

Arizona Interagency Coordinating Group Meeting

January 20, 2011 - Phoenix, AZ

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

AICG members – Clay Templin – FS (Chair) Pam Bostwick FS, Jeff Hickerson, NPS; Rod Lopez, FWS; Keith Burdette and Dale Glenmore., BIA; and Ron Sherron, FS-Smoke Coordinator.

Review and Approval of the last AICG Meeting Notes

The October 10, 2010 call notes were approved as distributed, and were posted on the Committee's website by Jeff.

AICG Action Items

The following is the updated AICG Action Item and Assignment List. *New or Updated Action Items are in red.* Completed Action Items have been removed.

Topic	Action Needed	Responsibility	Date
Introduction new AICG members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Glenmore, introduced to the group as new representative from the Navajo Agency, Dale will serve in the vice-Chair position 		
AZ Interagency Smoke Management MOU, Agreement, and AOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewed the status of the MOU and made Dale G. aware that Navajo Agency had not signed the MOU. Dale will make another attempt to have the document signed. ▪ BIA smoke position has been advertised and Keith will notify the other DOI agencies and FS of the HR status. ▪ BIA did continue to allow Erica Hinton from White Mtn. Agency to continue to assist Ron S. and Brad Busby with administrative help. This has reduced the backlog of filing smoke permits and associated requests. ▪ Ron S. updated the group on Air issues; moratorium for hiring in ADEQ may be lifted as they are now self-sustaining. ▪ Nationally – Ozone has been addressed in SIO and is in compliance with the EPA rules. ▪ Need still exists to seek a grant to develop the e-version of Smoke permit requests. Ron S. will visit with the former AD Director Ira Domsky, ADEQ to see potential IT needs for development. Jeff H will see if DOI dollars would be available to support ADEQ staffing for this process. ▪ Regional ASIP went to EPA as a result of litigation, smoke program in AZ is recognized by EPA that providing the rule and process is followed ADEQ can disregard exceedances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dale G ▪ Keith B. ▪ Ron S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1/20/11 ▪ 1/20/11 ▪ 1/20/11
AZ Smoke Management Annual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual Meeting for ADEQ, Ron/Brad will send a Doodlebug request to look at potential dates for all agencies to brief ADEQ on large Rx fire proposals in March for ADEQ leadership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sherron/ALL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1/20/2011
AZ Fire Education Committee + Firewise and Closure/Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michelle/Dolores were not present, topic has been postponed for a future conference call. ▪ Schedule a conference call to address these issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fidler/Garcia ▪ Templin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1/20/11
AZ CWPP and Communities at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Glenn Buettner not present, So. Gila Co, CWPP in process of being completed. 		

Round Robin

Pam Bostwick, updated the group on NM issues, smoke protocols, talking points, discussed potential of region wide use. The consensus is that because NM is prescriptive, AZ enjoys a different relationship with ADEQ. Regionwide basis is not needed at this time. Joint Fire Science Program Workshop – Learning from Escaped Prescribed Fire Review will be held in Tucson on April, 26/27, 2011.

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Dale Glenmore, working on getting familiar and getting engaged with the organization and membership of various groups.

Jeff Hickerson, GCNP expects an early Rx fire season; the NPS anticipates widespread budget impacts to the agency's fuels program.

Clay Templin, FS rep will be changing; Dave Mertz, will be replacing Clay at some point during the year and will begin the transition process.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on April 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The room location will be announced at a later time.

Upcoming Conferences