



Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) Meeting Notes – January 20, 2016

UPCOMING SWCG DATES

SWCG/IMT Meeting	Sheraton ABQ	February 17-18
SWCG MAC Exercise	ABQ/GoToMeeting	April 19
SWCG Meeting	AZ - TBD	May 19
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	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 Deroser	X	BIA Western – Leon Ben
X	BIA Southwest – Cal Pino		

Northern NM IDOP Update

Memo went to agencies directors with recommendations of the Task Group. Agency leadership wants to spend some more time with the other agencies and how/if to move forward. A conference call is scheduled between the directors of the involved agencies, and then SWCG will determine how to move forward.

CGAC Meeting Update

- NMAC will be issuing a memo on more clarification of IC employment status for IMTs. Will be more “intent” based, and trying to separate the issue of who is a supplemental employee vs. who can be an IC.
- CGAC group had no issue of the SWA proceeding forward with the idea of a zone having the elements required in an FDOP (see Red Book), but not necessarily having all the NFDRS modelling in place. These elements are preparedness level plans, initial response plans, staffing levels, drawdown, etc.
- Priority Trainee Program – CGAC Rep(s) working with GATRs to develop National mobilization expectations
- Reviewed rotation proposals between GACCs
- Encouragement of pre-season MAC prep. Intel folks working on some standardization of MAC products
- Complex-re-complex etc. Large group of SMEs worked on guidance. Forthcoming comment period

- Approved Alternative 2 for roster sizes. Short – 28 Long – 48
- Updates from busy GACCs
- Reviewed ICAP periods for each GACC
- Nelda St Clair gave the CGAC a National CISM Program update
 - **AI: Kenan will present a draft charter for establishment of a CISM Committee in the SW.**

2016 SWCG Handbook and SWCC Operations Guide Review

SWCG reviewed and approved both the SWCG Handbook and SWCC Operations Guide.

AI: Get 2016 SWCC CM DOA to SWCG Chair for signature.

2016 IMT Meeting

The meeting tentatively will be at the Sheraton in Albuquerque February 17-18, 2016. SWCG has IC/IMT Expectation letter done and will distribute to the ICs. The SWCG presentation at the meeting will include these expectations and new language in the IMT Guidelines. Incident Business representation at the meeting will discuss a new rental car agreement being developed for the Southwest and also contractor performance ratings. A keynote speaker still needs to be identified. SWCG discussed some focus areas for this speaker... messaging/social media expectations and some of the anti-government environment that's out there.

Kudos to IMT members and voluntary participation and the continued good evaluations SW IMTs receive.

AI: SWCG members will check with their leadership for a keynote speaker and get back with the group by Jan 29.

MAC Exercise in preparation for 2016 season

Tuesday April 19

AI:

- **Invite ZC and CM to meeting**
- **Real 209s from past fires will be given to each IC (will use our 5 primary ICs for this) and they can form an IC report out on those fires for MAC**
- **MCCO assignment, invite trainees**
- **Set up GoToMeeting and bridge, etc.**
- **Reserve MAC Room**
- **1000-1200 MAC, 1200-1400 SWCG business**

T-3 IMTs

There has been some recruiting across Zones for the T-3 IMTs. SWCG discussed each agencies' perspective on this. SWCG agrees that there needs to be consistency on this and ensuring that if out of zone members are being used, there should be encouragement of successional planning to address it. Will be dealt with at the Zone Liaison level, no memo will be issued.

AZ Joint Powers Master Agreement

Several states are using the new template, but AZ is not using this template yet as it requires a more robust operating plan. This is still in development. AZS would like some assistance from federal agencies in this effort. NM is not using the new template either. They have extended the current one which expires April 1, 2017.

AI: SWCG participating agencies in AZ will get Dave Geyer names to assist by Feb 1.

Fire Danger Operating Plans – Maxwell

Presentation powerpoint sent to SWCG.

AI: Include vision of NFDRS Advisory Group in SWCG memo regarding FDOPs and at a minimum having the elements identified in the Red Book in place.

AI: SWCG to recognize NFDRS Advisory Group as an official Task Group and create taskings/timeline.

Southwest Area GATR Rep

James Villard has retired so the GATR position is vacant. SWCG discussed who might officially fill the GATR position. A couple of names were discussed and a decision will be reached at the next SWCG meeting. Jake Nuttall will be the interim GATR for the Southwest until a decision is made.

SWCG and Vice Tenure

Currently the Vice-Chair serves 2 years, then Chair for 2 years. Discussion occurred whether to reduce the term commitments or not and the additional duties of CGAC. SWCG will decide on this at a future meeting.

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	
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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	