



# **Northern Rockies Coordinating Group**

Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies Working Together In Emergency Response Management

## **Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda**

**1000 am Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

### **Conference Call Line:**

1-888-844-9904

Access Code: 3599209

### **Participants:**

**Board Members:**

**Deputies and Others:**

**Purpose:** This is a public meeting for the purpose of conducting government business.

### **NWCG/NMAC Update:**

(Aitor Bidaburu unavailable for this call.)

### **Predictive Services Update:**

Drying mitigated, flooding concerns across the GACC Remnants of hurricane Bud. Starting Thursday more seasonal norms. Starting Wednesday possible drying. Idaho Panhandle and along Canadian Border and Camus Prairie still dry.

### **Northern Rockies GACC and Operational Updates:**

#### ***NRCC Update (Kathy Pipkin)***

Quiet Nationally, Eastern Area and Southern Area - PL1, Rocky Mountain - PL1; 416 incident transitioning to NIMO, offered IHC crews; Southwest Area 5-10 days warmer; FNF IHC timing out coming home; Great Basin Area offered up resources; South OPS, North OPS, and Northwestern Area offering up resources; Alaska - PL1; NRCC 10 T2IA, 1 IHC, 5 loads of smokejumpers.

#### ***Contracting Updates: (Tim Murphy)***

BLM extended Potable Water Contracts. Forest Service finishing up and getting DPLs into dispatch. Montana Logging association waiting for woods to dry out.

#### ***Safety Updates: (Tony Petrilli)***

Returning to regular position; Dave Williams will be starting in a couple weeks.

#### **Communication Needs for Agency Administrators and the Northern Rockies Geographic Area:**

As go to GMAC, make sure information is tied into common communication threads. More communication i.e.: smoke (ensuring same message being shared)

#### **Follow up on Old Business:**

##### **Wildand Fire Agency Administrator (AA) Discussions (Lead will be an Agency Administrator)**

- In person meeting with Agency Administrators update (speed to competency memo)
- Diane Mann-Klager – Considering resources normal job responsibly. Line officers put the letter together. No one had issues. **NRCG Chair will get with NRCG AA Chair and finalize letter.** Granger purposes working with the AAs for this Guidance. Granger will go forward for this fall. Nothing in place this season.



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### **ATV / UTV Guidance (Mike Granger / Cory Buhl)**

- Proposal to Approve
- **Approved; will be disseminated.**

### **MAC Plan Revisions (Kathy Pipkin / Christopher Barth)**

- Inclusion of Prevention Edits
- Re-wording / Removal of PIO language
  - Per the May meeting notes:
    - This issue will be pulled out of the MAC plan and put under the NRCG/NRCC plan and when they are brought in they will be working for the NRCG/NRCC and not working for the MAC group. Christopher Barth and Kathy Pipkin will take the lead on this issue.
    - **Kathy to get final to Pam for dissemination.**

### **Out-of-Area IMT Geographical Area Briefing (Mike Granger)**

- Craig's edits were distributed previously for BOD review with note to submit changes by May 8th
- **Approved - Needs Signature and 508 Compliancy**

### **Northern Rockies Strategic Plan Review Update (Craig Goodell)**

- Has been sent to Craig for review
- Final Draft distributed for review
- Not seeing it as strategic plan more an operating plan. Next fall/winter revamp.
- Is this document really needed?
  - No, **Document will be removed from the website.**

### **Development of an IC Vetting Process Update (Ralph Rau / Mike Granger / Craig Goodell)**

- Ralph routed around examples from another GACC (Southwest - recruitment of ICs)
- Granger to get with Larry to discuss
  - All tasking from the tasking letter added into this document
- Agency Administrators and NRCG will come together for designing the process.
- 2 – step (**Craig Goodell**)
  - 1) Mindful of who is selected for the IC process, responsibility of supervisor and IMT IC.
  - 2) Selection process, not everyone that gets qualified may not get a team.
- Vetting – (DeGorsky) seems pretty straight forward
- Succession Planning

### **Northern Rockies Data Standards Policy Issuance (Greg Dillon / Mark Slaton / Mike Granger)**

- Draft Proposed Standards distributed to BOD prior to call for review
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- **Approved**



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### **Operations Committee Tasking Update – Shortage of HEQBs (Mike Granger)**

- Policy of allowing one HEQB to supervise two pieces of equipment, provided another HEQB was on order similar to the HEMG.
- Buhl shared with BLM National for advice; they felt no issue in policy.
- Buhl and Granger to draft a memo; draft will be shared with NRCG for feedback prior to standards being issued.

### **Northern Rockies Geospatial Working Group Update (Mike Granger)**

- Mike will follow up with Mark Slated to head up this group.

### **New Business:**

#### **Suppression Modules – Recommendation for the Northern Rockies (Kathy Pipkin)**

- Potential tasking for the Operations Committee
- Request from BIA to put up a Suppression Module Nationally in North Dakota
- Currently, in the Red Book only the BLM has direction of what a suppression module consists of
- Suppression Modules are not generally recognized nationally; however, the Forest Service does send them to the Southwest on a case by case basis.
- Tasked to the Operations Committee

#### **Remote Situation Unit CGAC Tasking (Mike Granger)**

- Tasking distributed to BOD for review prior to call
- Granger leading the efforts and developing the National Remote Situation Unit

#### **NRCG Chair Transition / Agency Administrator Chair**

- Transition at the same time.

#### **National Guard Training – Jake Ganieany**

- Meeting on funding that came in that will be used to train the Montana Army National Guard.
- Three training sessions occurring (July and August).
- Working thru the boots issue; wants to use the NRK for equipment for training then give back. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) potentially.
  - Discussion centered on the Northern Rockies purchasing the equipment; funding is only for training.
- Resources shared governor to governor?
- How to get trainers, (contractors) payment, concerned of how fast the contracts can be issued?
- Finding leadership for the crews, especially to go out of state.
  - While desirable to have the leadership train with them, availability of agency employees will be very limited during the timeframe.
- Can other agencies assist? FWS - would be smart to utilize the training MOU holders.

#### **Review of Action Items: (Mike Granger)**

- Most Action Items in need of follow up for this month are covered in above “Old Business” topics



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#### **Round Robin – Updates from Agency Participants:**

**BIA NW –**

**BIA GP – Ray Hart / Diane Mann-Klager** – Precipitation at Ft Collins; slow in ND. RTRO Coordination going to MN, will be advertising

**BIA RM –**

**BLM – Cory Buhl** – Billings FMO interviews completed

**FWS – Mike Granger** – Governors briefing

**IDL – JT Wensman** – Slow, 1 Type 2 Helicopter on Friday; next on July 1; SEATs on 7/2; Scoopers on 7/9.

**MT DES – Jake Ganieany**

**MT DNRC – Mike DeGrosky** – not a lot going on, expect in training, Thank you for participating in the Governor's Briefing. Critical Training Completed. Leadership training on going. Helicopter out; full staffing seasonal workforce. Sonya Germann joining Agency Administrators.

**Montana State Fire Chiefs -**

**Montana Fire Wardens – Pat Lonergan**

**MT Peace Officers –**

**ND FS –**

**NPS – Dan Warthin** – Regional FMO Jay Luster Selected.

**USFS – Greg Morris / Melany Glossa-** Philip Ketel new Regional Aviation Officer, starting in August; Dave Williams selected for the Safety position; new Air Quality individual starting in the next couple of weeks.

**The next scheduled NRCG Meeting is July 17, 2017 at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time**