



Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) Meeting Notes April 1, 2015

UPCOMING SWCG DATES

MAC Exercise	April 23 1000	Albuquerque
SWCG Meeting	May 14	Springerville

Attendance			
X	BLM Arizona – Kelly Castillo	X	BIA Navajo – Dale Glenmore
X	BLM New Mexico – Hector Madrid	X	AZ State Forestry - Dave Geyer
X	FS – Judy Palmer	X	NM State Forestry – Donald Griego
X	NPS Intermountain – Jeff Hickerson	X	SWCC – Kenan Jaycox
X	FWS Southwest – Loren Derosear		BIA Western
X	BIA Southwest – John Cervantes		

Others In Attendance: Nancy Moore - BLM AZ-SWCC; Tony Diaz - FS-SWCC; Kristi Sullivan - FS-Prescott; G. Rene Isackson - FS-Santa Fe; Barry Wallace - FS-Prescott; Juan Ortiz - FS-Silver City; Gabe Holguin - FS-Silver City; Ed Waldron - NPS-Alamogordo; Nicole Finch - BLM-Alamogordo; Jake Nuttall - FWS-Abq/Santa Fe/Taos/Alamogordo; Robert Brown - NMSF-ABQ; Mark Empey - FS-Show Low; Julie Landreth - FS-Show Low; Jeremy McKeller - FS-NMABC; Todd Howell - NMSF-Santa Fe; Chuck Holt - FS-AZTOC-Tucson; Hector Basso - USFS-Prescott Cache; Mike Wilke - BLM-AZTDC; John Thornburg - NPS-SEAZ; DMarie Gallegos-Trujillo - USFS-NMTDC; Duane Chapman - BIA-San Carlos

Zone/IA Boundary Map – There has not been a written process for changing zone boundaries till now. The process will be put in the front of the 2015 Mob Guide. A GACC boundary map will be put in the Mob Guide. This will be an evolving process.

Al Sandoval will be the contact for changes. Zones will decide when boundaries need to be changed, and then contact Al with the changes. Al will make map of initial attack boundaries, zone boundaries and jurisdictional lands, then send out to all dispatch centers. Jeremy McKellar will talk with Al on this. WildCAD will be updated this year to WildCAD 6 in all the Southwest centers.

GACC Priority Trainees vs. Zone Priority Trainees – When you have an incoming IMT’s to your zone, you could have a team with 58 or 59 total personnel on the roster. This number includes 12 trainees on teams, they have 6 primary trainees and the other 6 come from the Southwest Area list. Additional trainees mobilized beyond what’s mobilized on the roster may come from the Zone list or the SWA list. Top priority trainee stays on the top till signed off, it is not a rotation.

When a person gets signed off, need communication between SWCC/Zones and James Villard as James will maintain and edit the master list to keep current.

EIM – sustainability and successional planning. Will maintain T2 teams separate from the Type 1s. NWCG tasked to increase speed to qualification, support additional capability to manage T3 incidents, create additional pathways to achieve T1 and T2 qualifications.

In 10/14 version of 310-1 FSC3, LSC3, PSC3, and OSC3 positions were added. Three ways to obtain these qualifications.

- A unit leader within Logs, Plans, Finance can perform as T3 section chief, i.e. Time Unit Leader can be qualified as a FSC3.
- Use FEMA TB for FSC3, LSC3, and PSC3 – no prerequisites.
- T3 ICS may be granted competencies for T3 C&G positions.
- T3 positions require ICS 400 as required under NIMS

October, 2015 version of 310-1 additional/accelerated proposed pathways are:

- Only one unit leader requirements as prerequisite for FSC, LSC, and PSC.
- Pathways from T3 C&G upward to T2 C&G positions.
- Bridging alternatives, OSC2 to PSC2 with a completed taskbook and completion of a 400 level FSC course.
- TFLD/STL interchangeability
- Drop ICT 4 requirement from SITL.
- Little to no change to operations, command and safety.
- Still a performance based system observed by an evaluator.

Link for comments: draft 2015PMS310-1 Comment Form – Due date 5/8/15

Lend/Lease Policy – Only a 2 to 3 day time period, sharing critical resources

For State Resources there will need to be a resource order.

Lend/Lease will be done between two teams in the same dispatch zone or neighboring dispatch zones for 48 to 72 hours. If needed longer a resource order will be done. There is a spreadsheet that will be filled out at the IMT level for tracking.

Need to have communication between teams and the supporting documentation.

Will proceed with process and then evaluate in the fall.

Teams make sure that the resources that were lend/lease have a copy of the spreadsheet when demobing. If a zone dispatch wants to be informed, let the incoming team know at in-briefing.

T3 IMT Updates - CWZ – Team selections are done, Andy Mandell is the IC. Team meeting next week.

Start date – April 15

NAZ – Informal roster, Quinton Johnson, IC – First year – Unknown start date.

ABQ Zone – Start date April 15 – meeting tomorrow. Have a full team.

Gila Team – Gabe Holguin – IC. Available now.

Pecos – Have an IC, Jay Northcott and a back up, Caleb Finch. Need to get a LSC that is qualified. Available now.

Santa Fe – April 3, Ray Corral, IC – have full time team – IC is two year term.

AZ Southeast Zone – Have Type 3 team – available April 15.

White Mountain – not able to have team. Bring in organized T3 team from closest dispatch.

Color Country does have a T3 team, that we may be able to use.

Arizona State T3 team does not exist, will use other T3's closest to fire.

IDOP/IDIP – IDOP started in 2009, made up of National Directors. Was decided to do implementation of pilots. Pilots was the Southwest and California. In 18 months needed to look at certain areas, law enforcement, administration of dispatch.

In December, executive decision was made to look at northern New Mexico. A team was put together with Chris Delaney, BLM-UT; Cathy Hutton, BLM-WY Center Manager and Gary Brown, Payette NF, Fire Staff. They were here the week of March 2. Interviewed the major players. Have a due date of July 1, 2015, for a recommendation. Newsletter is coming out sometime this week or next, to keep everyone informed of what is happening. There is possibly some National funding to help implement.

Implementation was done at the Tucson Dispatch in Arizona. Colorado River moved to Prescott. Chuck (Tucson Dispatch) – one foot to the black level is what he talked about. Has a playbook (Standard Operating Guidelines) that talks about how they have done it. 2011 or 2010 was the first meeting. Intel and information needs from the State took time to get. Chuck handed out a pie chart of Tucson Dispatch 2014 showing statistics. Total equipment was 99 pieces, took an additional 708. Overhead was 288, additional 706. Responsibility has increased. Similar to Central Oregon. 31 Cooperative agreements, Tucson has 71 agreements. Listed the number of personnel in Central Oregon and Tucson. Needs INTEL dispatcher from the State and finance personnel. SOP went from 10 pages to 100 pages. Restructure of organization chart needs to be done. Do not have full time aviation dispatcher. 300 miles of Mexico border, Border patrol, DOD, and drones. Arizona State likes that the dispatch centers were combined. Know that they need to add additional personnel. Was done for the safety of the firefighters. There are savings in the field. Administration for the State is different. The dispatch center does work as an interagency.

Kelly – lessons learned in consolidation – what personnel is needed, the structure of the organization. There is money available for the consolidation. IDOP is not going away.

IDIP – standardized staffing – IT and infrastructure – CAD standardization

There is commitment to see this through. Need to have communication – to what is happening, work being done. Next step is Truxton Canyon move to Williams and Hopi to Flagstaff.

An option is that Arizona Dispatch Center become Call Center. Will have a 1 day meeting with all AZ Center Managers to see if the Call Center will work.

Information, (Fire Org) gathered in 2009/2010 is it still valid?

Concerns – Are we going to save on positions? Safety? Funding. Personnel. Complexities and upgrades. Time frames – people are stressed because of the delayed process. Rene said it needs to be transparent. Take in consideration the impacts. If recommendation is not do anything, then leave it. Move forward on whatever decision is made.

Hector said there are no rigid standards on how Dispatch should work. What is the definition for 3-tier dispatch. There is nothing out there.

When decision is made, set up a time frame as to when it would be centralized.

Coordinating group needs to be committed.

Zone Ops Plan/Initial Response Plans Expectations – References in Ch. 19 of the Red Book require initial response plans (i.e. WildCAD or run cards).

Fire Danger Operating Plan – Tucson has one, signed off by all agencies. Pecos is working on one, is interagency. Grand Canyon, Kaibab, Coconino are working on one. Santa Fe and Taos working on one, Forest Service only. Prescott has one, but only Forest Service. Gila has identified the need. White Mountain has one for the Forest Service. Fort Apache has an expert in it and will be working on an interagency. Albuquerque is working on one, Forest Service only. BLM has produced a basic plan in Farmington/Taos.

BLM has it on their checklist on National/State reviews.

Get examples from other interagency dispatch centers that have worked. Suggest that groups get together to do a plan.

On the SWCC web site, there is a 2015 NFDRS Operating Plan for Southeast Arizona.

Restrictions Coordination – In 2011, many human started fires. Looked at models from other areas on fire restrictions web sites. The Southwest implemented their web site in 2013 and it has been updated. Changes have been made to the operating plan.

Fred had a handout on human caused fire trends. Based on a five year average for suppression is \$268 per acre. Graphs showed SW human starts, SW acres burned from human starts, AZ agencies human start trends, NM agencies human start trends.

Who is going to maintain website? Forest Service is going to keep using it. ABQ zone has a zone restriction coordinator. Is there training for new coordinators. Loretta Benavidez is the SW coordinator.

White Mountain works with the county closely and it is working well. Everyone knows what the other one is doing. Do not use the checklist.

Flagstaff is pretty robust. Have calls with all agencies. Counties are going to use the same process as the federal land management agencies.

Web site is broad scale for public to use to see where restrictions are. Living document, will take any suggestions.

BLM NM and NMS are no longer members of the Southwest Prevention/Information Committee and coordinate restrictions through their Zone.

Ownership of Records Within Dispatch Centers - Interagency employees and when a FOIA comes thru. If a FOIA comes thru FS, Forest Service building – center manager gets it. It falls back on IT structure and were the records resided to who is responsible for it.

Paper was written, to send to NWCG to add direction in the National template (or a different document if determined to be a better placeholder).

A document will be coming out to tell how FOIA requests will be handled.

VIPR and Best Value – SWCC has been entering the new contracts which has helped the local dispatch centers. Need to have personnel with experience using VIPR and understanding the contracts.

Water handling contractors vs. fire departments – FS jurisdiction will be using VIPR first in extended attack when date and time needed can be met. A lot of discussion occurred on how to handle multi-jurisdictional incidents, realizing that state resources need to be represented.

A letter will be coming out with direction on how it will be handled.

Cache – DLA transition – no problem ordering as soon as account was set up.

Cache vans will be updated in the next couple of weeks.

Incident Replacement policy – orders go into ROSS, put in date and time needed, so they know whether it should be coming from the cache. Send hard copies, scan, fax or email. Make sure you put unit of issue.

Billings from Cache could take from 30 to 60 days.

NAP – Need to have approval from NAP for e-ISuites. Question to whom is going to do approval. Does not need approval from Dispatch.

FEMA Courses – Need to take Train the Trainer to teach the FEMA courses, which is all the courses. Need to put paper together and send thru Bill Vanbruggen to get another Train the Trainer course and get consistency.

Training certificates need to go thru FEMA.

Will be tasking the training group to get paper done by May meeting.

Misc

Need to have a meeting with Center Managers and the SWCG group once a year.

AAR in October with the ICs is one option.

MAC scenario with Pecos zone went very well. Suggest that dispatch centers have one.

April 22 – one day MAC coordinator course workshop – Need MAC coordinators. Prerequisites – take IS701A before workshop, IMT background, dispatch, good facilitation skills