



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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

Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Conference Call Line: 888-844-9904 | Access Code 3599209#

Participants:

Board Members: Ray Hart, Aaron Thompson, Rich Cowger, Patrick Lonergan, Dan Warthin,

Deputies and Others: Corey Buhl, Sarah Lee, Adriane Beck, Greg Morris, Dave Williams, Diane Mann-Klager, Tim Murphy, Kathy Pipkin, Jordan McKnight, Roy Robinson, Amanda Boatright, Jeremy Beeson, Anika Tuss, Pam Jolly

Purpose: Welcome and a reminder that this is a public meeting for the purpose of conducting government business.

NWCG/NMAC Update: (Aitor Bidaburu)

Unable to participate on this call.

Northern Rockies GACC and Operational Updates:

NRCG Operations (Kathy Pipkin for Craig Goodell)

- CGAC and NMAC is scheduled to meet the 14th and 16th; topics from the Northern Rockies were submitted. Kathy Pipkin will be attending.

NRCC Update (Kathy Pipkin)

- Have sent some individuals to Australia; do have one individual going in the second group.
- Intelligence Coordinator position is in the hiring portal.
- Aircraft Coordinator position is still in the classification process.
- Vice-Whiteman position is part of an AFD position discussion.
- NPS Assistant Intelligence position requires further discussions.
- NRCC will be closed next week; Kathy Pipkin will be on call.

Old Business

Proposal to Form a NRCG Medical Committee – Decisional Topic (Rich Cowger / Anna Stull)

- Rich Cowger was unable to attend the meeting. Anna Stull (not on this call) went; as well as a local representative. The meeting mainly discussed setting up standard typing for REMS and included more discussion on what the federal side is doing in terms of medical and the plan for moving forward.
- **Vote tabled until January call due to lack of a quorum.**

New Business

IC Applications Update – Informational Topic (Kathy Pipkin for Julie Polutnik)

- ICAP was taken off line. Propose to change IC Application letter verbiage to remove ICAP language and proceed with a new timeline that pushes the closing date to January 17th.
 - Adopted recommendation to move forward with paper application submissions and closing



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date of Jan 17th.

- Team Position applications – have two options:
 - Option 1 – There is a possibility the ICAP replacement will be ready on January 6th. Could wait until that date to make a determination and if the new system is still not available, then go with the Coop Plan that includes a Google Form submission.
 - Option 2 – Implement the Coop Plan and open the IMT applications immediately.
- With either option, recommend pushing out the closing date until Jan 31st.
- **Decision to move forward with both the IC Application letter recommendation (closing date of January 17th) and Option 2 (closing date of January 31st).**

IMT Coordinator – Informational Topic (Kathy Pipkin)

- Kathy Pipkin will become the new IMT Coordinator due to staff duty realignment.
- IMT Plan updates will begin after the holidays.

Proposal to invite Dan O'Brien to Spring NRCG Meeting for "Building the Team" Predictive Services

Oversight Group presentation – Decisional Topic (Kathy Pipkin)

- No cost associated with this item.
- The new dates of the Spring NRCG Meeting are April 13th & 17th (the Monday and Friday before and after the IMT Meeting). NRCG will meet at the DNRC building.
- Given the compressed timeframe, does the BOD wish to devote approximately 45 minutes for this presentation?
- **Vote tabled until January call due to lack of a quorum.**

Proposed Update to the NERV SOP – Decisional Topic (Amanda Boatright)

- The Business Committee is proposing an update to the NERV SOP that was issued earlier this year based on some lessons learned after the implementation this season.
- Largest change is that the DNRC rental agreement is still out there; however, Enterprise is no longer a part of that.
- **Vote tabled until January call due to lack of a quorum.**

Proposal to discontinue hardcopy printing of the Northern Rockies Mobilization Guide – Decisional Topic (Kathy Pipkin)

- Estimated cost savings approximately \$2,000.
- Was attempted in 2017 and received pushback; however, Firenet now provides a way for interagency distribution that is non-public facing.
- **Vote tabled until January call due to lack of a quorum.**

Length of Joint WFAA session for Spring NRCG Meeting – Decisional Topic (Pam Jolly)

- Given the new compressed timeframe, does the BOD wish to still devote an entire half day to a joint session?



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- Discussion around exploring Tuesday morning as additional time for the Board to meet, as the IMT meeting starts at noon on Tuesday.
 - Important to note that the IMT agenda has been designed with that time as open, as there may be other additional activities that will occur during the morning timeframe in which Board members may wish to participate.
- USFS would prefer to remain flexible at this time, thus allowing for incorporation of items and issues that may arise between now and the meeting.
- **Vote tabled until January call due to lack of a quorum.**

Review of Action Items:

- Line by line review tabled until January call.
- Request to edit Action Items to reflect change in chair for the IC Committee to Rick Connell.

The next scheduled NRCG Monthly Conference Call is January 21, 20 at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time