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## Wildland Fire Conference Call Notes

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### Attendees

**Offices:** NIFC

**Regions:** All except, Eastern and Alaska

### NIFC

The Incident Management Organization Succession Planning deadline to submit completed questionnaires was extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please do so by going to: <http://www.nwcg.gov/imosp/feedback.htm>

### Dennis Dupuis, Associate Director – Fuels

- The DOI Hazardous Fuels Program received an increase of \$15 million in funds; \$4.8 million went to BIA.
- **June 10** – Deadline for fuels specialists to submit Preselected Fuels Projects into NFPORS. (*This is a corrected date from what was announced on the call, which was June 3*).

### Sam Scranton, Deputy Fire Use/ Fuels Director

- Reminder to Fuels Specialists: 2011 projects spreadsheet are due Thursday June 2.

### Dalan Romero, Associate Director- Operations

- Severity funding has not been received yet. When full funding is available, we will get it distributed. At this time, the 92350 funding balance is undetermined.
- Montana is experiencing flooding conditions across four reservations. At this time, BIA is unable to send resources for assistance until a FEMA declaration is signed.
- Regions are sending NIFC priority training lists. There is limited fire activity across the regions at this time; however, ops will work to expedite training needs. Send lists to [Dalan.Romero@bia.gov](mailto:Dalan.Romero@bia.gov)

### Joel Kerley, Aviation Program Manager

- The Forest Service has released a programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) for the continued nationwide aerial application of fire retardant on National Forest System lands. The FS is soliciting Tribal input on the Draft EIS. It is available for review and comment from May 13 to June 27. [Click this link](#) to view the Draft EIS online and to learn more about the public and stakeholder involvement activities that the Forest Service has planned. Please share this information with tribal partners. For additional information, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html>.

- All the contracted aircraft for Indian Country is on. If the regions have a need, contact Joel who will help you fill your request.
- An Air Attack platform is in Phoenix ready for use. This resource is an interagency resource, however in an effort to train additional Air Attack Group Supervisors (ATGS) for Indian Country, the plane has been outfitted for trainees. Contact [Joel.Kerley@bia.gov](mailto:Joel.Kerley@bia.gov) if you have nominees interested in becoming a qualified ATGS.

### **Tony Beita, Fire Safety Specialist**

- The new Risk Management waiver forms were sent out. Work with Tony if you need assistance.

### **Myron Hotinger, National BAER Coordinator**

- The National BAER meeting was rescheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Maggie Moran, Budget Officer**

- The [Financial and Business Management System \(FBMS\)](#) is the cornerstone to the Department of the Interior's future. It is key to the department's financial management modernization strategy and meeting future business needs.
- The implementation of FBMS will allow the department to realize the benefits of common processes, a common technology platform, integrated real-time data, and improved operational decision-making.
- Maggie is on point for FBMS information. To learn more, go to: <http://www.doi.gov/fbms/>

### **Gini Broyles, Administrative Officer**

- The DOI Administrative Determined Pay Plan memo was sent out. To receive a copy of the plan, visit: [www.nwccg.gov/branches/pre/ibc/documents/personnel/doi\\_ad\\_payplan.pdf](http://www.nwccg.gov/branches/pre/ibc/documents/personnel/doi_ad_payplan.pdf)

### **Robyn Broyles, Fire Communication Specialist**

- Indian Affairs is nearly finished developing Social Media Guidelines. Once these guidelines are finalized, BIA-NIFC will apply for Facebook and Twitter accounts, which tribal organizations can “friend.” This will enable partners to receive instant updates and information from the fire community as it comes available. Additional information will be available in the near future.

### **Next Fire-only Conference Call:**

- June 28. Send agenda items to [Robert.Carlile@bia.gov](mailto:Robert.Carlile@bia.gov)

### **Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:**

- There is no June call due to the ITC Symposium. The next call will take place **July 12**. Send agenda items to [Bill.Downes@bia.gov](mailto:Bill.Downes@bia.gov)