

Operations Committee Meeting  
February 16-17, 2010  
Helena, Montana

**Predictive Services**

Provided an update of the potential fire season for 2010.

Went through a Powerpoint reviewing models for 2010 season.

Models suggest an above average season.

Discussed the web site hosting for fuels outlooks by area. Will be sending out information to encourage input from the field.

**Introductions**

Chairman Greg Archie reviewed the agenda and introductions were done.

**Operations Committee Charter**

Greg reviewed the current charter and updates were provided. He will work with Bob Gilman and update the charter with the suggested changes and post to the NRCG web site without a date on it. It will remain adopted as it is posted.

**Team Plans**

Team plan for 2010 was discussed. Draft will need updated with the revised complexity analysis and delegation of authority that are being worked on. If you have changes send them to Gary Boyd. Gary will update and send out final by 5/1/10.

**Team Selections/Issues**

No major changes currently with the teams, number, or configuration. Gary Boyd passed out lists by functions to be reviewed. Committee went through these and determined any needs that could be filled with people on the list and who will be listed in the pool resources. Gary will send out list of positions to be reviewed so we can utilize as many agency people as possible and make sure we are looking at the positions ADs currently fill. Need to get final rosters to Gary as soon as possible.

**Team Meetings**

Greg reviewed the current format for team meetings and coordinated the discussion. ICs need to be at the NRCG meeting on 4/5/10 at 1300 in Missoula. Will need After Action Reports from team exercises at the team meetings for the incident within an incident discussion. The TTX AARs will be shared so any lessons coming out will be distributed.

Eastern MT team meeting will be 4/7&8/10 in Billings – for agenda contact Jess Secrest

North ID and Western MT team meeting will be 4/7&8/10 in Coeur d'Alene, ID – for agenda contact Mark Grant

Type I teams will meet 4/6-8/10 in Missoula – for agenda contact Doug Turman

Wildland fire teams are going to Billings 4/7&8 – for agenda contact Brad McBratney

### **COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS**

Greg Poncin coordinated discussion on complexity analysis. Bob Gilman presented a draft of relative risk and potential incident complexity. Bob will take the comments and revise the draft and take it to the NRCG Board meeting in April. Any other ideas can be sent to Bob Gilman prior to the meeting.

### **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

Greg coordinated the delegation of authority discussion. Centered around a difference between samples and templates and what needs to be included at a minimum. Jane Ingebretson will develop a draft template with recommendations from the Ops committee out of the discussion.

### **IC/AC MEETING**

Greg Poncin and Doug Turman coordinated the IC/AC brief and discussion. Any issues needing addressed can be given to Greg. Couple of issues identified were 520 candidates getting out with taskbooks; in some cases they were turned down by the accepting jurisdiction. The role of T1 and T2 teams in supporting T3 fires in busy years was also discussed. AD issue still could be a problem a limit is established in how they can be used.

### **TRAINING**

Paul Fieldhouse discussed training. National level training committee for NWCG has combined with the Incident Operations Standards Committee to form one committee called Operations and Workforce Development. Hours involved in training to meet course hours will include pre-course work. Pacific NW region made proposal about Plans position for flexibility in Plans training to include non-line qualified resource unit leaders and situation unit leaders. The US Fire Administration proposal on all hazard T3 teams working on wildland fire incidents was passed out and discussed. Historical Recognition process for qualified instructors was discussed. A committee has been formed including Paul, Jim Blankenship, Fred Naeher (MT DES State Training Officer), Butch Weedon (Fire Services Training School Director), and other instructor coordinators to come up with a strategy to meet the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for submittal of instructors to Dept of Homeland Security. Geographic Training Committee; Chair is Kitty Ortman. Next meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at Central Valley Training Center in Belgrade. Geographic level funding for students and instructors discussed. 420 & 520 candidates discussed and reviewed. CIMCE candidates and successful students need to submit an application for TI team taskbook training. Rosy LeMire will be the coordinating point for NRTC in coordinating training assignments for 420 & 520 candidates with teams and work on a coordination plan. A proposal was made to move up nomination date for 420 and 520 to February 1<sup>st</sup> so candidates can be prioritized at the February Operations

committee meeting. Paul discussed other training put on at NRTC. Greg Poncin discussed the L-580 staff ride hosted at Gettysburg.

### **DISPATCH COMMITTEE**

The Dispatch committee would like to get ordering managers to ROSS training this spring. They will be contacting them with invites. A reminder that CTSPs (Computer Specialists) need to get their profiles updated annually BEFORE being dispatched.

### **FEMA REGION 8 TYPE III TEAM PILOT PROJECT**

Lanney Holmes of FEMA Region 8 and Mark Peck of Flathead County conducted a webex and conference call on FEMA's TIII team pilot project and how it will hopefully be integrated with our NRCG Type III efforts. Bob Fry is chair of the MT Incident Management all hazards working team and coordinating that effort. An all hazard IMT conference will be held in Denver, CO in late November or early December 2010. Regional T III applications for the Northwest team will be out shortly; for more information contact Rick Connell.

### **AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR BRIEFINGS**

Bob Gilman briefed on the Agency Administrator briefing dates. A flyer is being distributed with the dates and locations. All local, state, and federal administrative decision makers are being invited.

FOR INFORMATION ON DOCUMENTS CONTACT CHAIRMAN GREG ARCHIE AT [garchie@mt.gov](mailto:garchie@mt.gov).

A SPREADSHEET CONTAINING THE ATTENDEES CAN BE OBTAINED BY ALSO CONTACTING THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Respectfully submitted,

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