



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

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 June 6, 2013 – 0930 MDT

In Attendance:

Members

- Chair** Ken Kerr
- Vice Chair** Ron Graham
- Jay Esperance
- Steve Ellis (for 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
- Gwenan Poirier
- Kim Bang
- Jim Kelton

1. **Decision Support Group Issue Paper (2012)** **Poirier**
 - Actions were never taken on issue paper that was approved last year on June conference call.
 - Updates to Mob Guide need to be made, since section on Decision Support Group is not current.
 - Chair will sign issue paper.
 - **Tasking: Poirier will work with other RM Geographic Area editors to craft language for 2013 Mob Guide amendment.** (Cody Wienk, Jesse Duhnkrack, Rich Sterry, Brenda Wilmore, Paul Langowski, John Barborinas, Reeve Armstrong)

2. **National Priority Trainee Mobilization Pilot** **Bang**
 - Every geographic area developing priority trainee list in pilot program nationally.
 - Lists are compiled by zone training representative, then coordinated by GATR.
 - GATR shops trainees nationally and within RMA.
 - Program should be evolving to become less labor-intensive and more automated.
 - RMA will host Training Specialist class in January 2014 at Colorado Wildfire Academy.
 - TNSPs critical to assisting with trainee identification and mobilization.
 - Master priority trainee list will be ready June 16th for this season; will be updated daily.
 - Missing cooperators on list who haven't been tied in.
 - Ellis and Henninger will assist with getting cooperators involved.
 - All unselected trainees for IMTs will be added to priority list for mobilization.
 - GATR working with Ops Committee to determine which ICT2 trainee is on call for current rotation.

- 3. Training Committee Representative Recruitment** **Kerr**
- Follow-up on request from Ron Simpson to identify representatives for each RMCG agency.
 - FWS: No representative identified.
 - NPS: Jesse Duhnkrack
 - BLM WY: Kim Bang
 - BIA: No permanent representative identified due to staffing shortages. LaPlant, Pino & Hall will share duties until representative is available. Fletcher recommends Rob Juhola be considered.
 - SD: Rob Lehman
 - USFS: Shane Greer
 - WY: Mike Bournasian
 - NE: Dave Reisen (still need confirmation)
 - CO: Steve Ellis
 - KS: New representative has been identified.
- 4. LMAC Status** **Kerr**
- Cathy Hutton (Cody) will be producing a podcast on LMACs in mid-June.
 - Fletcher, Perea & Kleinman going to Rapid City for LMAC training. Tammy Milton & Diane Allen (Pueblo) also attending.
 - Craig: LMAC got practice last year. Need to tie in with new line officers (Colt).
 - Fort Collins: Ellis will follow-up with Snart for update.
 - Pueblo: Ott visited with Jerry Marr & Dianne Allen—interested in working on LMAC. Considering LMAC exercise. Conducting Risk Mgmt exercises across zone to tie in cooperators & local government entities.
 - Grand Junction: Davin tied in with Scronek. Comfortable with current plan.
 - Montrose: Kerr attended 2 meetings this spring to tie in new players and refine LMAC plan.
 - Durango: Pino in touch with zone. Geared up with LMAC if needed. May need to do more often than 1x per week (currently Thursdays).
 - Cody: Jones not on call.
 - Casper: Neibauer working on plan using examples from other zones. Conduct daily Ops call statewide, but trying to formalize for this year.
 - Rawlins: Cowan in touch with Scott Russell. Zone has a plan, tied in with Ops Plan. Board is participating well.
 - Great Plains: LMAC plan is complete. Scheduled training for June 11. Lots of practice last year and well-organized for another year.
- 5. MAC Exercise Recap** **Fletcher**
- Good exercise in May with Dan Kleinman’s NIMO Team.
 - Look forward to using similar format in future.
 - Request from Kleinman to return his survey (delivered by e-mail).
- 6. Dutch Creek Protocols** **Kerr**
- Movement in NMAC to standardize protocols nationally.
 - Consider tasking Ops Committee to examine IMT protocols; review by RMCG for adequacy, etc.
 - Need to make sure RMCG is comfortable with plans in team SOPs.
 - Should integrate Occupational Safety & Health and Risk Mgmt in review process.
 - USFS working on creation of Medical Standards Director and standardization of EMT qualifications. This would make it possible for EMTs to operate legally across state lines.
 - **Tasking: Operations Committee will compile IMT protocols for RMCG review in next 4-6 weeks.**

- Review & discussion by RMCG will follow, including improvement recommendations.
- Ott will contact Ops Chair Hutton for verbal tasking. Due date TBD—RMCG review by July 15.

7. NFDRS Committee

Kerr

- Carter & Kerr arranging call with NFDRS Committee to reaffirm role of committee and clarify leaders' intent.
- RMCG members will be invited when meeting date/time has been determined.

8. GACGAC/NMAC Recap

Kerr

- GACGAC asked Dale Gunther to approach IQCS committee and evaluate integrating IQCS with ICAP.
 - Goal to determine currency and qualifications of applicants for IMTs and reduce leg work for selection process.
 - Decision was not to do so, for fear that would eliminate candidates on technicalities.
 - Preference is to “flag” candidates with imperfect qualifications or documentation.
 - Will be going back to IQCS group (and higher) to evaluate next steps.
- Working to create national standards and coordinate IMT recruitment schedules nationally so that critical shortage positions can be better shared across GACCs.
 - Similar to NFL draft for key positions.
- Per Ott, RMA ICAP board member will be determined; recommendation is to assign Operations Committee Vice Chair to that role. Ott will check with Operations Committee & get back to Kerr
- EIM questionnaires continue to come out from NMAC; please try to answer them as completely as possible.

9. Fall Meeting Planning

Kerr

- Tentative date set for week of October 21.
- Taking suggestions for locations.
- Considering Colorado Springs and Lander.
- Send recommendations to Business Manager.

10. Administrative Items

Malcolm

- Action Log reviewed and updated.
- Business Manager will be sending out MangoApps invitations and startup information soon.
 - Task management web site.
 - Recommend setting e-mail preferences to avoid being overwhelmed with messages.
- Web updates must be requested through Business Manager via e-mail.
 - Request for all committee liaisons to coordinate with chairs on getting meeting minutes submitted for posting.
 - Send any other materials for web to Business Manager.

11. Round-Robin

- Esperance: Wet & green in SD; Engine Academy going on now.
- Ott: Requesting status on Colorado AOP. Looking for 120-day detailer for Ass't Ops position.
- Pino: In critical need of moisture in SW.
- Graham: Wet. Sent engines to SW Area—AAR on that mobilization will be sent to Fletcher.
- Imler: Wildfire Control Act of 2013 passed in Nebraska legislature. Working with state & local agencies on SEAT SOPs and base locations.