



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Monthly Conference Call

Under Montana Open Meetings Law, the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group is holding a public meeting for the purpose of conducting government business. One representative per Northern Rockies Coordinating Group organization that has authority to speak for their group is expected to attend and vote on any decisions during the meeting.

Participants:

Board Members
Deputies and Others

Welcome given
No NMAC Report

Predictive Services

Slight La Nina since October 1, 2017

Expecting a pattern change warm up above freezing in E & ND this week. West side a moist system for high elevations. Valleys possibly Thursday and Friday. Will see a pattern of every few days some warm up and cool downs.

Operation Update

- Craig Goodell (cgoodell@blm.gov 406-329-4961) in place getting his feet on the ground, meeting folks.

Contracting Update – Tim Murphy

- BLM/DNRC/FS will have new solicitations in 2018
- Pre-season vendor meetings set for 2/20 in COE, 2/13 in MSO, and 2/14 in BIL all 1900 to 2000
- The Logging Association will have to wait until after spring break up to do the Heavy Equipment Task Force Capability video.
- Secretary of DOI sent the Montana Logging Association a survey letter asking how they think agreements are working, use on fires and how fires are managed. Overall Montana came out pretty good, other areas maybe not.

ICAP – Judy Heintz

- January 22, 2018 ICAP closes, currently approximately 500+ application. (over 900 at closing)
- February 20-22, 2018 IMT Selections in Butte, MT

NR GMAC Plan – Kathy Pipkin

Draft is with Mike Granger for review. Hope is to have it in draft for NRCG review at February 20th meeting

IMT Operating Guide

Still Working on it. Have to convert it back to 508 compliant.

Equipment/Logistics Committee – Warren Applehans

- AIS – Met with FS researcher on 444 document. Will have a draft out by February 1, to NRCG by February 20. Final to IMT's at Spring Meeting.
- Committee needs members from NRCG Agencies. Only a few people participate all the time.

Incident Commanders – Mike Granger

- Bob Fry – taking vice Leach,
- Joe Sampson requested stay with WFMT (look for email letter from Joe)
- IC's have been talking about dropping an IMT, much discussion with the conference call attendees.
- Mike Granger will complete letters to selected IC's and CC NRCG.

CGAC (Coordination Group Advisory Council) Updates – Kathy Pipkin and Mike Granger

- ICAP issues a briefing paper from the CGAC will go to the NWCG WFMT sub-committee
- Complexity Analysis will be reviewed as it is 15-20 years old. With the reality of what IMT3s are managing is the currently matrix accurate.
- BUYT the current membership is 88% FS, and the jurisdictions served are 56% FS. How to address this and get membership more in line, and accommodate all the requests? How can business be done differently? Work with National BUYT Coordinator and NWCG Business sub-committee.
- 209 the direction that came out trying to clarify the percent contained and completed is still unclear. ACIC committee to work on this
- Remote function groups- Looking at the success that occurred around the nation with this. Doing more with less. NR remote situation unit, CA remote finance unit. Granger taking active role, waiting for NMAC to come back with tasking.
- Craig Goodell will be the NRCG permanent representative to the CGAC.

Safety

- Retired – Get together January 20th.

Round Robin

- NWA – Steve Heppner – Working on year end reports
- GPA – Ray Hart - -24 in Aberdeen, SD
- RMA – Bryce Rogers – Meetings and Surgery on the 24th
- BLM – Ken Schmid – Hoping to fill Meteorologist position (following up since call, Coleen Haskell reports April 1)
- IDL – JT Wensman – Back in the office. Received approval to hire a Deputy Bureau Chief.
- DES – Jake Ganieany – Working on California reimbursement costs
- NPS - Dan Worthin – Mike Davin Retired end of the year. Position currently being re-flown
- FS – Ralph Rau – Pam Jolly detailed in as R1 FAA Staff Assistant and NRCG Administrator starts on 1/22. Steve Zachry's position will be filled with a detailer short term and permanent long term.
- FWS - Mike Granger – Hiring Seasonals, Folks will be going to the SE for Rx. Restructuring is going on within the FWS.