

Southwest Coordinating Group

May 11-12, 2011

UPCOMING SWCG DATES

August 11, 2011		Leon will assess the need
October 11-12, 2011	1300 MST	SWCG/IC AAR - Springerville

<u>Attendance</u>			
X	BLM Arizona – Kelly Castillo (phone)	X	BIA Navajo – Dale Glenmore
X	BLM New Mexico – Don Kearney	X	AZ State Forestry – David Geyer (phone)
X	FS Southwest – Bob Leaverton	X	NM State Forestry – Donald Griego
X	NPS Intermountain – Brent Woffinden	X	SWCC – Kenan Jaycox
X	FWS Southwest – Loren DeRosear	X	BIA Western – Leon Ben, Jr.
X	BIA Southwest – Cal Pino		

PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEM REVIEW

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

New Mexico Air Quality – Rita Bates (Guest Lisa Bye)

Revision of Smoke Mgmt program and process. Still working on finalizing it. Expect that no more changes to be made until beginning of next year when the final product is released. Main changes deal with terminology (fire use term not used any more), resource benefit, etc. Changes to the plan include some reporting requirements, public notifications, etc.

MAC Exercise – Conducted a practice MAC Exercise to get ready for the 1800 MAC call May 11. Dave Cummings and Karin Frost performed as MAC Coordinators. The Decision Criterium program has been updated and is being used for the 2011 season to assist in determining incident priorities.

Perimeter Mapping – Tom Mellin – Will provide a KMZ file updated every morning to use in GoogleEarth so personnel can see fire perimeters. Will get back with Tom to let him know where the group would like files placed (behind a password).

S-520/620 Nominations – Villard rec'd 3 nominations from USFS (2) and 1 AZS (Northwest Fire). Villard thinks that there is enough slots to select all three. SWCG approved all 3. A letter is needed from SWCG to Deb Corner at NAFRI in support of these individuals to attend.

Training (Other) – Villard - 60-65% participation in the Training Needs Analysis. Better than previous years, but still need better participation.

IDOPP Update – Castillo – IDOPP Group meets next week (May 19) to firm up alternatives to provide to the Bridge/Executive Group. Data Call will also be sent out soon to all the dispatch centers to provide data items to assist in the analysis. Cost of the center, staffing, workloads, facilities info, etc. More to follow once alternatives are firmed up, and data is collected. IDOPP will be looking to use Fireorg as a test for looking at required staffing levels for different centers/complexities. This may also help in determining cost shares amongst the agencies in funding dispatch centers.

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IMT2 Rotation – Reviewed the discussions from the previous meeting and confirmed the SWCG decision to make no changes to the current system except that the rotation as it stood from the previous calendar year will be carried over to the next year allowing the team who was up last year to be first out the following year for out of zone assignments.

Best Value – Leaverton – USFS has done some research in the history that led up to Best Value. Finding that the BV data needs cleaning up in ROSS to match the DPL's. The dispatch community has sent some equipment that was suspended. Inspectors have also been working to get all the buses inspected as well. Numerous issues and scenarios were discussed amongst the SWCG. SWCC will continue to strive to work with the dispatch centers on cleaning up ROSS data. SWCC is working on a SOP for dispatching contracted resources to get out to all the centers in the near future.

Dept of Labor – Issue brought up by the DOL that involved VFD's working through the RMP for the State of NM not being paid for labor performed fighting fire on federal lands. The issue is that when the Fed reimburses the state, the state pays the county. Then it's up to the County to pay the VFD for which the state or USFS has no control over. DOL sees this differently in that the responsibility lies with the state or USFS to pay the VFD. The solicitors/lawyers are currently dealing with the issue. No timeline as to when SWCG will hear any updates on this issue.

Team Closeouts – SWCG members will attempt to attend closeouts for each respective agency's fires. SWCC often has trouble providing a person to attend these closeouts and will attend if possible, but mostly just when there are issues with SWCC or dispatching channels. Kenan will send out emails to the SWCG on closeout dates and locations, times, etc.

SEATS – currently working fires outside of Roswell ATB on fire numbers. May have some severity as well, but they are available to other agencies/jurisdictions through Alamogordo Dispatch.

SWCG- Handbook- each agency will review the handbook and appendices and get comments back to the chair by COB June 1, 2011

SWCG Committee Reports

- **Aviation** – SEAT Ops Plan is done. No other report.
- **Dispatch** – Nothing to report.
- **Operations** – No new information to report.
 - **Type 2 Crew Subcommittee** - Cal Pino is the new Liaison to the T-2 crew committee and acting as chair. Charter and edits to the handbook are complete. Valdis Neha is the new FMO at Zuni.

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- **Information/Prevention** – Active on restrictions and sessions, monthly calls are still being planned for the summer. Group doing well and face to face meeting on call. National prevention team is in place down in southern NM.
- **Incident Business** – New chair, website and handbook are updated. Timeliness of billing cycles.
- **Planning** – WFDSS 2011 SOP is out to the Committee for review.
- **Training** – Had meeting recently, transition into IQCS Nomination Workflow is going good. Zone Training Reps have been identified. No other issues.
- **AICG** – Dale Glenmore is the new SWCG Liaison to AICG. No other issues.
- **NMICG** – Dealing with smoke issues and working through it with the Air Quality Bureau and the new draft rules.
- **Communications** – Working on the SWCG tasking for setting up the MOU for frequency sharing. Charter is complete and on the website.
- **Predictive Services** – new product – multi-media briefing on the website. Daily briefing on the SWCC website.

Zone Board Updates

- **TAZ** – Working on MOU and annual operating plan flowing around
- **SNZ** – Hard time finding ICT3 and MOU out for signature. New DOE chair
- **ABZ** – Operating plan update and line officer meeting
- **GLZ** –
- **PEZ** – Prevention Team working in the PEZ GLZ area. Lincoln going into forest closure on May 12. Lots of activity, human and lightning. PEZ T-3 org is staying busy. Critical fire danger in most areas. More lightning predicted by the weekend. Expanded is set up.
- **NAZ** – Still working to develop a NAZ Type 3 Team. Need an ICT3. Discussing coordination of fire restrictions. Light to moderate IA activity. operating plan
- **CWZ** – Having fire restriction calls
- **WMZ** –
- **SEZ** – hasn't met since last month. Overall the zone is busy with ongoing fire activity.

Agency Reports

USFS – The regional FMOS working on 2012 budget strategy to reduce 1 helicopter, 1 engine, vehicles and misc. leadership AFMOs. Looking at coordinating better on fire restrictions. Cohesive strategy is moving forward for the western region. Burnover a couple of weeks ago on the Coronado. Individuals are doing OK. Facilitated Learning Analysis was done. Final report will be out soon.

BLM AZ – moderate activity in AZ. All IA has been kept to small acreage. Resources have been moved throughout the state to support activity. Providing support to other fires.

BLM NM – Still in severity. May bring Craig IHC into the area. Lots of IA. Some RX burning going on, mostly in the Northern part of the state, notifications will occur to SWCG (PL4 Guidance). Abrams fire is contained.

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NMS – Preposition six engines

AZS –

USFWS –

NPS – In severity in NM, TX and AZ. Grand Canyon planning RX fire info coming for the MAC group, Malpi-FMO flown for 3rd time.

BIA Western – AFMO at RO leaving in May 10 and will fill with detailer, many open positions.

BIA – Navajo – Indices fluctuating. Light IA activity. Helicopter beginning its contract. IHC crew is on. No RX burning. Working on relationships with the tribe. Regional Director resigned.

BLM Southwest – Valdus new AFMO in Zuni. NPA looking for AFMO and AFMO in Mescalero has been offered. Most agencies are at half capacity for seasonal hires. Hotshot crew will be up on May 19. SEAT at Fort Apache, Helicopter is in place in Mescalero and they are requesting long term severity.

Severity- Each agency reported severity and looking a joint funding to stretch funding.

Topic	Action needed	Responsibility	Date
SWCG Committee Liaisons and Chairs	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: Leon-CWZ, Brent-SNZ, Dale – NAZ, Don-PEZ, Donald-TAZ, Kelly-SEZ, Loren-ABZ, Behrens-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. • Work with each zone on Smoke collaboration 	<p>SWCG liaisons</p> <p>All</p> <p>Loren, Dave, Kelly, Leon</p> <p>SWCG liaisons</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Preparedness Levels	Monitor wildland fire management activities during the 2011 Southwest Area fire season. In preparation of assessing the need to revise the Southwest Area Preparedness level criteria.	SWCG/SWCC	OCT 2011

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SWCC Funding from each Agency	<p>Each agency will go back 5 years and gather costs associated with supporting SWCC.</p> <p>Continue to gather examples of how other GACCs support their 2nd tier centers.</p> <p>Need to select a model on how to identify each agency's contribution to run SWCC.</p> <p>Need to develop a SWCC business plan.</p>	<p>SWCG membership</p> <p>Jaycox</p> <p>IBM/SWCG</p> <p>IBM/SWCG</p>	<p>OCT/NOV 2011</p> <p>OCT/NOV 2011</p> <p>OCT/NOV 2011</p> <p>OCT/NOV 2011</p>
Radio Capability	<p>NMICG and AICG will develop an MOU for frequency sharing for each State.</p> <p>Do a cast up of radio capability/issues from the dispatch centers (digital vs. analog)</p>	<p>NMICG/AICG/Communications Committee/Ben</p> <p>IDOP will address</p>	Ongoing
S-520/620	Send a letter to Deborah Corner by May 23, 2011	Ben	May 23, 2011
IMT2 Rotation	Send letter out to Type IMT IC's for review and comment.	Kearney	June 1, 2011