

Southwest Coordinating Group

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UPCOMING SWCG DATES

SWCG Jan 11, 2012 ABQ	USFS Regional Office
SWCG Feb 6-7 2012 Prescott	Prescott Resort
SWCG Apr 10-11 2012 ABQ	USFS Regional Office
SWCG May 8-9 2012 ABQ	USFS Regional Office
SWCG Sept 5-6 PHX	TBD
SWCG Oct 10 Springerville AZ	Supervisor's Office

<u>Attendance</u>			
X	BLM Arizona – Jeff Brown	X	BIA Navajo –
X	BLM New Mexico – Don Kearney	X	AZ State Forestry – David Geyer
X	FS Southwest – Bill VanBruggen	X	NM State Forestry – Donald Griego
X	NPS Intermountain – Brent Woffinden	X	SWCC – Kenan Jaycox
X	FWS Southwest – Mark Kaib	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.

NIMO Study of SWA IMT Needs

Susan Lee and Mike Baca (NIMO IMT Members)

Presented their PowerPoint (including data of IMT usage etc) to the SWCG.

Key Points:

- Models for IMTs constantly changing
- Need flexible, scalable IMTs
- Determining SW Needs for IMTs is problematic
- Recent years have increasing trends of large catastrophic fires as opposed to the overall trends/averages
- Lack of succession in a large portion of IMT Membership
- Need accelerated training
- NIMO report provides more of a gap analysis and data to support a decision by SWCG.
- NIMO report doesn't necessarily provide a recommendation telling SWCG what to do.
- SW Rosters appear to have no PSC or FSC Trainees
- ¼ to 1/3 of rostered IMT positions are casuals or fire departments.

In summary, NIMO provided some analysis of the data for SWCG to make a decision. IMT participation / succession are National issues and not just the SW. Efforts do need to be taken to encourage succession and accelerate member development. A full gamut of options and incentives need to be used to meet future demand. Any undertakings by the SW should be tiered directly to National efforts currently underway.

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Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDDSS) Update – Harold Riggs

FPA Committee update – awaiting guidance from the agencies based on the 2012 budget. Working team will help the units in calibration of FPU data. Comparisons of funding preparedness more and how it affects suppression costs being examined at the National level.

SWCG was presented a summary of WFDDSS activities in the SW 2011 season. WFDDSS was certainly put to the test considering how busy we were. 3500 fires for 2.1 million acres. 111 published decisions in WFDDSS.

Successes:

- National Decision Support Teams
- Geo-Area Editors
- State of NM participation
- OJT participation
- IMT development of MAP Points
- Program upgrades
- Help Desk

Challenges:

- Policy differences between agencies and/or time lag of policy coming from D.C.
- IMT roles unclear on the ground
- Collaboration among neighbors
- Not fully utilized
- Unit confusion
- Overdue periodic assessments
- System issues
- Modeling

Changes forthcoming:

- Operating Guide for what to do on T-3, 4, and 5 fires, the different PL Levels, etc
- NFDSC Briefing Paper
- Streamlined Fire Behavior Specialist qualifications
- Analysts visits to fires for a day or two
- FMO involvement in running basic analyses
- Continuing education

Incident Business Update – Jeff Brown

- SWA Chapter 20 Supplement to the IIBMH
Incident Business Committee has been discussing the issue of whose document (signatory) this supplement actually is. There has been a lot of USFS input due to the Best Value IBPA process and lack of the other agencies' entering into EERA's very often. This supplement document has a

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lot of cost/rate information for incident only contract resources, etc. The suggestion from the IBC is to have the SWCG be the keeper/signatory to this supplement.

- **National Master Agreement**
Any decisions on the new Master Agreement are still in flux. Several options are being looked at. NM agreement expires in 2013 and the AZ one expires in 2014.

SWCG also brought up the topic of doing cost share agreements pre-season so it will be easier once the fires occur. Jeff will explore this and get back to SWCG.

SWCG Committee Reports

- **Aviation** – No report
- **Dispatch** – CM Meeting this week.
- **Operations** – Meeting this week, looking at charter, E-App process, IMT Member selection process, multiple objective fire discussions, fire cache issues/procedures, medical protocols, wildland fire module certification process, IMT short configuration
- **Type 2 Crew** – Re-write of the Handbook to include more T2IA information.
- **Information/Prevention** – Will be trying to come up with recommendations on how to thank all the participants/firefighters for helping the SW in 2011.
- **Incident Business** – Coordination of training for Incident Procurement/Business Classes
- **Planning** – **No report**
- **Training** – Nomination deadlines approaching for most classes (Nov 1). Still working on getting complete needs analyses for the SW so the appropriate classes are being presented.
- **AICG** – Meeting tomorrow in PHX. Dale Glenmore is the liaison. Judy Palmer is the new USFS Rep.
- **NMICG** – met a few weeks ago. Still trying for resolution on the NM Smoke Rule. Charter being updated.
- **Communications** – Conference Call this week regarding frequency sharing and radio issues. Chris Romo is the chair.
- **Predictive Services** – No updates at this time
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Zone Board Liaison Updates

- **TAZ** – No updates at this time
- **SNZ** – Working with ABZ to see if they can join for recruitment of T3 Team and usage.
- **ABZ** – No updates at this time
- **GLZ** – Update of Charter, Bumgarner retired. Mckibbon is chair. PREV Team was a success. Boykin will be ICT3 again in 2012.
- **PEZ** – Confusion with some NM-LCD fires and which dispatch is running it (Silver City vs Alamogordo). SEATs worked well, but retardant effectiveness was an issue. Next meeting is Jan 18, 2012.

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- **NAZ/CWZ/WMZ/SEZ** – No updates at this time
SWCG reviewed the agenda for tomorrow’s IC AAR.

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	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.	SWCG liaisons	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually, each SWCG rep should attend Zone Meetings if possible. 	All	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABZ, WMZ, SEZ and CWZ reps need to get their zone charters to Kenan for posting. • Work with each zone on Smoke collaboration 	Loren, Dave, Kelly, Leon SWCG liaisons	Ongoing Ongoing
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
SWCC Funding from each Agency	Each agency will go back 5 years and gather costs associated with supporting SWCC.	SWCG membership	OCT/NOV 2011
	Continue to gather examples of how other GACCs support their 2 nd tier centers.	Jaycox	OCT/NOV 2011
	Need to select a model on how to identify each agency’s contribution to run SWCC.	IBM/SWCG	OCT/NOV 2011
	Need to develop a SWCC business plan.	IBM/SWCG	OCT/NOV 2011
Radio Capability	NMICG and AICG will develop an MOU for frequency sharing for each State.	NMICG/AICG/Communications Committee/Ben	Ongoing
	Do a cast up of radio capability/issues from the dispatch centers (digital vs. analog)	IDOP will address	
IMT2 Rotation	Send letter out to Type IMT IC’s for review and comment.	Kearney	June 1, 2011