



# **Northern Rockies Coordinating Group**

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

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

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

**Board Members:** Bryce Rogers, Aaron Thompson, Tate Fischer, Matt Hall, Rich Cowger – Vice Chair, Paul Cerda, Craig Glazier

**Deputies and Others:** Adriane Beck, Jason Jarrett, Corey Buhl, Jay Mcallister, Morganne Lehr, Billy Phillips, Aitor Bidaburu, Jeni Jeresek, Tara Dana, 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)**

- CGAC/NMAC meeting will be the third week in January. There is one tasking out to the GACCs regarding number of CIM teams for 2023.
- Rotation and updates for NMAC representatives reviewed.

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

#### **NRCG Operations (Corey Buhl)**

- Conducted AAR at the coordination center last week. Good session with positive outcome.
- Will be attending the CGAC meeting.
- Chief Mountain crew is working to maintain T1 crew status; however, may drop down to a type 2 crew.

#### **NRCC Update (Jay Mcallister)**

- Successful seasonal AAR last week with proactive staff putting forth good future recommendations.

### **Old Business**

#### **T3 IMT SOPs Tasking Update – Informational Topic – Corey Buhl**

- Discussions with ICs resulted in proposal not to create a new document, but rather incorporate the T3 IMTs into the main Team Plan document.
- NR IMT recruitment expected to be distributed later today.
- Group consensus to support this proposal; no opposition expressed.
- Team Plan expected to be completed in May.

#### **NRCG Financial Plan – Reply Due – Informational Topic – Jeni Jeresek**

- See previously distributed email requesting updates. Please return the reply due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Business**

#### **RIST Briefing – Informational Topic – Morganne Lehr and Billy Phillips**

- Good season this year. Operated as a national RIST.
- Reviewed RIST organizational changes from past season.
- Having RIST Coordinators for the duration was critical to the success of the season.



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- Were able to build consistencies and efficiencies.
- Developed business practices for funding RIST positions across multiple GACCs.
- Program increases the ability to tap into a diverse workforce that can provide added capacity.
- Demand continued to reinforce the need for this model.
- Maintain a roster of almost 800 individuals that are primarily only available to provide remote support to incidents.
- Future of RIST is uncertain. Current staffing solutions are not sustainable. Unsure if will be able to provide future national support.
- Effort underway to present at CGAC meeting. Aitor Bidaburu is working on getting this on the CGAC agenda.
- Aaron Thompson – need to address on both a short term, in GACC and long-term national support level. Support Craig Glazier and Corey Buhl requesting this as an agenda item for CGAC.
- Rich Cowger – suggestion to draft a letter on importance of RIST for submission up the line.
  - Morganne Lehr – was advised from a national level that demonstrating how program is adding to capacity (by tapping into resources that can only support in a remote capacity), increasing efficiencies, reducing costs, and reducing UTFs is key to gaining national momentum support.
  - Rich Cowger – will work with Aaron Thompson to draft this letter.
- Aitor Bidaburu – confirmed that this item is on the agenda for the CGAC meeting. Will be important to emphasize both referenced agreements and future asks.

### **Re-assign IMT Liaisons – Decisional Topic – Rich Cowger**

- Bryce Rogers – BIA is willing to sponsor a liaison.
- Item tabled until January meeting.

### **Review of Action Items: (Rich Cowger)**

- In the interest of time, item tabled till January meeting.

**The next scheduled NRCG Monthly Conference Call is January 17, 2023 at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time**