

Arizona Interagency Coordinating Group

Meeting Notes: January 23, 2007

In Attendance were: Leon Ben, Jr., BIA-WR, Carlette Coochwytea, BIA-WR, Emily Irwin USFS, Wayne Robbie USFS, Sherry Smith FS TNF, Liz Vensel FS COC/TNF, Mark Fitch AZDEQ, Butch Wilson FWS, Dave Lentz FWS, Glen Buettner ASLD, David G. Behrens ASLD, Cliff Pearlberg ASLD, Ron Sherron AZDEQ, Dave Mertz USFS, McKinley Ben Miller BLM, Bob Lineback NPS

AICG Chair, Leon ...Called the meeting to order at 1030 hrs.

First order of business was going over the agenda items, moving items 6, 9, and 12 under item 1. Items 7 & 8 tabled.

Agenda item 1: 2007/2008 Annual Operating Plan

Mark turned the time over to Liz Vensel (Contracts) to layout funding on an annual basis as it states in the Interagency Agreement under 3c(1)(a, b, & c). Sherry Smith, Contracts, USFS Tonto National Forest have to have the annual operating plan finalized by AICG and signed off or approve before June 15 of each year. This is needed to transfer funds from all the agencies party to the Agreement, except BIA. Forest Service cannot cover funds of other agencies, if they do not chip in. Fiscal Year 2007 still needs to be approved, then start working on Fiscal Year 2008. Motion to approve 2007 AOP, seconded by McKinley. Wayne Robbie motion to amend AOP. Reps return to home unit establish Annual Funding Agreement to move funds within 30 days (2/22/02), seconded by McKinley.

Agenda item 1(a) Update on AZ RX/Smoke Issues Mark & Ron

1. Reporting is good so far re: annual registration.
2. On time requests have been timely (by 2 pm)
3. Note that new plan forms need to be used (on web).
4. Item 3 for accomplishment forms also.
5. DEQ monitoring has been an issue:
 - 3 have been purchased and placed in the Prescott area.
 - Flagstaff & Prescott area new residents may become an issue. Some have been vocal. Broadcast did good at the beginning of the year.
 - 2 Eban's have been set up in Flagstaff area. The results of these are to identify smoke loads as it correlates to actual prescribed fires and domestic smoke development.
6. Annual DEQ smoke meeting 3/1/07, 1110 Adams.
7. There is a program to be used by outside WFU management teams coming into manage events.
8. Mark gave presentation to conferences Fuels & Fire and RX 410 also.
9. Mark would like to have all burns submitted, even though the denial percent will rise.

Agenda item 1(b) Communities at Risk List

The list of 12/20/04 is still in effect today. Should the list be revised? How is NFPORS being coordinated? Glen would like assistance to clarify and/or revise/update the list.

Agencies need to feed AICG/Glen B. what the status of each community associated with a specific agency, corrections, CWPP status, additions by request form. Also let Glen know, if a CWPP equivalent is present. Any changes or edits (additions or deletions) shall go to Dave Behrens. After this round of changes, bulk changes should be considered on an annual basis or so.

Agenda item 4 Preseason Coordination Meeting:

Regarding fire restrictions and closures: Dave B. will speak with Kirk R. to ascertain the time viability of the coordination issue.

A reminder letter will be sent to each zone to reaffirm the coordination letters previously sent.

Agenda item 5 Presentation to SWCG

Leon will brief SWCG when time comes.

Agenda item 10 Possible update on AZ Firewise group

Projects have been completed or throttled back due to funds. Firewise publications have been revised and printed. February 15th – the Firewise Committee will be meeting to address issues.

17 recognized Firewise Communities to date. Arizona firewise received an award for Success (Marshall Trembell and Lute Olson).

Any recommendations from the Firewise Communities should be formulated and presented by the Firewise Chair.

Agenda item 11 Set date for FY07 collaborative RFA Funding Meeting.

RFA meeting is 1/24/07 at 35th and Pinnacle Peak Rec. Center. Let NPS know of any projects close to any PS site/area. Check with Jay Ellington on SW Area website – AICG information.

Agenda item 13 Next AICG meeting

Next meeting is April 11, 2007. 10:30 am, 1110 W. Washington.

Agenda items:

1. Community's at Risk list update
2. FY 08 AOP Work Plan.