



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

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Bureau of Indian Affairs (Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions)

Bureau of Land Management (Colorado and Wyoming)

Fish and Wildlife Service (Mountain/Prairie Region)

Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region)

National Park Service (Intermountain and Midwest Regions)

State Agencies in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas

### Minutes of Conference Call May 2, 2013 – 0930 MDT

#### In Attendance:

##### **Members**

- Chair** Ken Kerr
- Vice Chair** Ron Graham
- Jay Esperance
- Rocco Smart
- Kyle Cowan
- Bill Ott
- Willie Thompson
- Mike Davin
- Bob Jones
- Dave Carter
- Cal Pino

- Dave Hall
- Earl Imler
- Ross Hauck
- Dan Smith
- Facilitator** Jim Fletcher
- Business Manager** Brooke Malcolm

##### **Ex-Officio**

- Chad Ray

##### **Guests**

- Dwight Henninger
- Kevin Weaver (BIA-Rocky Mountain)
- Cliff Hutton

#### 1. **Spring Meeting Follow-Up**

- Letter to GPZ Board regarding use of Team C during “shoulder seasons”
  - Esperance says letter is not necessary to formalize request to use Team C.
  - Hall will relay from RMCG to board; Esperance will relay to Team C.
  - Consensus reached.
- Leaders’ Intent Letter for 2013 fire season preparations
  - Kerr will continue to work on it.
  - Hope to complete in next couple of weeks.
- Mobilization of National Guard Resources
  - Remains standard practice in Colorado for obtaining National Guard (NG) resources via Governor’s office.
    - New Annex does not deal with NG mobilization—requests should still go through RMCG representative for State of Colorado.
    - Worthwhile to identify potential mob center locations in high-frequency fire areas.
      - Task group led by Fletcher working on locations and plans.
    - New language in 2013 RMA Mob Guide re: obtaining resources from CO State entities.
  - Graham not available to address NG situation in WY.
- Aviation Committee
  - Fletcher will confirm with Aviation Committee that FAA staffing/budget not critical.
  - Should be no or minimal impact on VLAT and other tanker base activities.
- Mob Center Plan

- Will use same system of prepositioning resources as in the past for this season.
- Will work again with Scronek if Grand Junction mob center is needed this season.
- Henninger and Scronek met already re: mob center preparations.
- External agreements to AOP
  - Colorado Dispatch AOP rewritten by Fletcher as RMACC Operating Plan.
  - All ready for signatures and final approval.
  - Waiting for approval from USFS and CO BLM.

**2. NWCG IMT Questionnaire Kerr**

- GACGACs received detailed questionnaire re: IMT management and selection.
- May 1 deadline for completion extended to May 15.
- Draft completed by Operations Committee and RMACC—Kerr will review and send to NMAC.
- Update: Review of final draft completed 5/6/13; approved by Kerr for submission.

**3. NFDRS Committee Fletcher**

- Need to make sure that committee is operating within its charter and operating guidelines.
- Snart: Committee should not be an enforcing body for NFDRS system. Local units should be enforcers.
  - Confusion about roles & responsibilities—some think committee should be filling that role.
- Kerr: Intent of committee is to review and identify areas that need improvement, present them to RMCG, and recommend solutions.
  - RMCG is then responsible for going to member agencies with recommendations to improve compliance and resolve issues.
- Consensus that committee is non-enforcing body.
- Pino asked to come up with BIA rep for committee – John Barborinas was supposed to be BIA rep, according to Jones.

**4. Training Committee Cowan**

- Cowan will be new RMCG liaison for committee.
- Still trying to get up to speed with background information.
- Committee requested representatives from agencies that are not represented.
- Call on May 6 to establish new chair/vice chair.

**5. 2014 Spring IMT Meeting Davin**

- Propose same location for meeting at Little America, Cheyenne.
- Will need to change meeting dates to one week earlier or one week later due to facility availability.
- IMT rotation may be lengthened starting in 2014.
- Consensus to hold meeting at later date (April 7-11, 2014).
- Business Manager will draft letter to ICs outlining new dates for 2014.

**6. IT Support Proposal**

**Fletcher**

- Draft proposal from Cathy Hutton (Cody Dispatch) distributed via e-mail.
- Identified need for dedicated dispatch IT support due to specialized programs and processes.
  - Possible to use one person located in a dispatch center and funded on an interagency basis.
- Request all members read and respond with their thoughts.

**7. RMCG Webpage**

- Business Manager assuming website maintenance responsibilities after Wagner retires.
  - Working on updating links and documents.
  - Request liaisons to follow-up with their committees to get meeting/conference call minutes and other documents posted to web.
- Business Manager will set up separate collaborative project site for RMCG to help with scheduling and follow-up on taskings.

**8. MAC Exercise**

**Fletcher**

- Exercise on schedule for May 10 at RMACC.
- Should be an all-day event, organized by Kleinman's NIMO team.

**9. Round-Robin**

- Thompson: Back full-time in new position; May 8<sup>th</sup> is USFS Risk Management workshop at RO.
- Imler: New 5-year agreement in place; working on 2013 fire season preparations.
- Esperance: New SD Sec. of Ag. Lucas Lentsch—Esperance acting as executive until Lentsch takes seat; Team C zone team status will be addressed at next GPZ Board meeting.
- Hall: BIA fire staff still subject to furloughs; begin mandatory days off next pay period.
- Jones: May be looking at some furloughs in fire staff.
- Weaver: No report.
- Cowan: Second week on job as new State FMO for Wyoming.
- Henninger: Web EOC exercise went well yesterday—working through issues.
- Pino: SWA in PL2 currently; numerous fires throughout area; 4 fire staff (2 FMOs) retired this week—working on strategies for coverage; also trying to avoid furloughs; may not be available for MAC exercise due to jury duty.
- Davin: No report.
- Kerr: Todd Richardson accepted 120-day detail in Utah as State FMO, beginning May 20; Operations Committee working on solutions for Team A IC—will present alternatives to RMCG soon.