

Southwest Coordinating Group Meeting February 8-9, 2010 – Prescott, AZ

DRAFT – to be reviewed for approval at next meeting

UPCOMING SWCG DATES:

April 6-7, 2010, Albuquerque
May 11-12, 2010, Albuquerque
October 12-13, 2010, Springerville (IC AAR)

February 8, 2010

Attendance: *SWCG Members* – Kenan Jaycox, Brent Woffinden, Don Kearney, Kelly Castillo, Scott Hunt, Cal Pino, Jason Greenlee, Donald Griego, Leon Ben.
Recording- Nancy Moore

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.

209 Update: Don Kearney – Claudia Standish took the proposal to both States. They are receptive, but are going through their own revisions at this time. Both States will have an outline for incorporation into the MOB Guide. Signed approval letter will be faxed to the SWCG tomorrow.

Fire Behavior Service Center Update: Kenan Jaycox – gave an overview of the presentation from Dan O'Brian, NWCC. Most SWCG members were on the conference call for the presentation. NWCC has an operating plan that will be shared with the SW. Basically the SWCG agreed to this process. There is a draft charter awaiting SWCG approval (see below). The group identified Harold Riggs as the Business Lead.

WFDSS Charter: Bill VanBruggen – The SWCG reviewed the draft Charter. Changes will be forwarded to Bill VanBruggen. This group will provide leadership and support for WFDSS, as well as training and technical assistance where needed. The SWCG identified several of their agency people for possible members. These names will be forwarded to Harold Riggs and Bill VanBruggen as the SWCG Liaison.

SW Geographic Area IMT Guidelines/SWCG Approval of Deputy IC's: Appendix V of the SWCG Handbook, Team Management, was handed out for review/edits. Donald Griego will make the approved changes in the handbook. A discussion was held regarding the Agency Administrator/Team Members awards. It was decided to keep these awards for next year. The timeline for nominations, etc., will be added to the Guidelines. The SWCG discussed at length the approval of Deputy IC's. This language will be added to the Guidelines.

Operations Group Charter Update: Donald Griego presented the proposed updates to the Charter. Changes were approved and signed by the SWCG Chair.

Tuesday, February 09, 2010

Aviation Committee Charter: Kelly Castillo – one goal was deleted in reference to the Solano Report. SWCG approved the change. Replacement for Dolores' position on the aviation committee will be decided by the mid March. Members include: Dale Brown, Mike Gonzales, Boo Walker, Dave Underwood, Darren Mathis, John Selkirk, Vince Desheaser, Kent Hamilton, Rance Irwin, Kelly Castillo, Mary Hayes.

Smoke Management/209 Update: Don Kearney – NM and AZ State reviewed the 209 proposal. This year will not change as NM is revising their regulations. AZ wants to continue with the 209 format. Wildland Fire Use is still written in their regulations. This will be changed with the revisions. Copy of memo was handed out to SWCG members. Daily reporting will still be required for NM.

Dispatch Geographical Boundary Charter: Kelly Castillo – This Charter was developed as a result of the Arizona State frequency issues. The SWCG agreed at the last meeting to do a dispatch geographical boundary study. Per the BLM State Director, the National Interoperability Study (LEO, infrastructure, etc.) is in line with the Geo Boundary study. Rather than request letters of support from each agency administrator, a draft Charter was developed to move forward with this study and was given to the SWCG for review and edits. Changes need to be to Kelly by February 26th. Agency Administrator names need to be added for signatures.

ABQ Mob Center: Cal Pino – Cal handed out a spreadsheet for costs associated with the site at Double Eagle II Airport. The sublease components are approximately \$20.66/square foot/year. The total cost for leasing the Double Eagle Site is \$33,970.34. A lease agreement will need to be signed. Communication hookups and maintenance will be an additional charge. Hangar storage will be \$1,000 a month for 9 months outside of the 3-month fire season usage. Currently BIA is paying \$145,000 per year. This amount comes off the top at the National Level for the three BIA regions in the SW Area. USFS is paying \$15,000 for the old Mob Center. The option is open with the City of Albuquerque to move back to the old Mob Center. Per Nieto, a lease with BIA cannot be done this Fiscal Year. After a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to move the MOB Center back to its former location for this fiscal year. Kelly, Leon, and Jeff Brown will start looking for options in Arizona such as a land use agreement, to set up something more cost-effective and safe for the AZ crews. Future agreement with Double Eagle will still be looked at with National contracting officers from BIA and FS.

Update on Prototype for Show Low/AZ State Dispatch Office: Scott Hunt – The Master Fire Agreement is for initial attack only for some areas. The State of AZ has not agreed to a prototype dispatch office with Show Low due to fiscal limitations. This will be reflected in the Annual Operating Plan. Referring back to the frequency issue, each zone is assigned two air-to-ground frequencies. The decision made for the air-to-air frequencies should also be applied to the zone air-to-ground frequencies. Kenan will prepare a summary sheet or briefing paper outlining the SWCG frequency decisions from last meeting. This will be sent out to the field as well as to the dispatch offices.

Nat'l Dispatch Review Team: Don Kearney – BLM will be the lead for the four dispatch centers in New Mexico. A letter went out asking for team members. The review will be the week of May 16th. Santa Fe Dispatch Office will be included in the review. Don will send the schedule to group members.

All Risk Incidents: Jason Greenlee – The past disaster assistance incident on the Navajo Reservation proved to be a challenge as Federal Resources could not be dispatched until a National Presidential Declaration was signed. Jason suggests the next incident of this nature, the SWCG needs to have a

conference call to discuss the issues using Federal resources. The SWCG Handbook states any member can request a conference call.

SWCG Action Items

Topic	Action needed	Responsibility	Date
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! 	All SWCG Members	Ongoing
Zone Boards	<p>SWCG Zone reps: León-CWZ, Jeff-SNZ, Jason-NAZ, Don-PEZ, Donald-TAZ, Kelly-SEZ, Loren-ABZ, Scott-WMZ, Bill VB-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 Zone Meetings if possible. ABZ, WMZ, SEZ and CWZ reps need to get their zone charters to Kenan for posting. 	<p>SWCG liaisons</p> <p>All</p> <p>Loren, Dave, Kelly, Leon</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Aviation Committee (Castillo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue follow-up on UAV business with Rudy Holm, DHS. 	Mathis	Ongoing
NMICG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract will be awarded in next few weeks.....? 	Griego	Apr 2010
Agenda Items for Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFDSS Charter/Committee Update MAC Group Prioritization Matrix GATR Options Dispatch Geo Boundary Charter T-3 Teams – list to Ops Group of formalized teams. MAC Group/SWCG Handbook rewrites 	<p>Van Bruggen</p> <p>All</p> <p>Kearney</p> <p>Castillo</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>	Apr 2010