



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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

Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Conference Call Line: 888-844-9904

Participants:

Board Members: Aaron Thompson, Mike DeGrosky, Patrick Lonergan, Rich Cowger, Dan Warthin, Greg Morris

Deputies and Others: Diane Mann-Klager, John Thompson, Craig Goodell, Julie Polutnik, Tim Murphy, Melissa Wagner, Kathy Pipkin

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

Note: Lack of Quorum will postpone some decisional topics on today's call.

NWCG/NMAC Update: (Aitor Bidaburu)

Unable to participate on call.

Northern Rockies GACC and Operational Updates:

NRCG Operations (Craig Goodell)

Moratorium on purchasing chainsaws has been lifted by USFS.

NMAC has tasked the 3 Area Command Teams with developing a COVID-19 wildfire response plan for each Geographic Area. Area Command Teams will coordinate with Coordinating Groups, State and local Health Depts., Coordination Centers and Dispatch. Northern Rockies has been assigned AC Team 2 - Sexton. NRCG Chair, DeGrosky will be point person, Craig will put together a Northern Rockies Task Group to assist Area Command (ICs, FMOs, State Health Dept., etc.)

RT-130 and WCT - Agencies working on what that will look like this year. Some discussions on exempting, postponing or modifying RT130 due to COVID-19.

Agencies are looking at options for operational refreshers and rookie training and how to go forward.

Contractor refreshers, trainings – looking for direction from NWCG. NWCG Executive Board meets Wednesday. They will be discussing options and hopefully will be providing some National Interagency direction.

NRCC Update (Kathy Pipkin)

IROC online now, some bumps, not all qualifications came over for all resources. WebStatus not yet on line; no reporting capabilities available yet. Will not be able to run qualification reports for example. NRCC has 4 vacant positions. Working on a NRCC COOP Plan for COVID-19. Finishing up edits and will send out to NRCG for review when complete this week. Having a conference call with local dispatch center managers tomorrow to get a pulse of how they are preparing.



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OLD BUSINESS

2020 IC Trainee Applications – Identify Review / Discussion Next Steps – Decisional Topic (Kathy Pipkin)

- IC Trainee Applicants: Moving ahead with approving applications.

Delegation of Authority – NR Operations Officer – Language Modification for 2020 – Decisional Topic (Aaron Thompson)

- Decision: Send draft out for comment and address it that way.

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

- Delay: Waiting on NWCG

Tasking Proposal for WFAAs – Cost / Time Commitment Analysis Dispatch Improvement Project - Decisional Topic (Aaron Thompson) –

- Postponed due to number of votes - held for Spring Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Process for Units Changing Dispatch Boundaries – Decisional Topic (Kathy Pipkin)

- Postponed

Potential Impacts on IMT Meeting from Coronavirus – Informational Topic (Aaron Thompson)

- Decision - Recommendation to Agency Administrators to cancel face to face and hold virtual as able for IMT Workshop, Dispatchers Workshop and NRCG Spring Meeting.

IMT Standard Operation Guide – Decisional Topic (Julie Polutnik)

- Due Date April 3, 2020 to Julie Polutnik for any comments.

Should NRCG Begin Conducting Weekly Calls – Decisional Topic (Aaron Thompson)

- Decision - Yes: Consisting of Round Robin – What's new with COVID-19 in your agency and fire response on an interagency level.
- Kathy Pipkin to send out a doodle poll.
- Mike DeGrosky will distribute day and time of next call.

Review of Action Items: (Mike DeGrosky)

- Postponed

The next scheduled NRCG Call will be determined via email and Mike DeGrosky will send out notice.