

Great Basin Operations/IC Meeting
Location: Reno, Nevada
13:00-17:00 4/3/12

Attendees: Ruta Glinski, Leon Ben, Marty Adell, Steve Banks, Dave Curry, Michael Klug, Nancy Ellsworth, Bob Patton, Paul Petersen, Bob Houseman, Carol Salo, Tom Romanello, Mike Wilde, Tony DeMasters, Bob Sommer, Sid Beckman, Bill Hayes, Tracy Swenson, Tom Suwyn, John Kidd, Mike Haydon, Chris Ourada, Tracy Dunford, Beth Lund, Mark Roserthal, Mike Whalen, Sue Stewart, Sheldon Whimmer, Shane Freeman, Jessica Wade, Chris Glode

Topic: Introduction

Discussion: General introductions and lay out for meetings. Rex McKnight has been the Acting Associate State Director for Nevada BLM will be back in place as Nevada State FMO June 2, 2012. Paul Petersen who has been filling in for Rex will return to his position as the Nevada BLM AFMO on June 2, 2012.

Topic: GBCG Update and Expectations for 2012

Discussion: Nothing new to report, minor I.T. issues. Budget and travel cap concerns are limiting attendance at conferences and other training. IC's discussed concerns of late season mobilization and command and general staff positions, bringing more involvement from districts militia, potential to combine team members to ensure adequate staffing.

Topic: IMT Rosters for 2012

Discussion: All teams were short in non-operations positions. IC's voiced concerns with the amount of AD's and not having depth in aviation and finance positions. Need to get interest and trainee opportunities in following positions; Finance, Logistics, Air Operations, Type One Operations, ICT1 trainees. Find ways to strengthen team by utilizing militia, change commitments, potentially eliminate teams. Establish potential term limits for positions on teams after three commitments. Budget and travel cap effecting potential training. Additionally, about 20-25% trainee positions were negotiated with local units.

Action item: Over 200 Division Supervisor applicants for 35 positions. Need to support and find ways to use their interest in participating with teams and utilize them in vacant positions (Petersen).

Topic: 2013 Team Meeting Logistics and Status

Discussion: Fire Business: Webinars, travel caps and changed meetings. Focus on critical items. More people affected. Good response. Locations of meetings discussed, possible changes. Important to discuss other opportunities to reduce travel costs, more efficient meetings.

Topic: Operations IT subgroup

Discussion: Need to develop a sub group to address I.T. needs, long term vision, needs. All teams should have quality I.T. support. Not all teams have MIMIT trailers.

Action item: Develop a sub group to address this, group titled OTIS. Group members; DeBerg, Anderson, Adell, Wilde, Swenson, Gephardt, T.R., Salisbury.

Action item: Need computer inventory (Petersen)

Topic: Fire Business Group

Discussion: National Business Handbook has multiple updates and edits, available late May. Several Great Basin supplements, available on website by May 1, 2012. Teams should have accountability for equipment, discussion regarding maintenance costs. Travel regulations of greater than 500 miles with AD's and utilizing POV's. Concerns with holes in team fire business positions.

Topic: Great Basin Operations Group-Aviation

Discussion: Update of Great Basin Air- to- Ground, and naming convention Great Basin Tactical Report Format. Issues with aircraft listing with dispatch centers. Status and support for ROSS report? Update on rope-assist repel, national repelling program since 2009 stand down. Need bench marks for returning type 3 helicopters to fleet.

Action item: Aviation group, succession planning, lack of aviation team members by fall 2012 (Banks).

General discussion: Cost vs. Risk Management on forest service fires (Stewart)

- \$1.4 billion last year
- Take risk informed management approach to all incidents for F.S.
- ICs need to be aware of the risk assistance framework
- Increased interest from line officer regarding costs on F.S. fires
- Release resources when not needed