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Wildland Fire Conference Call Notes

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Attendees:

	Central Office	X	Midwest Region	X	Southern Plains Region
X	Alaska Region	X	Navajo Region	X	Southwest Region
X	Eastern Region	X	Northwest Region	X	Western Region
X	Eastern Oklahoma Region	X	Pacific Region	X	ITC
X	Great Plains Region	X	Rocky Mountain Region		

BIA-NIFC

Acting Fire Director, Dave Koch

- Carlile at IFEC meeting all week

Assistant Director – Operations, Dalan Romero

- South, Southwest, Oklahoma and Eastern Oklahoma fire activity tapering
 - Monsoons setting in the Southwest
 - Fire activity tapering in South and Southwest areas
 - Fire activity moving north to Southern California, Southern Eastern Great Basin and Southern Rockies
- Fort Apache Hot Shot Fatality
 - Investigation team in-briefing today
 - Condolences to Fort Apache

Assistant Director – Training, Dave Koch

- Reference email to Regional FMOs re: FS letter (Tidwell) interim strategy for 401 job series generated by OPM review of FS (creditable education)
 - 301 series pathway not approved by FS or USDA yet
 - 462 series below mgmt level (7/8/9)
 - BIA and other DOI Bureaus sticking to 401 series
 - Long-term impact of FS decision to be determined

- DOI not part of any FS discussions especially with regard to new fire job series
- Proposed NWCG memo (see email) re: implementation of NIMS training requirement in IQCS (IS700) will affect all Bureaus
 - 118 pg printout of BIA employees not in compliance
 - September 2011 implementation date impacts?
 - I300/I400 may be ok due to recognition of prior/current positions (recognition rule does not apply to IS700/IS800)
 - Even given recognition, BIA may not be ready
 - Systematic problems with DOI Learn
 - **!!! Check list and respond to Koch by 8/12 with list of impacts to your region**

National Aviation Program Manager, Joel Kerley

- Most fixed wings moved to OMAK; call Kerley if you have needs for fixed wing/rotors
- Recent issue in Southwest with military aircraft
 - Not signed up; Tribe called in directly – may be responsible for all costs
 - Call Kerley if you need cooperators signed up
 - Simple process: aircraft / pilot inspection
 - Kerley will check on OK National Guard and get back to Lee

Associate Director – Fire Planning, Scott Bradshaw

- FPA quiet the last few weeks

Deputy Director – Fire/Fuels, Sam Scranton

- Most of fuels budget have been sent out
- Prevention funding waiting on redistribution before releasing to regions
 - Prevention planner/calendar shipped this week

Administrative Officer / Acting Budget Officer, Gini Broyles

- Prevention redistribution out last week
- All preparedness send forward to Trust yesterday
- Working with AK (may be separate funding)
- Prior year fire codes – call her to reopen via standard template

Regional Updates

Western – Leon Ben

- San Carlos pulling in extra support
- Service pending for Sunday

ITC – Jim Erickson

- Cohesive Strategy Forums i.e., NE conference calls (4) get involved and speak up
 - 7/27 Western Region Tribal Forum 0900 MDT; spaces open, call Jim

Next Fire-only Conference Call:

- **August 23.** Send agenda items to Robert.Carlile@bia.gov

Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:

- **August 9.** Send agenda items to Bill.Downes@bia.gov