

July 26, 2011 SWCG Conference Call Notes

Attendance

USFS: Bob Leaverton, Bill Van Bruggen, Richard Nieto
BLM AZ: Kelly Castillo
BLM NM: Don Kearney
NPS:
BIA-Navajo:
BIA-SW:
BIA-Western:
AZ State: David Geyer
NM State: Donald Griego
SWCC: Kenan Jaycox

SWCC Update:

- Getting 15 to 20 fires a day across the Geo-Area. Generally IA is picking them up. Good progress was made on the large fire on the Lincoln Guadalupe RD (Look Out fire) stating to demob.
- There are 6-7 air tankers in the Geo-area. Three were sent to Texas (Davis Mountains) today. Air Tankers have been spread between Abilene, Alamogordo, and Albuquerque.
- All IMTs are available with the exception of New Mexico/Pierson. NM team not available till August 8. Close to decision time for ICs to consider team availability for out of area assignment. New Mexico IMT2 is 4th on the out of area rotation.
- Good IHC availability. SWCC has made 3 to 4 SW IHCs available for out of area assignment.
- No helicopter on large fire account. Most contract type 3 helicopters are heading north.

Agenda Items: Spring IMT Meeting

- Decision made to limit each team to 27 attendees for the IMT meeting. SWCG will send a letter stating the limit and encouraging teams to invite their agency team members over ADs where prudent. Look at a total of around 200 people for the meeting
- Last year's IMT meeting had 485 attendees. Anticipated 2012 travel caps/restrictions and reduced budgets necessitate reducing costs and travel.

- ICs Philban and Pierson are coordinating with the Arizona BLM to set up the meeting. The Prescott Resort is the favored location. Meeting will be sometime in late February or early March.

New Business:

1. Decision made to have SWCC Predicted Services put out their video weather briefing twice a week instead of daily. With onset of the monsoon day to day weather forecast has little change.
2. Dispatch workshop will be reduced from 120 people to 50 people. Workshop will have AD representatives. Workshop will be product driven. Goal for the meeting is to develop an Extended Dispatch Plan.
3. NM State is discussing lifting fire restrictions by this Friday 7-29 at 0800.
4. IDOP conference call scheduled for 7-28 this Thursday.
5. There has been some confusion coming out of a California IM concerning weather it is a requirement for an S# anytime a hotel room is charged to a fire. This would be a significant workload if it goes national. Typically a hotel is authorized on the individual request number if they are in a support position outside of ICP, or covered via the resource order if long travel is involved. The IM has been reviewed by the NIFC BLM IBA. He has made some calls and it would appear that a new message will be coming out that will clear up the need for a supply request for hotel rooms.
6. PL-3 is still appropriate for the SW at this time

Round Robin:

1. USFS: Via moderating conditions, districts do not need regional concurrence to place new starts into manage for resource benefit category. Districts still need to coordinate with neighboring agencies/units.
2. BLM AZ: Slow IA, most fires in the NW. Arizona Strip currently has some managed for resource benefit fires. Type 3 exclusive use helicopter leaving 7-28. Co-funded BLM/BIA SEAT in Kingman AZ done at the end of the week.
3. BLM NM: Light IA generally on the Pecos district. Supporting ongoing large fires. Look at extending severity air attack into August.
4. AZ State: Light IA
5. NM State: Still dry on the east part of the state towards Texas. There was a 500 acre fire in De Baca County

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August 2, 2011

14:00 AZ time

15:00 NM time