



UPCOMING SWCG DATES

SWCG Meeting/IC AAR	Oct 16-17, 2013	Show Low, AZ
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<u>Attendance</u>			
x	BLM Arizona – Kelly Castillo (via phone)	x	BIA Navajo – Dale Glenmore
x	BLM New Mexico – Carl Gossard	x	AZ State Forestry - Bryan Kimball (via phone)
x	FS Southwest – Helen Graham	x	NM State Forestry – Donald Griego (via phone)
x	NPS Intermountain – Brent Woffinden	x	SWCC – Kenan Jaycox
x	FWS Southwest – Mark Kaib	x	BIA Western – Carlos Nosie (via phone)
x	BIA Southwest – Cal Pino		

PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEM REVIEW

Previous meeting notes reviewed, edited and approved. Action Items have been updated on the SWCG Action Items Tracking Table.

September 17, 2013

IC Selection Meeting

The IMT Selection Meeting is scheduled for 01/23/2014. It is being pushed back a week to allow the Ops Group more time to review the IMT proposed rosters and succession planning. The SWCC will request the proposed rosters from the IC’s approximately a week prior to this date.

IDOP Update

Gossard - Charter for NAZ Dispatch Offices is out for finalization and hopefully be completed and in place by the end of this month. Line Officer inclusion in the process continues to be critical in the process.

Selkirk – Update on Northern NM Dispatch Offices – A list of talking points was developed for the SWCG update as well as a flow chart that identifies tasks and progress on the different items. All documents are being placed on the SWCC website. Some progression has slowed due to fire season though. Any consolidation that occurs will not happen by 2014 fire season. The Group hopes to have a product to present to SWCG by the Spring of 2014 that identifies the options for consolidation. The Group is having calls every 2 weeks on Wednesdays. Eight (8) alternatives have been identified to take a look at as options for consolidation. VanBruggen confirmed that NIMO can provide some assistance in task orders that have been developed. The Group also would like to know where any National Level monies might come from in the event construction is needed for the consolidation? And any TOS monies that might be needed?

Kimball – A3S transition into Tucson Dispatch is pretty much complete. Still working out a few bugs here and there but these are being smoothed out.

Jaycox – Asks that the agencies make sure the additional positions are in place prior to any consolidation being complete. The additional workload will need the positions as identified by the selected alternative once we get to that point.

GACGAC Update

Gossard – Been having calls about every 2 months during fire season (NMAC/GMAC calls). Coordination of IMT selections occurred and will hopefully be smooth in 2014. There is also an effort to try and streamline coordination of IMT selection timeframes. Each area does it in a different timeframe; however, due to the different timings of fire season(s), not much progress has been made. Do we want a stand-down policy on IMTs? (i.e. vacancy(s) in critical position(s) thereby making the IMT unavailable). There are still discussions on how to increase usage of T-2 crews. The NMAC/GMAC meeting will be in January 2014. Cal Pino (new Chair of SWCG in Jan 2014) will attend.

Strategic Budget Planning FY2014

Gossard - Follow-up discussion regarding declining budgets and how that could affect interagency commitments of staff and money. This includes expectations of SWCC and how it might affect staffing, global fire management practices, and Service First efforts (i.e. interagency management and efficiency). The SWCG would like to schedule a facilitated discussion this Fall to take a closer look at some of these items. The plan is to meet 3 days (1 day for SWCC, 1 day for each state). Tentative plans are to meet the week of Nov 4, 2013 **(Action Item)**.

2013 MAC Group

MAC Group – Overall, the group thinks it went well, but there were concerns on how Area Command was ordered and feel that they were not utilized very well. And it seemed to take away from some of the MAC duties that other personnel could have performed. Would like to move to GoToMeeting and get away from LiveMeeting due to some personnel not being able to view the screen(s) **(Action Item)**. SWCG would also like to explore putting together a MAC Support Group this winter like more of what the Great Basin does **(Action Item)**.

Restrictions Coordination

NM BLM feels it was sort of bumpy; however, AZ BLM felt that things went well. There were issues with the website though. AZS feels it went fairly well. NMS Governor made the decision to go into restrictions state-wide so it presented some issues of coordination at the Zone level. There are also differences in the staging of restrictions between states and federal.

September 18, 2013

SWCC Updates – Jaycox

IMT Governance and Mobilization Workunit (EIM) Update

Reviewed the latest updates of this work unit led by Kim Christensen. There will be recommendation that the Southwest Area have 5 IMTs (currently have 6 interagency IMTs). The group will also begin looking at how to implement a National rotation amongst all the IMTs.

IC Trainees

Application period closes September 20, 2013. The SWCG agreed to have the Ops Group examine and prioritize the applicants and identify priority trainees and make efforts to get them out as much as possible (as opposed to placing with a specific IMT).

CISM Updates

2013 was a very difficult year for all of us and CISM Peer Teams were requested numerous times. It is evident that we need to increase our depth in CISM capability. Due to decreased budgets, no agency can exclusively pay for a training this Spring; however, the AZ Wildfire Academy has agreed to host a CISM course. The dates will be March 10-14, 2014. Tuition costs will need to be covered by each student. Currently checking on instructor availability and further course coordination.

3 Year C&G Tenure Proposal

A proposal from SWCC has been vetted thru the Ops Group for making Command and General Staff positions on IMTs a three year tenure for Agency personnel. This was not approved by the SWCG. All positions except the IC will remain a one year tenure.

IMT2 Rotation

SWCG agreed to move to a full rotation of the Southwest Area T-2 Teams. Details of the rotation will be worked out through the Ops Group and presented to the IC's at the October IC AAR Meeting (**Action Item**).

Number of IMT2's

SWCG agreed to reduce the number of Type 2 IMTs by one (1). SWA currently has 4 and will reduce to 3. The Ops Group will work with Carl on SWCG letter explaining this. This includes eliminating the geographic affiliations of IMTs (**Action Item**).

MOU Discussion(s)

The new SWCG MOU still needs to be signed by a few of the SWA Agencies. The current extension expires at the end of October 2013. The agencies who have not signed it yet will get their page to Carl Gossard in October (**Action Item**).

The MOU with NM Air Quality Bureau for the Smoke Position also needs a USFS signature, but the USFS wants a separate MOU. VanBruggen will follow up to see if there is flexibility on this or a separate one has to be done (**Action Item**).

SWCG Preparation/Agenda Items for October Meeting

- IMT Selection Process
- ICAP
- Type 2 Teams/Rotation
- Review and send out IC Questionnaire for IC round robin portion of meeting
- AAR of Yarnell/Holiday Incident – SWCG feels this will be time very well spent and will likely be a full day (at a minimum). Many items regarding this can be separated out to provide some structure and organization to an AAR.
- Plan is to start SWCG/Ops Meeting on Tuesday Oct 15 at 1200 in Show Low. Oct 16 morning hours will be the traditional IC AAR, the afternoon hours will begin Yarnell AAR, the go till noon on Oct 17.

Training Update – Villard

A summary of training scheduled for FY2014 was presented to SWCG. Twenty-one courses are on the Training website and nominations are due Nov. 1. M-581 nominations are due by this Friday. LFML nominations will be due Oct 25. Leadership courses have been a struggle due to procurement of instructors and GSA regulations. A couple of M-410 classes are scheduled. Rx courses have been scheduled as well. Currently working on S-490 and 491 courses to see if they can be presented. S-520 nominations are due by mid-October. Villard will send info to SWCG on the process but NAFRI will accommodate entire teams to go thru S-520. Class is Feb 23-March 1. SWCG would like at least 1 T-2 IMT from the Southwest to do this.

SWCG Committee Reports	
AICG	No report
Aviation	No report.
Dispatch	Center Manager Meeting Oct 9-10 in Flagstaff, AZ. Agenda is developed and looking forward to a productive meeting.
Fire Planning	No report.
- WFDSS	No report.
Incident Business	Had a call on Sept 18, 2013. Will be doing quarterly calls and will also have a meeting in October. The group would like direction from the SWCG on how this group can assist in fire costs and other issues (i.e. consistency in rates of state resources, etc.).
Info & Prevent	Monthly calls. Meeting scheduled for Nov 5-7, 2013. Will review restriction plan implementation and how things went in 2013 and also the website issues.
NMICG	No report
Operations	Call scheduled next week. Most items working on are related to IMTs. SWCG Liaison has been Carl Gossard, but will transition this committee to Donald Griego.
- Type 1 Crew	No report
- Type 2 Crew	No report
Communications	No report
Predictive Serv	No report
Training	See notes from Villard update.

Zone Coordinating Group Liaison Reports	
Taos	No report
Santa Fe	Woffinden – main focus is IDOP. No issues.
Albuquerque	Pino – No issues
Pecos	Good efforts on coordination of fire restrictions. No other issues.
Gila/Las Cruces	No report. Fall meeting coming up soon.
Northern Arizona	No report.

Central West	No report.
White Mountain	No issues.
Southeast	Regular conference calls. Biggest item is A3S transition into Tucson Dispatch, but going good.

Agency Reports	
US Forest Service	Involved in support to Yarnell Incident and Report roll-out. Much appreciated support to the Santa Fe NF fatality. NPS SAR Specialists were also very helpful. Employee assessment post Yarnell and Holiday is high priority and agency continues to explore avenues to provide continued assistance.
BLM AZ	No report
BLM NM	Hanging on tight with future budgets and cuts. Shrinking workforce.
Nat Park Service	Woffinden working on a Border Fire Brief for the Interior Secretary. Budgets are being cut. Potential to lose critical programs and resources.
Fish & Wildlife Svc	Budget cuts happening. Looking to combine units jobs where applicable.
BIA - Southwest	Budgets are an issue. FBMS is being implemented. Two agencies don't have FMO's and 2 others without administrative support. Trying to establish co-op agreements with tribes.
BIA - Western	FBMS implementation and work orders with the agencies. Hiring freeze right now. Looking to increase efficiencies on positions and units/resources.
BIA - Navajo	No report
AZ State	No report
NM State	Good year for Veterans Crew pilot program. Asking for additional monies to keep the program going. Inmate crew availability has been decreased at times.
SWCC	No issues.