



# **Northern Rockies Coordinating Group**

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

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

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

**Board Members:** Darron Williams, Bryce Rogers – Vice Chair, Dennis Strange, Tate Fischer, Josh Harvey, Brett Lloyd, Rich Cowger – Chair, Paul Cerda,

**Deputies and Others:** Craig Howells, Jason Jarrett, Chad Pickering, Pam Jolly, Corey Buhl, Kathy Pipkin, Jordan McKnight, Melissa Wegner, Anthony Krause, Dan O'Brien

**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 due to scheduling conflicts.*

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

#### **CGAC Report Out (Craig Glazier and Corey Buhl)**

- No Report out

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

- Fair amount of crew requests for Idaho; do have a couple of type 2 IA crews coming into the GACC and appreciate hosting units.
- Able to support Canada with jumpers. Received one boost yesterday that went to Grangeville.

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

- Please reference summary activity update that was distributed on Monday.
- Working on a short IMT for Alberta and there are some DNRC individuals on it. This requires a bit more coordination through different agreements.
- Bozeman rappel left yesterday for British Columbia, along with smokejumpers.
- Most all contract equipment in GACC, four type 2 IA crews available, and some agency resources. One large Air Tanker in the GACC. Crews nationally in the system are contract crews. Do have three Northern Rockies IHCs coming available in next five days. Positioned well at PL 2.
- Reminder to BOD to schedule GMAC representative week.
- From the NICC Call:
  - SWC
    - 6,000 acres growth on Red Point Tank
    - working on a team roster for Canada
  - NWC
    - 1,500 acres large fire growth on Flat
  - NICC
    - NMAC - fresh request for Alberta, British Columbia, and Northwest Territory
    - Capping crews at 15 (T1, T2IA) - expecting that number to trickle down
    - Will continue to support Canada with IMT and overhead as GACCs see fit
    - Airtankers: intent is for pro-active suppression support.



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### **Old Business**

#### **Dispatch Improvement Tasking – Next Steps – Standing Item – Dan O’Brien**

- Please reference short briefing paper distributed previously.
- Have assembled the core team. See these individuals as the central node of a larger GACC effort. At some point, see group reaching out to other work groups to obtain information.
- Intent is for a collaborative and transparent effort.
- First meeting tomorrow; with an ambitious agenda.
- Communications briefings will be distributed frequently.

#### **2023 NR IMT Mobilization Procedures – Informational Topic – Pam Jolly**

- Distributed and posted.

#### **NRCG Operating Guide Update – Informational Topic – Pam Jolly**

- All signatures obtained as of this morning. Will be distributed and posted soon.

### **New Business**

#### **Idaho Office of Emergency Services – Request to join NRCG – Informational Topic – Josh Harvey**

- Per Josh Harvey email summary: Idaho’s Office of Emergency Management reached out to me with a request to join the monthly NRCG meetings. Understanding is that one of their representatives was looking at the membership on the NRCG website and noticed that non-fire agencies were being represented. Do not think they are looking to be a voting member.
- Clarification that they only want to participate, not be a member.
- Action Item: Will move ahead to invite to meetings. Josh Harvey will email contact information to Rich Cowger and Pam Jolly for invitation to follow.

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

- Differed due to recent review.

**The next scheduled NRCG Monthly Conference Call is August 15, 2023 at 10:00 Hours Mountain Time**