

## Operations Meeting – January 15, 2009

### Attendance:

#### SW Operations Group

Rich Nieto, USFS, Jeff Hickerson, NPS, Mark Kaib, FWS, Kelly Castillo, AZ BLM, David Bott, NM BLM, Jason Greenlee, BIA, Kevin Boness, AZS, Eugene Pino, NMS

SWCG Liaison: Hector Madrid BLM NM. Donald Griego NMS

SW Training Committee : Glenda Womack USFS, Charley Luevano, NM BLM, Duane Tewa BIA

**Training** – The February 420 Class – Has vacancies in Plans -3, Finance – 2, Logistics – 2  
MTDC – Has border video.

### Operations

Charter – is OK, need to update list of Operations Members

Operational Procedures – update list of Operations Members, NM BLM Chair and NPS Vice Chair 2008-2010. Changes will put on the SWCC website.

#### Aquatic Invasive Species

SW has adopted the 2009 Interagency Operational Guidelines for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Equipment Cleaning. The Coordinating Group will put out letter. FS sent out Guidance on Dec 11, 2008. Currently working with caches to get a supply of the cleaning solution available from SW caches. Units with Aquatic Invasive Species concerns should get a supply of the cleaning solution for local use as it may take some time for the caches to have it available. Will present information at team meetings and engine academy. Dave Bott sent out guidelines, if you didn't get them let him know.

#### Interagency Engine Sub-committee

Will discontinue trying to form SW Interagency Engine Sub-committee. Interagency Engine issues will come to the operations group.

#### Calls & Meetings

Will have conference call on March 20 at 10:00 AM (NM time). During Fire season will have calls as needed any agency can ask to hold a Ops Group call. Will have conference call September 12 at 10:00am (NM time). Next meeting, Springerville October 13-15, Ops & IMT AAR meetings.

#### IMT Meeting

SW Operations Group will help facilitate the IMT meeting Feb 18-19 in ABQ. Pass around microphones during general sessions, attend and assist as needed with Functional Breakouts. Mark Kaib will run the Silent Auction for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation.

#### Team Roster Review

All agencies look at the lists and make sure all of their people were placed. Look at each team and make sure all agency personnel were placed vs. fire departments. Look at number of trainees on roster.

Rotations for Type II teams will change next fall. The rotation will go out in August.

## Agency Updates

Jason Greenlee, BIA – Type II Crews, they are editing the charter, appendix will be out next week, working on crew guidelines handbook. When Type II crews go out, an evaluation needs to be done and sent back to the chair. Put on SWCC website, so everyone can see the evaluations. Hotshot superintendent retired. Helicopter in Window Rock.

Kevin Boness, AZS - AZ has new governor, will have new State Forester. Will be changes in suppression account. The State IMT IC will probably be Glenn Joki. A lot of retirements have happened and are going to happen. Severity will support aircraft and national guard.

Rich Nineto, USFS – Engine academy will be first two weeks in February. Because of travel caps FS is cancelling classes. Are having hotshot peer review – some hotshot crews will need recertification this spring. Working on red light siren policy. Forest Service is getting budget increase.

Jeff Hickerson, NPS – S&S went bankrupt. NPS is working on new wildland fire policy. Bob Lineback retires on April 13.

Kelly Castillo, AZ BLM – Have many vacancies – State FMO, State AFMO, State Fuels. Will have same presuppression dollars. Will have helicopter in Wickenburg and on the strip. All district FMO's and AFMO's are filled and filling seasonal jobs. FMO meeting is the first week in February.

Mark Kaib, FWS – Complex burn in southern Arizona. South Texas is very active and will be getting severity dollars.

Eugene Pino, NMS – In Chama Craig Daugherty has taken a job with San Juan County. Have hiring freeze. Eastern part of the state is in fire season. Engines are being replaced. Training local fire departments. Seat base in Las Vegas, NM.

Dave Bott, NM BLM – New Mexico now has District Fire Organizations. Carlsbad/Roswell Field Office fire organizations will become Pecos District Fire Organization. BLM has gone to a national engine numbering system for engines. Starting some seasonal hiring. Budget is flat. S&S BLM's engine manufacture has gone bankrupt, so all engine replacements will be pushed back to 2010. Spring Fire MGT meeting is in Truth or Consequences on March 10-12. Have a few fires down south.