



Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) Meeting Notes – April 19, 2016

UPCOMING SWCG DATES

SWCG Meeting	AZ - BIA Western	May 19-20
SWCG Meeting/IC Selection	PHX	September 27
SWCG Meeting/IC AAR	ABQ - USFS RO	October 18-19
SWCG Meeting/Dispatch Workshop	NM	November TBD

Attendance			
X	BLM Arizona – Kelly Castillo (MAC only)	X	BIA Navajo – Dale Glenmore
X	BLM New Mexico – Hector Madrid	X	AZ State Forestry - Geyer/Kimball (phone)
X	FS – Ryan Whiteaker	X	NM State Forestry – Donald Griego
X	NPS Intermountain – Brent Woffinden	X	SWCC - Kenan Jaycox
X	FWS Southwest – Loren Deroosear		BIA Western – Carlos Nosie (phone)
X	BIA Southwest – Cal Pino		

MAC Exercise

SWCG/SWCC conducted a MAC Exercise the morning of April 19. Gave everyone a good refresher of MAC process. There were a few items to improve upon such as having SWCC PS provide a weather outlook that coincides with the simulated activity for the exercise. Also need to get more detail on resource commitments to each incident and focus on some resource re-allocation between incidents.

SWCC Predictive Services Discussion

Rich Naden has accepted the interagency smoke position working out of Santa Fe. He will be working at SWCC 2 days per week. SWCG discussed with Chuck Maxwell about the future of the SWCC PS program. There are many products that are getting harder and harder to produce due to a variety of factors. RAWS maintenance, data management, IT barriers, lack of access to data streams, etc. is affecting accuracy of the products. SWCG discussed the primary products and services that they would like SWCC PS to provide. All agreed that the 7 DAY SFP product is important to continue. The SWCG also feels that the Video Briefings that were done a few years ago were extremely valuable.

AI: 7 Day Product – What's it going to take to fix the issues and make the 7 Day SFP Product reliable?

AI: Disclaimer on the 7 Day – Confidence Level

Maxwell – April 30 2016

NFDRS Committee formation and assistance could help with this, but will defer until Chuck outlines these issues with SWCG.

This will feed other important products, but focus right now is the 7 Day.

Seven day Meteorologist coverage in SWCC. SWCG agreed that it is needed in PL4 and 5. The meteorologists will plan out the next several months to ensure this coverage.

Future Agenda Item: Agreement that covers the Interagency Staff of how SWCC operates.

MOU for NM Smoke Position – Interagency MOU needs revision to reflect it is NPS position now. Notification needs to be made to the field and others that Rich Naden is in the position, contact information, etc.

AI: Brent W. to draft an SWCG memo for this notification.

Financial Plans for Dispatch Centers

The SWA Dispatch Operations Committee has completed the document as per the SWCG tasking from last November. The document is titled SWA Guidance for Development of Dispatch Center Financial Plans. The final draft of the document was presented to SWCG. There are a couple of edits needed to columns on the final page. Once that's complete, will send to SWCG.

AI: Draft SWCG Memo on Financial Plans that ultimately will go to Zone Chairs and Center Managers. Jaycox April 2016

SWCG would like Zones to begin working on and provide status updates due at workshop in Fall of 2016, and ultimately have a Financial Plan in place by 2/01/17.

VMED Frequency Implementation

Everyone needs to continue to be persistent in getting the word out to all air ambulance companies, fire departments, or other cooperators. No easy task, but need to make sure we communicate with anyone and everyone when the opportunity arises.

IMT3s

The Operations Committee has a draft document in response to the SWCG tasking to look at Type 3 Team mobilization standards for out of Zone/Area assignments. The SWCG reviewed the document and Ops Committee recommendations.

AI: SWCG comments back to Hector by 4/29. Finalize at 5/18-19 Meeting

Aravaipa Crew

BLM AZ had requested consideration for being in the IHC rotation for out of area in 2016. There was not consensus within the IHC community on this. As a result, BLM AZ has withdrawn this request and will not be in the IHC Rotation.

IHC Crews in Rotation as Type 2IA

There are generally 2-3 crews who do not meet IHC SIHCO requirements and SWCC does keep them in the rotation. This generally is short term until the crew gets back up to Type 1 status. There are instances where it is forecasted to be longer term as T2IA in the FS right now, Rich Nieto will work with the IHC Sup community and involve the Operations Committee and/or SWCG if necessary. There will need to be guidance issued to SWCC regarding IHC rotation in these longer term T2IA situations.

N NM IDOP

The Agency Executive Leadership held a conference call on the Northern NM IDOP Dispatch Consolidation. Based on that call a memo will be sent out from SWCG keeping everyone apprised of the latest information.

AI: Draft Dispatch Consolidation Information Memo. Hector Madrid 5/05

SWCG Committee Reports	
AICG	No Committee Reports at this Meeting
Aviation	
Dispatch	
Fire Planning	
- WFDSS	
Incident Business	
ICAC	
Info & Prevent	
NMICG	
Operations	
- Type 1 Crew	
- Type 2 Crew	
Communications	
Predictive Svc	
Training	

Zone Coordinating Group Liaison Reports	
Taos	No Zone Reports at this Meeting
Santa Fe	
Albuquerque	
Pecos	
Gila/Las Cruces	
Northern Arizona	
Central West	
White Mountain	
Southeast	

Agency Reports	
US Forest Service	No Agency Reports at this Meeting
BLM AZ	
BLM NM	
Nat Park Service	

Fish & Wildlife Svc	
BIA - Southwest	
BIA - Western	
BIA - Navajo	
AZ State	
NM State	
SWCC	