

SW Communications Committee Minutes from 2/2/2011 Conference call

Attendees: Dale Brown- AZ State Fire, Dale Glenmore- BIA Navajo, Dave Dukart- NPS, Curtis Diamond-USFS, Chris Romo-NM State Forestry.

The meeting began with a role call and introductions. Committee members from USFS, BIA, NMSF, AZSF, and USFS were in attendance in the call; members from NM-BLM/ AZ-BLM, FWS, were not.

The communications committee covered:

- The Committee will be a clearing house for frequencies that are posted in the various aviation manuals and mobilization guides.
- The Committee will provide technical assistance as needed for studies, projects and reviews. An example is the ongoing Interagency Dispatch Improvement Project.
- The Committee will coordinate frequency agreements within the region.
- The Committee will coordinate many of the technical issues regarding radios, repeaters and such that are interagency in nature.
- Communications Sub-Committee which will be chartered under the operations committee
- Communications Draft Charter to be submitted to the SWCG for approval.
- Communications Committee members to formally elect a Chair person, Vice Chair and a Secretary.
- Setting a meeting schedule (conference calls and two face-to-face meeting, one in the spring and fall)

Dale Glenmore stated that he has other committee ties and if he can't be part of the communications committee he will find a replacement.

Curtis added that he is an actual radio tech.

Dale Brown suggested that the committee should invite Rance Irwin R3 Office, and Art Goldberg-AZ-BLM to be on the committee.

Actions Items:

- Romo will send out the Draft charter to SW Commo. Committee and the Ops. Committee for revision and approval on February 16, 2011. Then the group can send out the final draft to SWCG for approval.
- The group was going to formerly elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. However, not all voting members were on the Conference call, so a nomination process will be sent out by Chris Romo and the results will be disclosed at the next meeting.
- Dale Brown will send contact info for Art. G.
- Romo will send an invite to Rance Irwin and Art Goldberg.
- Next meeting agenda will be sent out by Romo.

Committee moved to have another conference call on March 10, 2011 @ 1000

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