



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

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

Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Participants:

Board Members: Brad Bergman (BLM), Tate Fischer, Josh Harvey, Jake Ganieany, Matt Hall, Rich Cowger, Craig Glazier

Deputies and Others: Joe Sampson, Kathy Pipkin, Jordan McKnight, Jeni Jeresek, Tara Dana, Tracey Nimlos

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

NWCG/NMAC Update: (Aitor Bidaburu)

- Not present

Northern Rockies GACC and Operational Updates:

NRCG Operations (Corey Buhl)

- Not present

NRCC Update: (Kathy Pipkin)

- Still have a few fires and still have resources committed outside the GACC. NRCC staffing for the holidays – closed December 24-26 and December 31 – January 2nd; minimum staffing the week between Christmas and New Year's.

New Business

Discussion Regarding Proposed 2023 NR IMT Configuration Changes – Informational Topic – Joe Sampson

- Chair had extensive conversations with the AA group last week and direction in the memo that will come out was a joint effort with the AAs. NRCG had been looking at putting out direction about what the IMTs should look like, but the AAs wanted the IC group to be more involved with the configuration of the IMTs after 2022. 2022 will remain status quo. Push will not be to get IMT3s stood up for 2022, but rather begin work to do so in the following year. All are committed to understanding the need to reorganize and restructure the IMTs and the Board and AAs wish to work with the ICs to determine what that looks like. Hope to get to a spot where IMTs are healthy and sustainable. Also, need to figure out how to support the infrastructure behind the IMTs. NR Team 5 will remain the Wildland Fire Management Team for 2022.
- Request that the IC committee Chair provide the NRCG board with a reply to the question of: “With the proposed changes for 2023, what direction do they need from the board to fold into the resource pool (1) type 2 IMT and (1) type 1 IMT and build/recruit (3) type 3 IMTs?”
- Joe Sampson representing the IC Committee feels there will be a good plan moving forward although, will be a challenge. NWCG Workforce Management group is moving forward quickly and will affect how IMTs look in the future. It appears IMTs will be labeled Complex and Non-Complex by 2023. Should the ICs be looking at this during their work? Will better position the region for the future.
- ICs will begin work with their tasking in January. Will be a workload, but they have a bias for action.
- IMT application timeline will be more compressed for 2022 IMT applications. IC selection letter



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should be distributed soon.

Leaders' Intent for Proposed T3 IMTs – Decisional Topic – Josh Harvey

- This will be folded into the analysis of IMTs moving toward complex and non-complex.

2022 NRCG Spring Meeting and IMT Meeting Dates – Decisional Topic – Josh Harvey

- NRCG and IMT meetings will be virtual April 18-22, 2022
- IC committee will determine which IMT will organize IMT meetings

Old Business

NR Remote Incident Support (RIS) – Informational Topic – Jordan McKnight

- Agencies to report back regarding adding a box to an organizational chart that would be funded by the suppression cost share.
- USFS may have the possibility of adding that position. Meeting early in January to discuss and will report back to the BOD.

Financial Plan Update – Informational Topic – Jeni Jeresek

- All agency leads should have gotten an email with past contributions to the AFD financial plan. Due date was the 17th but have only gotten a couple of responses. Looking for those responses back in order to get the final out in early January. Please let Jeni Jeresek know by first week of January regarding changes.

Proposed Tasking – Establishment of Baseline Complexity Criteria for Dispatch Centers within the Northern Rockies Geographic Area – Decisional Topic – Craig Glazier / Aaron Thompson

- (See pre-reading materials) Proposal sent.
- Ask is for Dispatch Centers to do complexity analysis based on model used in the PNW to look at complexities, staffing, and gaining efficiencies.
- Official data call will be put out in January and will involve a survey that addresses the items that go into a complexity analysis. That will establish the parameters that go into each complexity. The list of the data is in the proposal. Survey will be sent to the Center Managers.
- Draft complexity analysis to be presented to BOD in February or March of 2023.
- Not a quorum on the call to decide whether to move forward. Will poll the board via email for approval to move forward on the project.

Review of Action Items: (Josh Harvey)

- Deferred in the interest of time.

The next scheduled NRCG Monthly Conference Call is January 18, 2022 at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time