

SW Operations Group Conference Call

Dec 10, 2009

ATTENDEES: David Bott (Ops Group Chair - BLM NM), Gary Kemp (Vice-Chair -NPS) Steve Shaw (BLM-AZ), Richard Nieto (USFS), Jason Greenlee (BIA), Kevin Boness (AZ State Forestry), Pat Pearson (USFWS)

AGENDA TOPICS

1 International Expression of Interest Applications Prioritization

Prioritized the SW applicants by Agency for 2010 International Deployment.

2 people not available for January 2010 were left where they ranked in priority, figuring that they would be bypassed for January, but would be available for a latter deployment request. Also 3 people are on SW Type 1 Teams, they were left where they ranked in priority as it is felt if they are deployed and their Type 1 Team was called there would be alternates available to fill behind them.

2 Ironwood IHC crew certification recommendation from Darin Fisher

Final crew certification review Oct 7-8 by Darin Fisher IHC Sub-committee- Chair, Chris Tipton Santa Fe IHC, Matt Barone Sacramento IHC.

Rich will have Darin send certification check lists and recommendation from IHC review committee to Kevin Boness AZ State (crew sponsor). Kevin will send findings and recommendations to Op Group for review at Jan 7 Ops Call, with approval by Ops Group Ops Chair will present to SWCG Jan 11-12 for approval. SWCG will send approval to NMAC and NICC with a copy to AZ State.

This process varies a little from Chapter 5 Crew Certification and Mobilization of the Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations the DRAFT of Southwest Coordinating Area Interagency Hotshot Crew Certification Process that Mark Kaib sent out about a year ago, I don't know that it was ever made final.

3 SW Ops group role in team nominations process and schedule for the Team Selections

*Some nominations have been received without both the IQCS Master Record and Red Card, Agency Reps are correcting this and will send completed nomination packaged to SWCC by Dec 18. **Will discuss any additional issues on Ops Group Jan 7 Conference Call.***

Could use a remarks column on the spreadsheet, will pass on to SWCC who controls the spreadsheet.

4 DRAFT - Agenda for IMT Selection Jan. 13, 2010

David - Ops Chair shortened the time frame for the IMT Selection process from 8- 15:30 to 8-1300. The process is now routine and is taking less time.

5 Other items

*Steve said the need for information about Medical evacuation hoist helicopters available in SW has been identified by IHC's. FS is working on some national guidance. Need to clarify what is needed and have see if SW Aviation Committee can provide the information. **More discussion by Ops Group Jan 7 Conference Call.***

*Rich asked what other agencies are doing with the RED LIGHT and SIREN Policy issue. He has researched AZ & NM state statutes. **Each Agency Rep should review their policy and be prepared for more discussion on the Ops Group Jan 7 Conference Call.***