

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO IDOP TEAM: MEETING NOTES

MEETING DATE: July 10, 2013

LOCATION: Telephone conference call

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Executive Summary:

IDOPP was put on hold with the onset of our fire season, so we cancelled the two conference calls that were scheduled for June. Today's call was a chance to catch-up and re-group. We reviewed where we left off with each of the alternatives that have been identified. We also determined what we need to do to move forward with the alternatives.

Status of On-Going Tasks:

Taos Kit Carson ECC, and the Taos County Planning Building: We cancelled the site visits that were planned in early June. Selkirk will work with Pat Pacheco to re-schedule the visits, and will send an invitation to the team members. The tour will provide us with enough information to determine whether to proceed with a detailed analysis of these potential locations.

Consolidation at Santa Fe Dispatch Center: Discussions with line managers have led to the conclusion that the existing USFS Supervisor's Office building does not have sufficient space to house a consolidated dispatch center. This leaves two possibilities for consolidating in Santa Fe: either finding a separate facility in Santa Fe to house dispatch operations, or construct an addition to the existing building. The latter option would result in a significant expense to the government.

Maintain 2 Existing Dispatch Centers: A draft task order for NIMO to conduct a detailed analysis of this alternative was sent to the team members, and feedback is requested by July 12th. Selkirk will finalize the task order and will initiate discussions with the NIMO teams regarding their participation. This will be the first of several tasks that we hope to hand off to NIMO. A complete cost analysis of this alternative will serve as a baseline from which we can measure the relative efficiencies of the other alternatives.

Create a "virtual dispatch office": The team is not sure how to proceed with this alternative. As a first step, we will solicit some initial input from a small group of dispatchers who are "subject matter experts" in cutting edge technology related to the dispatch world.

Identify other potential dispatch center locations: This alternative was initially identified as a stand-alone task. However, the team has concluded that this alternative essentially duplicates the analysis

that will be done in the alternatives to look at new locations in Taos and in Santa Fe. Because of this, we will fold this alternative into the others, and no longer track it as a separate item.

Implement the “Super Dispatch Center” concept: We will prepare a task order to have NIMO research this possibility. Specifically, NIMO could review the *Final IDOPP Report* and either validate, or refute the conclusions of that report regarding the “Phase 3” of IDOPP. [Phase 3 proposed an eventual move to two “super centers” in New Mexico, one of which would consolidate the existing Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Taos Zones. The *Final IDOPP Report* concluded that moving directly to a super center concept is too large a step to take at this time.]

Other Updates: The decision has been made to proceed with announcing and filling the vacant Taos Dispatch Center Manager position. This position was held open this fire season due to the possibility that consolidation of dispatch centers could be achieved in a short time frame. It now appears that any consolidation will require construction (and therefore 2-3 years to accomplish). Management has determined we cannot afford to keep this key position vacant for that length of time.

Selkirk will update the IDOP workflow and progress chart, and distribute in the next week.

Next Meeting:

Our next conference call will be July 24th, at 0900 MDT.