

Northern Rockies Incident Business Committee 2021 Fire Finance/Incident Business Webinars

Incident Business Panel Discussion

Amanda Boatright, Panel Facilitator, BIA Rocky Mountain Region

Sarah Lee, INBA, BLM Montana/Dakotas State Office

Tracey Nimlos, INBA, USFS Northern Region

Patrick Murphy, USFS Fire Information Technology (FIT) Branch

Jamey Toland, USFS Kootenai Interagency Dispatch Center

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Meet Our Finance Section Chiefs

Northern Rockies Type 1 and Type 2 Finance Section Chiefs

Facilitated By: Wendy McCartney, Fire Business Management Assistant – BLM – North Central Montana District

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New to Fire

Sarah Lee, Fire Business Lead – BLM – Montana/Dakotas State Office

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Local Government Resources Update

Becky Shepard, Eastside Incident Business Specialist – MT DNRC Forestry Division

Amber Honsaker, Fire Business Specialist – Idaho Department of Lands

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Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) for Finance

Sarah Lee, Fire Business Lead – BLM – Montana/Dakotas State Office

[IROC for Finance Webinar Link](#)

Incident Business Advisor (INBA) Refresher

Tracey Nimlos, Incident Business Coordinator - USFS – Northern Region Fire, Aviation & Air

[Incident Business Advisor \(INBA\) Refresher Webinar Link](#)

Don't Delay, Get 'em Paid (EQTR)

Fauzia Massey, Incident Business Specialist – USFS – Custer Gallatin NF & Dakota Prairie Grasslands

Joanne Marceau, Fire Finance & Incident Business Supervisor – MT DNRC Forestry Division

[Don't Delay, Get 'em Paid \(EQTR\) Webinar Link](#)

National Emergency Rental Vehicles (NERV)

Shane Thao – USFS – WO NERV Contract Coordinator

[National Emergency Rental Vehicle \(NERV\) Webinar Link](#)

Beginner PTRC

Biddy Simet, Incident Business Specialist – USFS – Helena-Lewis and Clark, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NFs

Becky Shepard, Eastside Incident Business Specialist – MT DNRC Fire Protection Bureau

[Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced PTRC Webinar Link](#)

COMP Updates

Deanna Crawford, Incident Business Specialist – USFS – Bitterroot and Lolo NFs

Kayla Bobzien, Incident Business Specialist – USFS – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NFs

Amber Honsaker, Fire Business Specialist – Idaho Department of Lands

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Electronic Ninja Skills

*Fauzia Massey, Incident Business Specialist – USFS – Custer Gallatin NF & Dakota Prairie Grasslands
Wendy McCartney, Fire Business Management Assistant – BLM – North Central Montana District*

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2021 NR Fire Finance/Incident Business Presenter Bios

(In Order of Webinar Appearance)

Amanda M. Boatright

DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs – Rocky Mountain Region - Billings, MT

Fire Business Lead

Amanda holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Business Management from Rocky Mountain College and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Mary. Prior to entering Federal service, she worked as an adjunct professor for Rocky Mountain College and Montana State University – Billings, College of Business. In 2010, she joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office as an Accounting Technician. She transferred to the Branch of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management in 2011 and handles budget and finance, acquisition, and incident business.

Amanda is the BIA RMR Agency Lead for the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) Incident Business Committee (IBC) and the BIA RMR representative to Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group (RMCG) IBC. Additionally, she is the NRCG IBC liaison to the NRCG Operations Committee. Amanda is a qualified INBA, FSC3, and TIME. She has participated in multiple incident business/fire finance task groups sponsored by the NWCG IBC as well as task groups sponsored by the BIA Branch of Wildland Fire Management (BWFM) and has become a SME for the BIA/Tribal wildland fire cooperative agreements and thoroughly enjoys discussing policy and regulations pertaining to 2 CFR 200 cooperative agreements, incident business, and PL 93-638 Indian Self Determination Act. Outside of work Amanda and her husband are at the beck and call of their son and twin daughters. She spends her time carpooling kids to every event imaginable and loves cheering them on in football, basketball, volleyball, and track & field.

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Sarah J. Lee

DOI Bureau of Land Management – Montana/Dakotas State Office - Billings, MT

Fire Business Lead

Sarah started her career in wildland fire in 2000 first on a handcrew and later engines at Mesa Verde National Park in SW Colorado while obtaining her degree in Microbiology. After four years with NPS, she then moved to Fairbanks with the BLM's Alaska Fire Service in 2004 and changed from an operations focus to incident business (first with statewide Aircraft Payments and then as the Incident Business Specialist for Tanana and Upper Yukon Zones). Next Sarah accepted a position as a District Incident Business Specialist with the Winnemucca District BLM in Nevada in 2007 (which has the third largest initial attack responsibility within BLM and covers over 8 million acres). Then at the end of 2009 she moved to McCall, Idaho, as the Payette National Forest's Supervisory Budget Officer for five years. Since 2015 she has been the Montana/Dakotas BLM State Office's State Fire Business Lead and Training Officer located in Billings, MT.

Sarah is currently the primary FSC1 on the Northern Rockies IMT1 (Turman), and her current qualifications include: FSC1, PSC2, INBA and most unit leader positions within those two sections. In

addition to numerous wildland fire assignments over the last 21 years, she has a significant all-hazard background that includes: hurricanes (8), ice storms, mudslides, droughts, Deep-Water Horizon Oil Spill, 9/11 Pentagon Sector, Columbia Shuttle Recovery, 2 Presidential Inaugurations, Presidential Fireworks at Mount Rushmore, Centennial of Flight at Kitty Hawk, 3 Burning Man events, 1 Rainbow Family Gathering, 2 biologic responses (New Castle Disease and New World Screwworm), and numerous SAR/LE incidents. When she isn't on an incident assignment, she enjoys remodeling her fourth home, cross-country skiing, knitting, hiking with her rescued English Springer Spaniel (Charlie), and reading tons of books during her travels.

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Tracey Nimlos

USDA Forest Service - Region 1, Regional Office - Missoula, Montana

Regional Incident Business Coordinator

Tracey works in the Fire and Aviation Staff in the Northern Regional Office of the US Forest Service as the Regional Incident Business Coordinator. She is qualified as an Incident Business Advisor and is the current Vice-Chair of the Northern Rockies Incident Business Committee.

Prior to her current position, Tracey served as the Assistant to the Regional Fire & Aviation Director, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Executive Secretary and Northern Rockies MAC Coordinator. She was also the Purchasing Agent for the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula for 8 years and has experience in all administrative functions within the Forest Service.

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Patrick Murphy

USDA Forest Service, CIO Fire Information Technology (FIT) Branch - Missoula, MT

IT Specialist

Patrick is a fire IT specialist with the Forest Service. He has spent the majority of his career in Northern Rockies working in and managing the Northern Rockies Fire IT program for NRCG. Federal law and Department policy directed that all IT personnel move into a CIO organization. As a result, Patrick has moved from the Northern Rockies regional program to the Forest Service CIO in a national role. He is currently the liaison between the WFIT Program Board and the national ITSS community and works on standardization, ITSS recruitment and training, and as an SME in multiple national programs.

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Jamey Toland

USDA Forest Service – Region 1, Kootenai Interagency Dispatch Center - Libby, MT

Dispatch Center Manager

For as long as Jamey can remember she always wanted to fight fire. She began her career with the Forest Service in 1997 on a Type 2 Initial Attack Crew on the Boise National Forest. After the first season, she was hooked. While working on the Boise, she worked on a hotshot crew, a rappel crew, and an engine crew. In 2005 Jamey made the trek north and took a position on the Kootenai National Forest. In 2010, her world as she knew it changed for the better when she had a beautiful baby boy. It was then that her career switched from the operations side over to dispatch and she hasn't looked back since. What better

way to still be involved in fire but be able to go home to your family every night. In her spare time, she can be found on the lake fishing and swimming with her family or cruising the mountains by any means possible whether it be hiking or snowmobiling.

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Wendy McCartney

DOI Bureau of Land Management – North Central Montana District – Lewistown, MT
Fire Business Management Specialist

Wendy's career has taken her all over the United States, working in a variety of forestry and fire-related positions for local, state, and federal government organizations. She began her post-college career operating a chainsaw for two seasons for Jefferson County Parks and Open Space in Colorado, cutting and de-barking trees infested with Mountain Pine Beetle as a thinning crew member. Wendy was then a Forester for the State of Colorado for five years, where she advised private landowners on forest health issues, insects and disease, and fire-wise landscaping. During this time, she was detailed to the State Office as a FEMA liaison to process fire reimbursements in the aftermath of Colorado's historic 2002 fire season. Wendy participated as a lead coordinator and state representative in the development of Colorado's first interagency Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) along the Front Range, contracting thousands of acres of cooperative fuels reduction projects under two pilot programs, utilizing Senator Wyden's "Good Neighbor" legislation.

Since coming to work for the United States Forest Service, Wendy worked seasonally in Colorado and Oregon for several years in Recreation and Timber; three years marking and cruising timber in the Black Hills NF of South Dakota; a total of twelve years working in fuels management on the Salmon/Challis NF (Idaho), the Lassen NF (California) and the Superior NF (Minnesota); and one year each as a Flathead Hotshot (Montana) and a Redmond Hotshot (Oregon). Wendy came to the Bureau of Land Management in May 2020, accepting the challenge to expand her mind and capacity as the Fire Business Management Assistant for the NCMD. Wendy has participated on a number of Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management teams throughout the country, both as a team member and a single resource, filling a variety of roles in the Finance section. She is currently participating as a Type 2 Finance Section Chief on a Northern Rockies Type 2 IMT and continues to hold a variety of qualifications in Operations, Prescribed Fire, and Aviation. Wendy enjoys mentoring up-and-coming fire leaders and participates as an instructor for multiple basic and advanced fire courses at local, regional, and national training centers. She is very passionate about fire ecology and its place in the natural world and loves to share her knowledge of the connections between fire effects, fire behavior, and fuels management practices with all types of audiences and age groups. Wendy's other passion is promoting and supporting mental resiliency practices and tools for fire and all emergency responders; she is a Stress First Aid trainer and instructor in partnership with the Wellness and Resiliency branch of the Washington Office, USDA, as well as available to assist on FLA/Lessons Learned teams as a Technical Specialist, with a near-term goal of taking CISM training to assist there as well.

Wendy has 24 years of fire experience and has been fortunate to fight fire in every region of the country. She holds a B.S. in Natural Resources/Forest Ecosystem Dynamics from Oregon State University, and has been selected for several details, the most recent of which was to the Human Performance/Organizational Learning Branch of the USDA's Washington Office. She enjoys running and hiking with her dog, Luna, hunting and target shooting with her husband, and reading books on leadership, mental fortitude and resiliency, and military history.

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Becky Shepard
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Forestry Division -
Lewistown, MT

Eastside Incident Business Specialist

Becky joined the MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) in 2002, after working in private industry for 25 years in various accounting and bookkeeping positions. Her career with the DNRC started as the Office Manager for the Northeastern Land Office in Lewistown. She began working in fire finance in 2003 while Office Manager. Since then, she has become a qualified Type 2 Finance Section Chief and is the Finance Section Chief for the Montana State sponsored, County Assist Team (CAT Team). She is also an INBA trainee. Her position with the DNRC then changed in 2015 with her taking on additional job responsibilities as the Fire Business Program Specialist, which then transitioned to becoming the Eastside Incident Business Specialist in 2019. Becky is also the Eastern Montana Zone Rep to the NRCG Business Committee and sits on a variety of other fire business related committees such as the Wildland Committee and the Western States Business Managers Committee.

When she is not working, her and her husband are enjoying their new boat while fishing and camping! She also enjoys riding her bike, walking, working in her yard, and hunting!

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Amber Honsaker
Idaho Department of Lands – Coeur d’Alene, ID

Fire Business Specialist

Amber started her career with IDL fresh out of high school in 2005 as a timber crew member. Since that time, she has worked her way through the agency, holding various positions from timber to administrative assistant roles and eventually found her way to fire in 2012 when she began working at the Coeur d’Alene Interagency Fire Cache where she managed the accounts payable. From there she made her way to her current position in Fire Business in 2018. She is currently a INBA, EQTR, and PTRC trainee.

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Fauzia Massey
USDA Forest Service – Region 1, Custer Gallatin NF & Dakota Prairie Grasslands -
Billings, MT

Incident Business Specialist

Fauzia graduated from the University of California - Santa Barbara in Environmental Studies and began working for the National Park Service as a AmeriCorp Volunteer in Flagstaff, AZ. In 1998 she began working at the Grand Canyon in the Ranger Division. It was here that she started helping the Fire Program Assistant during incidents doing personnel time recording and she was hooked. Since then Fauzia has worked as the Fire Program Assistant in Grand Canyon NP, Grand Teton NP and Santa Monica NRA before coming to Montana in 2017 to be the Incident Business Specialist for the Custer Gallatin NF and Dakota Prairie Grasslands. Fauzia has been going out to incidents since 2002 and was the COST on two Type 2 IMTs, one out of South Dakota and one from Southern California. She is qualified as a FSC3, COST, TIME, and a FSC2 and INBA trainee. Fauzia loves being out on assignment, being among the firefighters and feeling the energy of everyone on a mission together. Her hobbies include kayaking, hiking, gardening, and coloring.

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Joanne Marceau

**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Forestry Division –
Missoula, MT**

Fire Finance and Incident Business Supervisor

Joanne has been with the DNRC Forestry Division for 10 years and welcomes any questions anyone might have regarding DNRC Fire Finance or Fire Business.

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Biddy (Elizabeth) Simet

**USDA Forest Service – Region 1, Helena-Lewis and Clark and Beaverhead-Deerlodge
National Forests - Helena, MT**

Incident Business Specialist

Biddy currently serves the US Forest Service, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest as their Incident Business Specialist. She has been with the USFS since January of 2020. Prior to that, with Glacier National Park's wildland fire program since the summer of 1998. She has served on the NRCG Incident Business Committee (IBC) since 2005 as either the Northwest Montana Zone representative, the National Park Service agency rep or, currently, the Central Montana Zone rep.

She is qualified as a Finance Section Chief Type 2 and serves on Northern Rockies Type 2 Incident Management Team – Team 4. Also qualified as Incident Business Advisor.

She regularly instructs a series of incident business courses, typically including: S-260 & S-261 Interagency Incident Business Management and Application, Incident / Advanced Cost, All eI-Suite modules, NRCG IBC incident business webinars, Type 3 IMT workshops, and Type 1 & 2 IMT Meeting Finance/Logistics Breakouts

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Deanna L. Crawford

USDA Forest Service – Region 1, Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests - Hamilton, MT

Incident Business Specialist

Deanna started her career with the Forest Service in 1999 at the Rocky Mountain Research Station, Wildlife Research Unit in Missoula, Montana, transferring to the Bitterroot National Forest in 2001. Since 2001, she has held various positions at the forest and regional levels in human resources, administration, and fire management. She has detailed to the USFS WO-FAM as an Emergency Operations Specialist working in the All Hazard and International Fire Support Branch as well as detailed

to NIMO as FSC. She currently serves in a shared position with the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests, overseeing all aspects of incident business management at the forest level.

She serves on several regional and national committees, including serving as the NR SW Zone Rep on the NRCG Incident Business Committee. Deanna teaches a variety of fire, ICS and all hazards courses at the zone, geographic area, national and international levels. Since 2002, Deanna has served on Northern Rockies Incident Management teams holding several different positions in the Plans and Finance Sections. She currently serves as a FSC1 on NR Team 2, is a PSC2(t), INBA, ESFA and ESFL(t).

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Kayla Bobzien

USDA Forest Service – Region 4, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest – S. Jordan, UT
Incident Business Specialist

Kayla is a qualified INBA, FSC3, COMP, COST, TIME, EQTR, PTRC and has been rostered on IMTs in the Northern Rockies & Great Basin for the past 7 years. She is excited about the new challenge brought on by the transition to doing business in an electronic/virtual environment. Kayla is passionate about the work we do and hopes to see you all out there!

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