



Fire Only Conference Call Notes

March 22, 2011

Attendees

Offices: NIFC, ITC

Regions: All except S. Plains

NIFC

Bodie Shaw, Deputy Fire Director

- Bodie has accepted the NW Regional Deputy Director for Trust Services position. He will be at NIFC until June.
- Dennis Dupuis will retire June 3.

Jacqueline Hawley, Deputy Operations

- BIA-NIFC is advertising a [Forestry Tech Intl Coordinator position](#) (GS-0462-09/10/11).

Tony Beitia, Safety Specialist

- Annual Fire Refresher video is available.
- The MSP memo program guidance clarification: If Older than 45 years of age AND a Permanent Fulltime employee –complete the HSQ. If there is a “Yes” answer, conduct a physical.
 - If AD, age is not a factor
 - FMO’s can request an employee take a physical if they feel it necessary.

Dave Koch, Asst. Director - Training

- Significant change to NIMS standards – Incumbents must have I-100/I-200, I-300, I-400, IS-700/IS-800 as part of required qualifications. Course level depends on the position incumbent holds.
- Technical Fire Management Applications are due June 1.
- [Firefighter Fitness Challenge is on!](#) Deadline to submit scores to David.Koch@bia.gov is June 30.
- Leadership in Action course (L-580) will be held at the Warden School of Business in PA in June. BIA has 12 slots available. Contact David.Koch@bia.gov for more information.

Joel Kerley, Aviation Manager

- AMD will announce the Aviation Electronic billing process via an information bulletin April 1

Nancy Hunt, Admin Officer

- Nancy has accepted the NW HR Employee/ Labor Relations Specialist position and will be leaving NIFC in April. Vacancy announcement will be out March 30. Lisa.Street@bia.gov will be acting until the position is filled.
- The AD Pay plan is not signed as of yet.
 - AK and Hawaii will have reduced costs. No other changes reported.
 - Official document will come from Fire Director with cover memo.
- The “Yellow Book” is undergoing re-write. Evaluating positions that need to be added. If the field is using unapproved positions, now is opportunity to get them formalized. Send suggestions to Lisa.Street@bia.gov
- I-SUITE Training will take place in Mesa, AZ April 26-28. The program will cover all applications within I-SUIT.



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Robyn Broyles, Fire Comm/Ed Specialist

- Apache 8 movie will air in NY April 3 at the Native American Film and Video Festival at the National Museum. For information about the production, visit the [Apache 8's Facebook page](#)
- Indian Affairs has selected BIA NIFC to begin testing social media tools. Social media guidelines for Indian Affairs and the Division have been drafted. A rollout plan will follow.

ITC

- Next board meeting will be April 11-13. A listing sessions for EIS fire retardant issues and a Fire Agreement Presentation is scheduled.
- Update on Cohesive Strategy:
 - Regional Strategy Committees are formed, and goals, objectives and strategies are ready to move into the next course of action.
 - Preparing for Phase 3 of the implementation. The science team is looking at how to best evaluate risk.

Regions

Eastern

- Cherokee FMO position is being re-advertised

Rocky Mountain

- Kevin Weaver is the new Rocky Mountain Regional Fuels Specialist

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- April 1 – AMD Announces Aviation billing process via informational bulletin
- April 11-13 – ITC Board Meeting
- April 26-28 I-SUITE Training in Mesa, AZ
- June 1 – TFM Applications Due
- June 30 – Deadline to submit Indian Country Fitness Challenge scores

Next Fire-only Conference Call:

- April 26, 2011. Send agenda items to Robert.Carlile@bia.gov or Bodie.Shaw@bia.gov

Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:

- April 12, 2011. Send agenda items to Bill.Downes@bia.gov and CC Bernard.Ryan@bia.gov