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1030

Southwest Fire Management Board - Teleconference

Present: C.Chetwin, A.Alvarez, W.Begay, A.Defler, C.Denton, M.Phillips,
N.Neskauskas, B.Lee, J.Ellington

ISSUES:

I Wildfire Policy: Questions and confusion on what occurred on the Lummis Fire at BAP. NPS has adopted the new policy of 'wildfire' or 'prescribed' fire and eliminating terms such as PNF, Contain/Confine, etc... The intention is to use 'appropriate response' to fire (i.e. decision making on strategy). When BAP started calling for resources, it was hard to determine if the fire was a wildfire or a PNF. By using the term PNF, many agencies could not effectively provide resources and cover the cost, etc ... related.

Board discussed working out the previous, current, and future policy with reference to agencies within the SWA.

RESULT: Until all agencies have adopted the new fire policy, the SWA will follow current direction as stated in the 1997 SWA Mob Guide. Thus, the new terminology will not be used until adopted in the Mob Guide.

II Use of AD's as Type I IC's: No final agreement has been written which provides direction. It is understood that agencies can work directly with the Tribes.

For 1997, there will be no change in current policy (i.e. Lente's team will not be re-organized).

For 1998, the SWA will attempt to rebuild the team... either with Lente or another IC.

III Team Development: The Board will focus it's direction on re-building the type I teams in the SWA by concentrating on the Command and General Staff positions.

The Board will meet on July 17 at 0930 in Albuquerque to discuss and priorities parties for each position.

SWCC will provide a new OVERSTAT listing with C&GS positions listed.

IV Urban/Interface Issues: Mike Phillips requested that the Board consider creating an Interface Working Team. Discussion from the group revolved around work done by M.Coonrod of ASF. The Board decided to place this issue on the fall agenda.

Al Defler has packet of information developed by M.Coonrod. He will see to it that it is mailed to each Board member.

V Fall Meeting: The Board decided to hold the fall meeting from November 3 to November 7, 1997 at the BLM Training Center in Phoenix, AZ.