

Operations Committee Meeting

February 15-16, 2012

Helena, Montana

Introductions

Chairman Greg Archie reviewed the agenda and introductions were done.

- **Agenda:** Team Selection, Team Business, Team Meetings, Team Plans, Team...
- NWCG Incident Management Organization Succession Planning / IMT Strategy for NR
- Training Update – S420/L480 Intent into Action Who's Who in the NRTC Zoo
- All Hazard IMTs
- Updates from the Hotshots / Jumpers
- IC/AC meeting agenda – anything of interest to us in the NR?
- Zone Updates
- DES Command/Communications Vehicle
- Other NR Committee reports
- Other Items???

Team Selection:

Judy Heintz provided an update and spreadsheet with all the names submitted in the applications to the NRCC website. Worked through each team to decipher the names submitted. ICs need to get final team rosters to Judy by March 1st. ICs also need to submit the rosters in the national format spreadsheet provided by Judy. You can have a separate spreadsheet roster for your team use.

Team Plan:

Reviewed the NRCG team plan. Discussed the national MOB guide being 10 primary short team and 17 long team. The Northern Rockies has agreed to have 14 positions on the short team. Judy will insert the language developed in the White paper developed by the Ops committee into the NRCG team plan. Judy, Shawn, Doug and Brad will review the NRCG team plan and lead the rewrite of any sections. All ICs should review the document and send comments to them by the first of March.

Team Meetings:

Judy discussed the team meetings agenda. Team meetings are March 13th, 14th, & 15th in Missoula. Start on the 13th at 1300. Meeting at the new NG Armory in Missoula. Judy will send out a final agenda with a map.

IMT strategy for Northern Rockies:

NRCG asked the Ops Committee to review the old Crystal Ball document developed in 2006 and review the NWCG succession planning strategy and come up with a review of where the teams are going. Greg gave an overview of where the process is in the planning and development phase. A subcommittee met in Missoula a few weeks ago to initiate a draft strategy. That was still being developed by Wally, Steve, and Bob Gilman. This will be presented to the NRCG board at the next meeting.

Hotshot update:

Fred Thompson updated us about hotshot status. 2 vacate Supervisor positions will be available this spring. Not much different nationally.

Smokejumper update:

Tory Kendrick and Sarah Doehring updated us about the jumper status and availability. Any aircraft that goes out should have an IC3 with them. Call the jumper Duty Officer for any updated status or capability. The Operations number in the smokejumper brochure or off the website, www.nifc.gov/smokejumper/smj rpt.php, has the current numbers for each base. Request the Duty Officer when you call. If you have a question about what base to call contact the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula at 406-329-4896.

IC/AC National update:

Doug gave us a brief overview of the national update. There are 7 new ICs nationally. The number of teams should be the same nationally.

Team status updates:

ICs briefed on each of their respective teams. Discussed status of current pool of ICs and what we are doing to facilitate succession planning for the future.

Day 2

Greg talked about the IC trainee list we discussed at the end of the day yesterday. **The names should be given to Greg Archie.**

Team Selection day 2:

Reviewed list of names that were not picked on teams yesterday.

DES Command/Communications Vehicle:

Steve Knecht, Mike Stapp, Tam Kolar from MT DES talked about the capabilities of the DES command vehicle and the ordering methods through DES. The vehicle can be ordered via the NRCC process to DES and they will mobilize it for costs in the state. MT DES wants to get it out and used. DPHHS also has a similar Command trailer that can be accessed also via the same ordering process for costs negotiated with DPHHS. **MT DES will distribute a flyer with the ordering process and vehicle capabilities.** John Monzie discussed the ordering and prioritizing process for the resources. The DES vehicle was looked during the break. Mike talked about a remote camera that could be utilized on an incident to view an incident remotely from the web. A similar technology is available for review on the web at <http://www.ocraces.org/viscomm.html>.

IMT strategy in the Northern Rockies Day 2 discussion:

Greg, Wally and Bob Gilman discussed the IC meeting in Missoula and the Crystal Ball document. An Operations document is being developed in draft to be presented to the NRCG Board in a future document. **The draft will be distributed to the Operations Committee as soon as it is available before the March meeting.**

All Hazard IMT discussion:

Doug Williams led the discussion. Discussed the Region 8 IMT effort with All Hazard training. Talked about the changes at the national level and how the Emergency Support Function for Fire (ESF-4) is changing and the US Fire Administration is taking over that responsibility in the future. Discussed the Montana effort for All Hazard IMT training and team status for IMT3 development. Discussed the IMT Coordinator position with DNRC and the Firewarden's grant from DHS. Challenges are the certification and deployment for all hazard incidents. Jim Newton discussed what Idaho was doing for supporting All Hazard IMTs.

Training Update:

Kitty Ortman led the discussion on the NRTC training. Paul Fieldhouse has retired from NRTC. Discussed the S420/L480 Command Intent into Action. Reviewed the S-420 in the field list of people and prioritized the list. The Training Needs Analysis has gone out and is due March 19th and the Training Committee will meet later in March to review it. S-520 candidates and the pool of CIMCE graduates who are available was discussed. **Type 2 ICs need to have any Type 1 candidates and coordinate with the Type 1 ICs before the team meetings.**

Zone Updates:

Zone Representatives briefed on their respective zones. One big issue on the NW zone was the problem within the EPA contamination area affected by Asbestos, near Libby. The NW land office of DNRC, Kootenai NF, and the EPA are also working on a smoke management plan and discussions are ongoing about large fire management of the contaminated area.

Business Management Update:

Tracy Nimlos gave an update on personnel changes. Finance breakout at team meetings will discuss last years issues and prioritizing finance candidates for the upcoming season. Still looking for future finance candidates at local levels. If you have anything needed for the team meeting brief please let Tracy know.

Native American Crews Update:

Robert LaPlant updated us for NAC.

Equipment Committee Update:

Tim Murphy updated us on Equipment Committee reviews. Contractor and Fire Department issues discussed.

Prevention Update:

Alan Osborn gave an update on the Prevention meeting.

IDL Update:

Jim Newton gave an update on IDL changes. Tom Schultz is new administrator.

Next meeting date and location

The meeting will be October 16th & 17th starting at 12pm. The location will be in the new training room at the Central Land Office at DNRC Helena.

Operations Committee meeting minutes – NRCG

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FOR INFORMATION ON DOCUMENTS CONTACT CHAIRMAN GREG ARCHIE AT garchie@mt.gov.

A SPREADSHEET CONTAINING THE ATTENDEES ACCOMPANIES THESE MINUTES.

Respectfully submitted,

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