

Southwest Coordinating Group Meeting May 6, 2009 – Albuquerque, NM (USFWS)

UPCOMING SWCG DATES:

-September 1, 2	ABQ, BIA
-October 13-15	SWCG/IC AAR Springerville, AZ
-November 17, 18	SWCG PHX

May 6, 2009

Attendance: *SWCG Members* – Donald Griego, Kenan Jaycox, Jeff Hickerson, Hector Madrid, Loren DeRosier, Patrick Pearson, Cal Pino, Bill VanBruggen, Jason Greenlee

Via phone: Dave Behrens, Kelly Castillo, Leon Ben

Recording- Charise Saiz

PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEM REVIEW

Previous meeting notes reviewed, edited and approved. Action Items updated and carried over at the end of these notes.

Agenda

Four Mile Closeout and Lesson Learned

Type 3 (Tudor) organization. Hector attended closeout. Microwave link went down during critical time and a Safenet was issued. BLM radio techs resolved the issue. Fuel Tenders are really hard to find. This was an issue. Used local individual and limited agency capability. Agencies are encouraged to beat the bushes to find out where they are and get them signed up. Wind energy initiatives resulting in 200 foot high towers which are hard to see and are a serious aviation hazard. Dispatch Centers in New Mexico are going to get these mapped on hazard maps. Aviation committee is also engaged. FAA has a website which identifies towers over 200 feet and this has been passed to GIS folks to work with and getting some of these hazards on the maps. BLM NM is working with NIFC on an issuance of a Safety Alert.

Cache Issues

Concern that Silver City Cache was not staffed on the weekend and the 4 Mile Fire needed support, Bill VanBruggen will followup. There needs to also be followup on the ability of using credit cards to acquire items from caches. It was suggested that SWCG have a conference call later today with the SW caches to ask some questions.

S-520 Nominations

Only received one nomination to date, and Charley will forward this to NAFRI. Any agency wishing to provide students they need to get nominations to Charley Luevano. Bob Arthur will be submitting a late nomination.

Restriction Toolbox

Kelly Castillo looking is at reconvening the restriction committee. Took a few minutes and reviewed Restrictions and Closures toolbox and made recommendations. Cal and Donald will forward to the committee for revision.

WFDDSS Presentation

Harold Riggs gave a WFDDSS presentation showing the group some capabilities of the WFDDSS system. As other agencies come online, this was a good introduction to the process from Response Level 1 thru Response Levels 2 and 3 where more analyses and decision support tools are used.

Southwest GIS

Jeff (NPS) - Is there a need? SWCG will add this as a sub-task group of FPA. If we have a need later we can actually set them up as a task group.

CISM Proposal

Ken (SWCC) working on developing CISM teams for 2010. Jack Harris is the instructor who will be needed to get this off the ground. Looking at a class in January in Tucson and will begin developing the recruitment announcement, etc. It is a 40 hour intensive class which will cost approximately 9000 dollars and there will be a conference room cost for a hotel as well. Need buyoff from SWCG and monies from the agencies to go forward. The thought is that we could partner with WGBCC and each area would host the training in alternating years. WGB could send folks to ours and vice versa...Several people already interested – don't know final number will have to work through these. Would want to start the process and model after theirs looking at initial commitment July/August time frame can host at least 20-30 people. FWS has agreed to provide funding for the initial course.

Mob Center

A proposal was discussed to move the ABQ Mob Center to the BIA facility at the Double Eagle airport. BIA lease is for 15 more years. The lease at the ABQ Mob Center expires 09-30-09. This lease is costing about \$12,000 a year with additional monies to the Cibola NF for support. Would need to work things out with BIA and work out fencing, utilities, etc. The advertisement/selection of members will move from the Cibola NF/Albuquerque Dispatch to the USFS Regional Office/SWCC. Security issues would need to be worked on possibly putting a security person on each team.

Gateway Mob Center in Arizona is no longer available.

IMT Briefing

Ken created a booklet (Thank you Great Basin!) 2009 Incident Management Team briefing that has information pertaining to the needs of IMT's this will be a growing document and six have been mailed out to each team.

Preparedness Levels

The SW is currently at PL3. The SWCG would like consultation with them for entering into PL 3, 4 and 5 and have it routed it through the Chair and the Chair will disseminate through the group.

Tasking for SW Training Group

A stand-alone task group since we no longer have FUTA. Leon volunteered to be the liaison for the charter group. Bill V. will word smith and set up the membership list. Charley Luevano was elected as interim Chair.

SWA Medical Standards

Terminology a little strong/rigid – required vs. recommended. Hector will edit it and will contact Bob. Best place for it to reside would be under Teams in the SWCC website

Committee Reports

Hector mentioned Taos is having a review in June feeling pretty good about a positive review. Donald let everybody know Tanker 42 NTSB Report is out will send it to everybody. Hector also mentioned air attack incident in Roswell collapsed nose gear. Will send when report is out.

Jason - Frank Bedonie – Type 2 handbook is out and will be distributed as soon as it is out. Posting evals on SWCC website. Donald – Red River Fire Department starting a type 2 IA crew. Still chasing NMICG money. Kelly aviation – Tanker 42 stand down continues – Geographic Region 3 Safety alert – Jamie Anzalone putting one out – Nevada dealing with met tower issues trying to find out what protocol they have out there. June 2 aviation committee will have there next meeting. Jeff - AICG committee – Ron has taken the Smoke position and discussion trying to get the BIA position possibly to the BLM – stay tuned. Working on Annual Operating Plan – moving it all to the DOI side. No new communities added to their list.

Agency Reports

Jason – Northern Arizona next meeting October 8th.

Hector – severity continue to request for southern part of state.

Bill V – some severity resources in the region – Kathy Lister out for IBA – Billy Zamora helping out quite a bit. Fire Directors meeting in June. Readvertised Regional Aviation Officer GS 13/14. 2 positions in Operations vice Mike Baca list is closing in a couple of days. Vice Jerome McDonald still pending also a 401 12/13, Fuels 401-12/13 has closed now – Fire Ecologist 401 11/12 should be getting a list. A lot of challenges in Medical Standards – Bequi and Rich still working on. Line Officer Certification available if you have somebody who needs some fire experience.

Jeff – No parks in severity – Working on El Malpais had an issue on a fire – No word or timeline on filling Bob Lineback’s old job

Loren – Cancelled Brown Canyon for a possible late season burn – No severity in the SW – just audited in severity usage – focusing on interagency collaboration – came under a lot of scrutiny a few weeks ago

Cal – SEAT coming on next week at Double Eagle. Dwayne detailed to Mescalero – had severity for Mescalero – Fort Apache ordered for 4-Mile finished out in Mescalero for severity – Position for FMO GS-12 will probably fly tomorrow and AFMO will fly week after at GS401 9/11. Working with 3 tribes now going under contract – meeting next week. Got Santa Clara completed – Taos should be done next week. Fire Mgmt officer meeting looked at everything on the table including budget – they were happy to have input into that meeting – looking at having meeting annually

Leon – Haven’t received any severity – managing on the river with good cooperation with the FWS and BLM. Sitting pretty good filling vacancies. Filled Fuels Specialist at Fort Apache – Tentative selections on 3 positions

Kelly – National Severity got approved last Friday Severity for staffing Colorado River – Yuma and Lake Havasu – Phoenix District bring engine. – Dolores Asst Center Manager for 120 days – 2 SEATS in Safford started on Friday – Got approved for additional seats holding off incase need is there later on in the month. Air attack ship May 15. Looking at recruitment incentive bonus for position tried to fill it 3 times. Steve Webb coming back to start as Center Manager in Phoenix

Behrens – 2 Seats at Libby – Air Attack in Prescott – Severity resources – Canalo fire 4000 ac burned 3 houses. – Put in a FEMA request which was denied. 30% burn victim retired FS employee – doing OK burns on hands, arms and legs.

Donald – Strike team of engines on severity — Restriction on May 15, 2009 S of I-40 possibly a seat in Las Vegas

Meeting Adjourned at 16:25

SWCG Action Items

Topic	Action needed	Responsibility	Date
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SWCG Committee Liaisons and Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check SWCC website to see if charters, chair names, essential documents, and member lists are up to date. If not, contact Jay Ellington and update! • IMT Rotation policy needs to be discussed with agency administrators prior to sending out the letter in August. 	All SWCG Members	Ongoing
Zone Boards	<p>SWCG Zone reps: León-CWZ, Jeff-SNZ, Jason-NAZ, Hector-PEZ, Donald-TAZ, Kelly-SEZ, Loren-ABZ, Dave-WMZ, Marsha-GLZ, Cal- alternate as needed. Talking points bullets available on SWCG secure website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually, each SWCG rep should attend at least one Zone Mtg. • ABZ, WMZ, SEZ and CWZ reps need to get their zone charters to Kenan for posting. • After all charters received, do analysis and use best to develop zone charter example template as some zones are struggling with this. 	<p>SWCG liaisons</p> <p>all</p> <p>Loren, Dave, Kelly, Leon</p> <p>Kenan, Bob</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>June 09</p> <p>May 09</p> <p>Mar 09</p>
Operations Group (Madrid, Griego)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow up with Caches on Aquatic Invasive Species-cleaning agents. (Temps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with IC's and IMT's to plan next year's IMT meeting in AZ • Explore drop shipping of supplies • Each agency will explore its own process for AIS 	<p>Bott</p> <p>Bott/ Brown Hughes</p> <p>Loren</p> <p>SWCG Members</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>June 09</p>

PLIC Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies should process payment prior to May 1st. 	Group	May 09
CISM Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather info on Arizona Side Gather info on NM side. Develop a SWA team for 2010 	Boness Griego SWCG members	May 09 Ongoing
Trainees on Incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present to NMAC Rep. (letter) 	Greenlee/Griego	May 09
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selkirk –FPA presentation Medical standards revisit WFDDS Presentation 	Kearny Lashua Kearny/Marlana	May May 09 May 09
<u>New Action Items</u> SW GIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will notify FBA committee that the GIS will be placed under them as a sub-committee 	Griego	06-09

CISM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will work with the contractor to establish a 01-2010 course FWS has agreed to pay for 	Jaycox DeRosier	ongoing
SWA Medical Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit SWA Medical Standards 	Madrid	06-09-09