



FFAST Meeting September 21, 2007

Attendees:

Larry Sutton - USFS
Michelle Ryerson – BLM
Al King – NPS
Rod Bloms – FWS
Brad Bolen - BIA
Marie Bates - BLM

BIA Safety Position

The FFAST was asked by the BIA to evaluate applicants for their NIFC fire safety position based on criteria provided by the BIA. A justification for recommending the top candidate was provided.

New Governance Structure

The FFAST met with Brian McManus, Director of the FWS and the FFAST liaison to the NFAEB, to receive an overview update on the new governance structure. Basically the NWCG Parent group is creating a new NWCG organization. They have modified the NWCG Strategic plan so that it incorporates the goals of both NWCG and NFAEB. The goal is to design a new NWCG organization, including the working teams, that is more responsive to the needs of the wildland fire community. Current efforts involve mapping the work being accomplished by the different working teams and task groups, in order to identify overlap areas as well as gaps.

24 Hour Reports

Two recent 24 hour reports were discussed to decide how to handle the postings when they do not meet the criteria of a Serious Accident Investigation, SafetyGram accident or Safety Bulletin. All of this information, including the 24 hour reports goes to the Lessons Learned Center for posting on their web site after review by the agency with jurisdiction.

Status of Ground Ignition Devices section in Red Book

Action Item: Michelle Ryerson to research, notify FFAST and send changes to the Red Book Committee for Chapter 15.

Safety Assistance Team

The FFAST reviewed and discussed a draft Safety Assistance Team proposed protocol document. The FFAST determined it not to be viable from a National interagency perspective and will not be added in the 08 Red Book.

FORS

The FORS is a new interagency fire report that is being developed under the NFAEB. Tom Wordell is the lead for this group. For two of the subjects on the report, fatalities and injuries, the FFAST was asked to help develop data standards. After some discussion the FFAST decided to invite Tom to the next meeting to have an open discussion on this subject, to articulate what needs to be defined, and how that group will envision these blocks being utilized.

Action Item: Rod to invite Tom Wordell to next meeting to discuss data standards for fatalities and injuries for report form.

Next FFAST meeting will be on Friday, October 19 at 0900 in the BLM OPS Conference Room.

