

# SW Operations Group Conference Call

## Jan 7, 2010

**ATTENDEES:** David Bott (Ops Group Chair - BLM NM), Gary Kemp (Vice-Chair -NPS), Eugene Pino (NM State Forestry), Pat Pearson (USFWS)

Draft notes for SW Ops Conference Call Dec 10, 2009 approved, will be posted on SW Ops web site.  
SWCG meeting Jan 11-12 at SWCC starts 10:00 on 11th

### AGENDA TOPICS

#### 1 SW Team nominations process and upcoming Team Selections

Nomination process and spreadsheet seemed to work with few problems.  
Need to highlight/emphasize that applicants need to include both Red Card and Master records when applying. Could use a remarks column on the spreadsheet, will pass on to SWCC who controls the spreadsheet.

SW & NR shared Wildland Fire Management/Use Team nominations sent to SWCC in a separate bundle than the SW Team nominations. If they are not needed to complete SW IMTs, after the selection meeting Jan13 SWCC will send them on to Northern Rockies Coordination Center

#### 2 Reviewed - Agenda IMT Selection Jan. 13, 2010 Region 3 Office downstairs auditorium

0800 – Welcome and Introductions

0815 – Review Team Nomination/Selection Process (SW Ops Group Chair/Liaison)

0830 – SW Operations Group meet in SWCC MAC Room

0830- SW IC's/Representatives remain in auditorium (list proposed team roster on posters)

0930 – IC's Adjourn for Break / SW Operations Group review/discuss "Proposed Teams"

1030 – ICs, SWCG & SW Ops Group review "Proposed Teams" and agree on "Final Teams"

1200 – AAR with ICs, SWCG, & SW Ops Group

1230 – Information on IMT Meeting Feb . 9, 10, 11 – Hughes

1300 –Adjourn

#### 3 Ironwood IHC C certification

12/14/09 Rich forwarded the IHC rating and certification/recommendation documents for Ironwood to Kevin Boness AZ State (crew sponsor), and asked Darin Fisher IHC Sub-committee-Chair to condense the teams ratings into one recommendation to present to SW Ops Group.

David has not received anything from Kevin, Rich or Darin at this time. Those on the call agreed that if all certification requirements are met *per Chapter 5 Crew Certification and Mobilization of the Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations* when the recommendation paper work comes to Ops Group Chair it can be sent to SWCG for approval. SWCG will send approval to NMAC and NICC with a copy to AZ State.

Don't know if the recommendation paper work will be received by Ops Group Chair to present at the Jan 11-12 SWCG meeting for approval. Both Rich and Kevin unable to make this call.

#### 4 Discussed having SWCG task SW Aviation Committee to research and compile a list of hoist capable rescue helicopters in and near the southwest area.

David Ops Group Chair will make a request at the Jan 11-12 SWCG meeting.

*SW IHC's have identified the need for information on Medical evacuation hoist helicopters available in SW. Many Medical evacuation helicopters will not land due to dust and other factors in our work environments.*

*Task SW Aviation Committee to research and compile a list of locations and contacts for hoist capable rescue helicopters for Medical evacuation in and near the southwest area, to be disseminated to IHC's and Dispatch Offices by April 2010.*

#### **Other items**

- 5 What are the different agencies doing concerning RED LIGHT and SIREN Policy?**  
*Each Agency Rep should review their policy and be prepared to discussion Jan 13 at the 8:30-9:30 Ops Group breakout of the Team selection meeting*
  
- 6 Do we need to update US- Mexico Border Fire Operations Safety Information /Reissue SW Safety Alert?**  
*Each Agency Rep should review the US- Mexico Border Fire Operations Safety Information and be prepared to discussion Jan 13 at the 8:30-9:30 Ops Group breakout of the Team selection meeting.*