

**DFWFM**  
**Fire Conference Call**  
June 22, 2010

## **Attendees**

**National Staff:** NIFC

**Regions:** All except NW

## **NIFC Updates**

### **Deputy Fire Director, Bodie Shaw**

- All BIA-NIFC Staff is migrating their email server to be @bia.gov. The migration will be complete by July 30. Please update emailing lists appropriately.
- Jerry Gidner is leading the Youth in Natural Resources Program Initiative and requests photos from those sponsoring these youth. Bodie is collecting photos for the Branch to give to Jerry. If you have questions, contact Bodie at 208-387-5620.

### **Budget Officer, Maggie Morran**

- Budget Handbook is almost complete. Budget shop appreciates the regions that provided data to create the SOP. Once complete, Bodie/Lyle will send to regions for review and comment.
  - Budget shop is working on Preparedness and awards information to pay to IDC
- Maggie sent an email to regions notifying them their CRs were reviewed and funded. If you did not receive an email, the CR was not funded.
  - CRs were not considered because:
    1. Regional Director did not provide a signed cover letter or
    2. Requests were not provided request by the 5/15 deadline.
- Working on Deepwater Oil Spill agreements and account structure with FWS and NPS.
- Look for an FBMS newsletter next week for updates.

### **Administrative Officer, Nancy Hunt**

- The Casual Payment Center is gathering statistics for the Youth in Natural Resources Program Initiative. DOI request agencies to provide I-9 data on AD's ages 15-25.
  - The Regional Points of contact are providing data to the Casual Payment Center.
  - 1 unit of measure = 80 hrs of work.

### **Fire Comm/Edu. Specialist, Robyn Broyles**

- BIA NIFC is laying a foundation for usability testing. Each level of leadership is being queried to determine what resources are needed to be most effective for Indian Country. Chris English volunteered to identify RFMO needs.
- DFWFM Web Content Managers Bill Yemma and Robyn Broyles are working with the Indian Affairs Web Council to develop a National IA Strategic Web Content Plan. The plan will identify how to maintain the BIA.gov website over its lifespan and the roles and responsibilities of web content managers.
- NPS is hosting another webinar to talk about Fire Policy Implementation and how best to talk fire with firefighters and the public. To register go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/434635616>
- My Indian Affairs.gov (i.e. "Spaces" project) is now live. The DFWFM users will begin testing the site as soon as the url is available.

### Assistant Director- Aviation, Joel Kerley

- The number of BIA [SAFECOMS](#) submitted this year is 3x the amount submitted in the past 2 years. SAFECOMS help identify problems early and keep incidents small. Keep up the good work!
- Ronan's A-Star is available for an out of GACC assignment. Call Joel (208-387-5371) if you need a ship.

### Assistant Director, Fire/ Fuels, Dennis Dupuis

- The Navajo Program Review Reports will be out this week.
- The Fuels Committee completed the 2011 Budget proposal. Their recommendations are with the Fire Directors for approval.
- There is concern ARRA projects are not going to be complete by their deadlines. If your region is at risk, contact Dennis (208-287-5041) to discuss.

### Assistant Director, Training, Dave Koch

- A consequences report is due to HR that outlines the status of the IFPM employees not meeting qualifications as a result of the IFPM Consequence Memos from DOI Asst. Secretary Rhea Suh and Acting Director Human Resources Office Rosemary Downing,
  - **Dave requests the regions submit their report by COB Friday (6/25).**
- The MOA to fill the HR position in Anadarko was signed.
- Standard Fire Position Descriptions have new #'s. Check out the FLIRT website to see what they are: ([http://flirt.nifc.gov/DOI\\_std\\_pds.htm](http://flirt.nifc.gov/DOI_std_pds.htm))
- A checklist to determine IFPM quals for recruits is posted on the IFPM website: <http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/plan/implementationplan.htm>

### Assistant Director, Operations, Dalan Romero

- Working on severity requests from SW and Western
- If you have resources working on their IFPM quals, send a note to Dalan or Dave to request assistance to get resources assignments to work on taskbooks.
- There are discrepancies between interagency handcrew manuals; 20 percent of any T2 handcrew must have previous fire experience.
- OWFC has not responded to RFA.

## Regional Updates

### SW

- In the process of completing another severity request.
- Moving internal resources around to hit their AARA targets.

### Eastern

- Superintendent and local FMO completed Fire leadership training offered in the region. Good success to get the involvement of line leadership.

### Western

- Fire occurrence is not where it was expected. Fires are happening in the high elevation areas rather in the lower elevations.
- BIA is ahead of other DOI and DOA agencies when it comes to WFDSS reporting... Major success for Indian Country. Good job!

## Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:

July 13, 1000 MDT.