

## Northern Rockies Dispatcher Workshop March 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

### I. Posting of IAP to FTP site (power point)

- Within the FTP site, folders are password protected for writing/putting, not for reading/getting. You cannot copy or paste within an ftp site. Copy to C drive, rename it, copy it back to ftp site. Once you post something it can never be removed
- aryssikora@ftp.nifc.govftpsite
- Secure data goes into the GACC\_Support folder
- Incident\_Specific\_Data,- can read or download without a password
  - [ftp://ftp.nifc.gov/Incident\\_Specific\\_Data/N\\_Rockies/2012](ftp://ftp.nifc.gov/Incident_Specific_Data/N_Rockies/2012)
- Whoever works on an incident first, must create a folder  
[ftp.nifc.gov/Incident\\_Specific\\_Data/N\\_ROCKIES/2012/the\\_name\\_of\\_your\\_fire](ftp.nifc.gov/Incident_Specific_Data/N_ROCKIES/2012/the_name_of_your_fire)
- Passwords were distributed to dispatchers to give out to those who need them in the future
  - nrgaccadm!n and password – use for non-secure data
- FileZilla – freeware for ftp software. It is pre-loaded on all IMT laptops
  - <http://file-zilla.com/category/filezilla-ftp-software>
  - Video – [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr\\_u2ikf](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr_u2ikf) (????)
  - IMT2 / Plans will be briefed as well as to the process for posting to the ftp site.

### II. Incident Business Panel

- No change to non-fire travel
- AD Pay Plan should be complete April 1. There is no rate increase. Payment must be processed on an OF-288 if there are no receipts. If there are receipts they can be processed by the IMT, but it is not mandatory.
- EFF Pay Plan is unchanged.
- The DNRC IIBMH supplement has clarification on ability to use resources outside of competitive solicitation DPL. A justification is required.
- The BLM has requested the ability to make AD payments on OF-288
- Details vs. fire assignments
  - FS Employee's guide to details is still current, Julie will add a link on the NRCC web page.
- Detail from one agency to another – separate agreement is needed
- FF1164 can only be used to foot incidentals??????
- Need agreement for purchases or a cardholder
- Rental cars procured through DNRC solicitation are covered for off-road, rentals through SATO are not. Rentals acquired through DNRC solicitation – a claim is transferred from the individual to the government
- Jodie Anderson is putting together a list of regions with similar rental car solicitations for use when NR individuals go out-of-gacc and then need to rent a car.

- GOVCC are not accepted at car rentals – go through SATO or travel management center
- CBA. No change.
- IIBMH NR supplements should be available about April 2.
- IIBMH white pages are being reconstructed. Problem: NR supplement references won't match
- OF-288 is being revised, no known availability date of the new form.
- R1/R3 revise agreement will be out in the next 2 weeks.
- Ensure that non-federal employees who may be on an interagency crew, engine or IHC do not participate in non-fire related activities if re-assigned.

### III. Train-the-trainer Fire Business session

- Pre-suppression details do not have to go through dispatch
- Severity funding received; accompanied by a letter from RF or Chief denoting how much and for what. Severity is an S####
- Rules in IIBMH apply to p-codes, s-codes and F-codes, they do not apply to pre-suppression, fuels or project details
- No use of F-codes, unless presidential disaster proclamation or hired by FEMA
- Governor of State declaration doesn't apply to federal
- BAER teams use 2 sources of funding: a P-code for fireline rehab; additional rehab funding requested from RO; over certain amount to WO; H-code denotes emergency rehab funds
- BAER has to use a requisition to hire contract equipment NOT fire DPL agreements. The agreements can be used as a reference to determine rates.
- H-code paid through IAS; tracking uses requisition number
- Local emergency; local DNRC can support; Gov Declaration mobilizes DNRC through NRCC. Requests come to DNRC from the Montana DES.
- DNRC – unless it's wildfire, DNRC cannot expend funds, deal with it up front.
- Ensure that the line officer has approved resources before they respond
- SAR funding comes out of project money for federal employees. If an agency employee responds as volunteer it requires line officer approval.
- DNRC has no authority for RX fire. No AD authority for RX fire either unless BLM. If an interagency crew goes out on assignment and their assignment changes to prescribed fire, be cognizant that a DNRC employee cannot work on a prescribed fire. Can also apply to interagency teams.

### IV. Best Value, DPL, RL, Choose by Advantage Contracting Panel (handout)

- Refer to as Competitive Solicitations rather than Best Value
- 2011 Fire contractors' cost vs. Fire departments' costs was essentially a wash. NRCG has not changed dispatch priorities.
- Reference 2012 NOTICE EERA Process letter dated March 2012, all pre-season agreements will be competed. Cruent EERAs will be cancelled.
- Land Use Agreements can remain in place and incident only land use agreements can be generated as needed.

- There is a need for grey water trucks for 2012
- Cheat sheet for rental vehicles on website
- Inspection section in solicitation; can be inspected any time
- If you don't have a DPL you need to facilitate buying teams for contracting
- Once DPL is done, it's ready to go; nothing from contracting officer
- June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for DPL
- Enter resource attributes into ROSS.
- A transport cheat sheet will be posted w/in a week and also entered into the NRs Mob Guide.
- 5 new types of equipment will be hired through Competitive Solicitation: graders, feller bunchers, skidders, coaches and short buses
- Chose not to solicit laundry facilities
- Performance evaluations are documentation for possible legal issues later
- Does a piece of equipment have to be within the zone by a certain date and time; gov't doesn't pay mileage for other than where the contract says the equipment is located
- In solicitation the equipment comes to the incident clean (weeds)
- Contractors are not entitled to 2 hour call-back; not mandatory to leave message, just document it and move on until the order is filled with a vendor who can
- For small local incidents make sure the payment package is processed through the correct agency.
- Resource source lists should be included in local service and supply plan
- Vehicle with driver – sign up at time of need, managed locally
- Equipment committee rep, Jim Reuter, is working on identifying/ us of grey water dump sites
- New NWCG position for Incident Contract Procurement Inspector (ICPI)
- Equipment workshops; Billings 4/24-26, MSO 5/1-3.
- 2011 AAR Group (ROSS/VIPR/Contracting)
  - [www.fs.fed.us/r1/nrcg/about\\_index](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nrcg/about_index)

#### V. IMS Update

- Capable of taking care of more than EMT-B level. Occupational hazards are included, eyes, ears, nose, throats, etc. that are common fireline injuries. Things that are outside EMT-B scope of practice.
- Cost-savings to promote agency IMS vs. contracted EMT's @ \$900-\$1000/day
- 9 Paramedics in the program. Used to only work at the basic level, can now operate at the advanced level.
- Mary Jo has 18 paramedic and basic line packs tailored to EMS rather than generic FS 'pill packs'
- Positions in the proposal stage for line – EMT-F (fireline); EMT-C(camp); arduous vs. moderate

- Med Unit Leader must be EMT's in the future
- Notify Steve Zachary if there is a noriovirus (SPELLING) breakout.

## VI. Agency Aviation

- Scoopers; amending AMD contracts to procure some scoopers this year. Will need to have security on the water, marine deputy. Review local processes and notifications.
- Flights are unauthorized without a flight strip.
- Chief of Party requirements – one needs to be appointed and needs to be qualified. Offering training at Northern Rockies University this spring.
- Airspace intrusions this season involved military. Please checkin with military schedulers every day if you have a TFR in your zone.
- Let NRCC know if you need help with airspace, can bring in airspace coordinator
- UAV's will become more prominent in MT airspace
- Fire Traffic Area (FTA) is in effect any time there's an incident. Until a resource is on scene, dispatch manages the FTA.
- Nationally, retardant EIS updated briefing paper
  - Only one exemption: human life or public safety
  - Avoidance areas mapped; 300 ft. buffers around water sources and terrestrial (T&E) species
  - Jettison areas identified for tanker/SEAT bases
  - WFDSS layers capable of downloading to iPad; pilots can add avoidance areas to charts
- 5% of Type 3 incidents must meet monitoring requirement; 300 ac. Category
- FS Firestat/5100-29 will be modified to include a block for retardant usage.
- Reporting procedures; agency line officer is held accountable
- 11 legacy airtankers; 2 VLATs on CWN, BAE 146 under evaluation
- MAFF's, AFS, Canadian will augment tanker needs this season
- CL-215's can do retardant, defer to water and foam
- Backcountry airstrip plan/guide under revision
- Statistically slow season compared to previous years' weighted average in regards to retardant and flight time for fixed wing and rotary wing
- MOA's are becoming more of an issue with unexpected changes in activity
- IAT will not be available for FS employee training. A courses will be added to AgLearn.

Bob Roth, photos in real time; aircraft equipped with remote control camera.

## VII. Predictive Services Update

- Weak El Nino likely for summer
- Snowpack monitoring is shifting from gain to loss
- Fuels should dry more quickly than the past 3-4 years more reminiscent of “early” curing observed during the 2000-2007 seasons
- Neutral, cooler, dryer spring with normal progression into fire season
- New feature on NRCC Weather website – “Multimedia Weather Briefing”

### VIII. NIRSC Update

- Geographical area rep to work with the GACC, Jose Lopez, joselopez@fs.fed.us
- Type 3 support; filling frequency requests; Only aviation frequencies are ordered through ROSS.
- Order frequencies early, especially Air to Airs, can take up to 12 hours
- If you have any specialty equipment you need a COML or COMT
- For a Command TAC Kit they just need a contact name
- Maps are good from March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup> of the following year
- Naming conventions for frequencies not on maps
- New A-A frequencies will be out by March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 3 changes
    - ▲ MT01 132.150
    - ▲ MT03 134.150
    - ▲ MT04E 123.725
- Order A-A early, it is needed for TFR

### IX. NR Dispatch Steering Committee

- Task order – MTDC to participate in a stress study for the dispatch world
  - No more funding for this task order, a product by this summer
- Task #4 – incident management team were requesting access to ROSS; view and print orders, essentially done
- Naming convention for a general account for the teams to log in to ROSS – basic users
  - Generic account called the “Duty Officer” as a general log in
- Task #6 – Importing IQS, done
- Task #8 - Ordering supplies using ROSS; done more or less
- Re-engineering of ROSS is in the works
- Task #9 - 1 GIS layer; accurate outline of each zone – Google Earth product with AFF overlays
- Alyssa will manage the NRDSC website

### X. IMT Updates

- Online application process worked well this year
- 542 applications for positions; limit apps to 3-4 apps per person
- Team meetings are the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> this year, mid-April next year

### XI. BIN Items

- Strike teams not put in as a resource item because they are perceived that they couldn't be broken up
- Generic logins for team members into ROSS
- Rental car procurement...

- More consistency throughout dispatches for car rental SOP's
- Prepare for big season