



Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) Meeting Notes April 23, 2015

**UPCOMING SWCG DATES**

SWCG Meeting	May 14	Springerville
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Attendance			
X	BLM Arizona – Kelly Castillo	X	BIA Navajo – Dale Glenmore
X	BLM New Mexico – Hector Madrid		AZ State Forestry
X	FS – Bill VanBruggen	X	NM State Forestry – Donald Griego
X	NPS Intermountain – Jeff Hickerson	X	SWCC – Kenan Jaycox
X	FWS Southwest – Loren Derosear	X	BIA Western – Carlos Nosie
X	BIA Southwest – Cal Pino		

**Type 2 Crew Subcommittee**

Carlos Nosie is the Chair - Handbook completed and is going to print. SWCG discussed representation to the Committee and which agencies are using the Handbook. As of right now, the only participation has been mainly the BIA units. SWCG agreed that the Charter needs to be updated to reflect it as a BIA specific committee and production of the Handbook **(Action Item due to Ops Committee by May 14)**.

**Burn Injury Protocol**

SWCG reviewed burn protocol out of the 2015 Red Book. Discussion on when the injured sees an initial doctor locally that they don't refer them to a certified burn center. This goes against the policy that we always want them to go to a burn center. SWCG agreed that they would go talk to the Directors in Phoenix and Albuquerque Burn Centers to front end load it so they would understand it is within the protocol to get the injured to their burn centers. Won't fix the local doctor issue, but would help if the burn centers understand the federal agency position on it. **(Action Item) – Kelly and Hector will report back to SWCG after the discussion occurs.**

**RAWS**

BLM is looking at gaining efficiency in the RAWS depot in Boise. Some positions may be moved to the states as opposed to being in Boise. Would still be NIFC employee, but duty station would be AZ State Office. In AZ, Radio Techs will also be trained up in RAWS maintenance also. As this occurs and gets in motion, SWCG would like to eventually see efficiencies gained in terms of overall RAWS coordination.

**Medical**

Each of the agencies in the Southwest are still struggling with definitive answers on getting MEDL/EMT personnel sponsored by doctors and being able to cross agency/state lines.

## NFDRS

Chuck Maxwell discussed the changes to NFDRS and impacts to Fire Danger Operating Plans. Really emphasizes Preparedness and Preparedness Plans. Chuck will provide Power Point to send out to the SWCG. (See Power Point for additional information).

**Action Item** - Recommending the formation of and NFDRS Implementing Committee. He will send SWCG his recommendations to move forward by May 14.

## IMT Meeting AAR

Bea Day – Good feedback from success of meeting. SWCG would like to continue the larger IMT Meeting next year. Initial tentative dates are the week of Presidents Day holiday 2016 (Feb 17-18, 2016). Bea will work with AZ BLM on possible “sponsorship” of the meeting. Kelly will check with NTC in PHX and Bea will check NAFRI availability.

Medical Working Group came up with a list of items (Fast Kits/TRS) they would like to have with each team. SWCG discussed how to fund these kits which are quite expensive. Bea will get more information from the ICs/MEDL on IMTs and get some consensus on what should be in the kits and nail down the exact costs. **(Action Item due by April 30).**

SWCG would also like the forms for incidents within incidents that were presented at the Meeting to put to the SWCC website. Bea will notify the presenters to get the forms to Kenan.

Agency Reports	
US Forest Service	Same staffing as last year. Will be continuing efforts for a short haul program and begin in 2016 on Coronado. National PREV Team will be ordered for Central and Southern AZ in a week or two.
BLM AZ	May 1 Weaver Helo will come on. May 18 two SEATs in Safford. Will bring Jackson IHC in mid-late May. Agreement with BIA for funding of firefighting positions along the Colorado River.
BLM NM	New AFMO is Eric Walker. All engines are staffed. 2 SEATs in Roswell May 18. EU Air Attack out of Idaho will be in Roswell when conditions warrant. New building being delivered to Roswell Tanker base.
Nat Park Service	Brent will be back May 9 in normal position. Jeff will return as AFMO. Saguaro module certification May 4.
Fish & Wildlife Svc	3 year cut in budgets. Some positions will be converted to more of a seasonal workforce.
BIA - Southwest	Asst FMO hired John Cervantes. TRM funding will be distributed to the different units. Average is about 2 positions per unit. Region is getting a FOS and Budget analyst. Zuni Asst Superintendent is vacant. May run as T2IA if need arises. FMO at NPA is vacant. IA has been light and short duration.
BIA - Western	TRM funding has provided opportunities to fill some positions. Also providing staffing for engines that been out of service. FTA Helo May 3. AA with ATGS May 1. FTA and Geronimo IHC available early May. Leon is acting as Regional Forester.

BIA - Navajo	IHC will be available next week. TRM funding will allow 2 engines to be funded and will be in the Shiprock area. Selection of Prevention position has occurred. 3 T2IA and 1 T2 CRW available for the GACC.
AZ State	No report.
NM State	Staffing seasonal firefighters on engines only on red flag days. 2 vet crews avail T2IA. IWC Crews available also.
SWCC	