

9/8/2011 SWCG Meeting Notes

Wildland Fire Management Team – The teams was used on the Miller fire but was unable to enlarge their team to meet the objectives. Two fire assignments within the SWA past 3 years.

Vote – SWCG in favor of managing/keeping the shared WFMT? Yes 1 **No 7**
However, the SWCG is still in favor of the intent of WFMT. DRAFT letter to NRCC (Leon). In terms of administration of the team, it is better for a single GACC to manage the team. We are not dropping the support of the team we are looking at the managing GACC to provide better support.

Reengage SWCG Chartered Committees – SWCG members go back and remind their agency representatives to the respective committees of their role and responsibility to their committee.

- Reengage the SWA committees
 - Communications Committee
 - Operations Committee
 - Develop memo – SWCG Liaisons should be the one to get the taskings together working with the chair.
 - Feedback to SWCG on who is participating and who is not.
 - Why?
 - Prevention/information – this committee was doing very well this year.
- Recognition/Appreciation for folks time and effort
 - Pin, certificate, poster
 - Probably looking at 2012 funds
 - Task the Prevention/Information Committee to figure out the mechanics

Silver City Cache – Didn't work too well at times in 2011. Rich Nieto is looking into the situation.

Interagency Dispatch Optimization Pilot Project – Kelly Castillo (BLM – Arizona) handed out the Southwest Interagency Dispatch Optimization Pilot Project's Recommendations and Alternatives. Three phases to implement all approved recommendations. MAI, the contractor, will do the Fireorg runs. Fireorg runs will depend on the alternatives we want them to look at. The runs will utilize 1202 data to develop the workload analysis at dispatch centers.

IMT meeting - Size? Limit to C&G? Location? Due to budget constraints and travel caps the SWCG has determined that each Incident Management Team will send no more than 27 personnel to the Southwest Area Incident Management Team (SWA IMT) meeting. The 2012 SWA IMT meeting will take place February 6 – 9, 2012 at the Prescott Resort in Prescott, Arizona.

SW NIMO and SW GACC Study - Bob Houseman the new IC for the Phoenix NIMO team. Bill VanBruggen (FS Southwest Region) will follow up with Phoenix NIMO and report back at the October 12th SWCG meeting. The reporting deadline is 9/30.

IMT3 in AZ - Defer until after NIMO report.

Southwest Area Chapter 20 Supplement to the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook – The supplement was signed by the Regional Forester instead of SWCG chair. Kelly Castillo (BLM Arizona) will follow up with Jeff Brown.

SWA Protocol for Large Incident Review – Hold.

Cohesive Strategy – A draft is out but missing major issues with ignoring budget and funds transfers. Each agency has a representative. SWCG should review and get ahead of it. The SW should be prepared to provide comments. Alan Quan (Forest Service) should be invited to one of our meetings and brief SWCG.

Service First – Blended units – The BLM is looking at some units for blended units. DOI agencies will report out in October. Cal will provide information from National Ops groups. BIA Navajo – the Navajo Nation is looking at some contracting but BIA has programs that they need to administer (inherent Federal activities). BIA Western – is using compacts and contracts to break out funding. IFPM is not required for compacts and contracts. FS is looking at 301 requirements instead of IFPM in GS 12/13 fire jobs, and still looking at DOI. The FS is looking at still filling the SWCC Center Manager Assistant, held up with 301 and hiring pause.

Safety 24 hr accident/injury report - What constitutes a serious accident? The Redbook provides vague guidance; we had issues in the past with water used for fracking and the leg injury on Los Conchas (tribal lands). We need to work with all Incident Commanders. SWCG will need to address this at IC AAR meeting and SWIMT meeting. The social media is putting out information long before the agencies can.

SWCC funding - Hold for IDOPP.

Resource Benefit Fires – Hold.

Wildland Fire Decision Support System – Hold for Harold Riggs. The BIA was able to upload a lot of data for San Carlos and Fort Apache Agencies prior to the start of the Wallow fire. They are preloading a lot of stuff. The meta data standards need to be aligned between the agencies. The NPS is starting to standardize its data so other agencies. VanBruggen will have Harold provide a white paper on last season for October meeting. NPS is using a letter to the file system to keep their Regional Directors approvals, rather than having them log in to WFDSS.

IC AAR Preparation –

Draft Agenda -

1. IC round robin discussion. Review questionnaire that was sent out by SWCG prior to IC AAR. Close with IC's discussing their team's season.
2. Discussions and proposals for 2012
3. IMT availability dates for 2012
4. IMT rotational protocols
5. Evaluations and Questions
6. IMT meeting (expectations, plans, who, when, where)
7. OPS committee update
8. Issues for NMAC
9. Action items

Kearney will send out questions for IC for SWCG approval 9/13 and finalize by 23rd. We need to send out to out of area teams to get their input on some of the other fires.

Next SWCG meeting is the IC AAR - October 11 1300 in Springerville and all day 12th.