to reduce Ads in command and general staff. There was a concern about the burden being placed on the ICs completely. Dave made a change to the bullet from "respect RMCG policy" to "strive to follow RMCG policies". Also grammatically changed the first paragraph and broke it into two. Sent out version #4 this morning.
- Dave will check the wording in the succession plan and put it in version 5 and send out to the Group.

### **IV. Spring Meeting Update- Beth Hermanson**

- Pretty much have the agenda set up. There was a question on whether enough time was allotted for the RMCG time at the meetings.
- Everyone agreed to have the RMCG meeting start at 1 on Monday.
- Dan Smith wrap up the last hour of the last day.
- Schedule time the last day from 1 to 4 with ICs on Thursday to allow them to bring forth any issues or loose ends.



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- We need to settle on exactly what we need. We need to have some sort of meeting room from 1-5 on Monday and need to accommodate meeting from 1-5 on Thursday. Rich will take care of.
- All day Tuesday and Wednesday everything is lined up. Only change is on Thursday the 8th on the optional sessions down to 5 sessions and probably down to 4.
- Beth will email Rich a list of everything that will be needed for the whole conference the breakouts and everything else.
- Wendy will pole the ICs for the team breakouts and see what they need. Beth can bring 3 projectors and one screen.
- On Thursday afternoon will have Ken lead an AAR.
- Beth will make changes to the agenda and Wendy will post.

### **V. Spring Meeting Facilities- Rich Homann**

- Hotel has a web page we could post information.
- Cutoff date for registration is March 15th.

### **VI. FPA Committee Review Process- Dave Carter**

- All the FPA committees have been given written direction on how to conduct the reviews. The committee is required to get the ok from their Coordinating body on how to conduct these reviews. The handout that was sent in the email follows the same format that they did the last time. His recommendation is accept it as is and let them go forth.
- Dave has already drafted a memo for Mark to sign to give to Gwenan.
- Group gave their ok.

### **VII. Fuels and Fire Use Committee Update- Jeff Ferdrizzi**

- Paul Langowski is in the process of transitioning out.
- Working on trying to get more membership on the committee. Less than a half dozen active members.
- Working on putting an Interagency WFDSS training together. An announcement for the training will come out shortly. Will likely be put on in Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota unless there is more representation of need.
- Reviewed the Decision Support Group. Ken Kerr was on the call to make sure we are not duplicating the ball between the Ops Com. and Fuels Com.
- Also looking at the committee's name.

### **VIII. Ops Committee Items-Wendy Hall for Ken Kerr**

**Issue Paper: RMCG support for Type 1 and Type 2 IMT Trainees within the Geographic Area.**

- Group discussed means of recognizing Agency Administrators for allowing their employees to be made available as trainees on IMTs.



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- Group decided that going through the RMCG awards nomination process program and presenting a plaque or certificate of appreciation was the preferred means to recognizing the Agency Administrators for their leadership and support.
- Vice Chair, assisted by the Business Manager, coordinates the awards program.
- A memo in response to this issue paper will be written (drafted by Wendy signed by Mark) and let them know we did take their issue into consideration.
- Wendy will send out a request through the email for nominations. Awards will be presented to them at the Spring Meeting.
- Wendy will check the consistence between the training and succession plan with what the Mob Guide specifies on trainees.
- This topic and the issue paper will be an agenda item for next Thursday's conference call.

### **Issue Paper: RMA IHC Rotation for Out of Area Assignments.**

- No descent. Lots of input from superintendents. A win-win and on a trial basis. Hopefully will alleviate some of the frustrations and concerns during the season.
- Format wise the last 2/3rds of issue paper is back ground information. Need to move to the back ground section.
- With slight revisions, will accept proposal.

### **Operations Committee Charter**

- Issues were brought up with the wording in the charter referring to voting.
- The Ops Charter was tabled until further review.
- This will be an agenda item for revisiting possibly on Thursday afternoon at the Spring Meeting.

### **Action Logs (Sorted by Name) - Wendy Hall**

- Went through line by line.
- Rich: Cost share and State agreement would be address as CO is going through their master agreement revision. Have started but not at cost share agreement phase. Info Ed committee have not moved on yet.
- Wendy: still working on reoccurring action matrix. Checking charters to make sure they have wording in Mob Guide. Doing some research on developing an Annual Operating Plan.
- Ray: Ron Graham has submitted that letter.
- Dave: Recurring action log one of the things that came to mind was the annual awards, is it on the reoccurring to solicit nominations. Need to incorporate both logs.
- Mark: A couple of items to add to action log. 1. Free lancing by command and general staff. Of folks we invest in. 2. Health and Safety Topic of Snags in light of Bret Sterns Fatality and in light of this region having lots of bark beetle dead and dying snags. Ask that we talk about this more and see if we can further heighten the visibility of Risk Management with regards to snags. Agenda topic in Fort Collins.
- Next executive session 10-11 on Friday. Wendy will join at 11.



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- Wendy will make sure the dial in number is passed around.