

DFWFM  
Forestry and Fire Conference Call  
Sept. 14, 2010

On September 4, Warm Springs Interagency Hotshot crewmember Steven Vaeth was injured on the Pyramid Butte Fire burning on the Mt. Hood National Forest when a boulder rolled over him while resting in a ravine that provided shelter from the wind. He was airlifted to Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon and was released home September 11. A Facilitated Learning Analysis Team conducted a review to provide lessons learned from the incident and to improve future performance. The Wildland Fire Foundation provided \$500.00 to assist the family while they were staying near the hospital.

### Attendees

**Offices:** Central Office, BFRP, NIFC, ITC

**Regions:** All But Great Plains

### Central Office Updates

#### Chief Forester, Bill Downes

- IAPMS/PMD Schedule:
  - 9/20 - Systems closes for regions to enter estimated 4<sup>th</sup> quarter data.
  - 9/ 21-23 – Central Office/Regional Conference calls (Schedule TBD)
  - 10/5 – System reopens for entering final 4<sup>th</sup> quarter data
  - 10/7 – system close to Agencies
  - 10/12 – System closes to Regions
  - 10/13 – Central Office/Regional Conference call (Schedule TBD)
- Next Regional Forestry Meeting is Nov 15-19<sup>th</sup> in Nashville, TN.
  - Submit Agenda Items to [Bill.Downes@bia.gov](mailto:Bill.Downes@bia.gov)
  - Location: Sheraton Downtown. Agenda and info will be sent by 9/20.
- Bryan Rice will return from Tanzania Oct. 4

#### Sr. Forester, Bernard Ryan

- **Annual applications for Forest Health Protection** (insect and disease funding) are due to Central Office by 9/30.
  - DEADLINES:
    - Delivery date FY11: 9/30, final by 10/10
    - Reporting of accomplishments for FY10 due: 10/20 and in system by 10/30
- **Renewable Energy** - Executive Order 13514 directs agencies to increase use of renewable energy and implement projects on agency property and facilities as well as on other related properties supplied by federal woody biomass such as rural communities. The USDA FS is accepting applications to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year feasibility study that may help make future decisions on renewable energy conversions.
  - Applications are due 9/30.
  - Contact Faline Haven with questions: 202-205-1520.

## ITC

### Technical Specialist, Don Motanic

#### American Great Outdoors Initiative

- The first tribal listening session for AGO will be in Spokane, WA September 22, at the Quest Casino during the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indian (ATNI) Meeting. The Northwest Regional Director, Stan Speaks will be the BIA's lead official.

#### Intertribal Natural Resource Coalition

- The ITC, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, National Environmental Tribal Council, several regional inter-tribal fish commissions and regional tribal organizations along with NCAI are developing a national strategy. The group, made of BIA, USDA and the Department of Commerce is drafting a strategy. They are looking for tribal input at the NCAI meeting November 14-18.

## BFRP

### Forester, Bill Yemma

- In DC working with the Indian Affairs Web Council to receive training on web portal.

## NIFC

### Fire Director, Lyle Carlile

- NWCG is asking the DOI for 8 volunteers (2 with GIS skills) to provide administrative support to four NWCG committee's: Fire Environment, National Predictive Services, Smoke Mgmt and Air Quality, and Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation.
  - Volunteers will take notes, assist in setting up meeting rooms/locations, etc. Knowledge of the subject committee is necessary to understand committee language and communicate with the committee members.
  - The people selected are required to attend meetings away from their home unit. NIFC will pay travel costs; home units will cover base 8 pay.
- Applications are due Sept 30, 2010. If interested, contact [Robert.Carlile@bia.gov](mailto:Robert.Carlile@bia.gov)
- The National Fire Mgt Officer Meeting is Feb 8-10 in Boise. Submit agenda items to [Robyn\\_Broyles@nifc.blm.gov](mailto:Robyn_Broyles@nifc.blm.gov)
- Continuing Resolution is imminent for 2011. Right now, CR is for one month.
- Progress is happening with the Office of Self Governance to establish standardization on how to get funding to the tribes. Sean Heart has been instrumental in this process with Sharee Freeman.

### Assistant Director, Operations, Dalan Romero

- Blue Book edits due to Jacqueline Hawley October 8, 2010.

### Administrative Officer, Nancy Hunt

- Sept. 27 - Lisa Street, BIA-NIFC's new Administrative Assistant reports to NIFC.

### **Associate Director, Scott Bradshaw**

- GPRA – October 8<sup>th</sup> - Fire occurrence data will be pulled for FY2010. Steve Larrabee will send out a report card showing the status of fire reporting by Unit for FY2010 and email to each Regional FMO. This will probably occur on 9/15.
- WFMI – Has a new auto-reset feature for passwords. It is critical WFMI users have their current email listed for their WFMI profile. When you request an auto reset for a password, the system will send an email to your listed email in WFMI. You have to click on the link within the email to validate your email address. Once validated, a new temporary password will be sent to you. Caution there has been email problems between BIA and BLM for the past couple months. This is an intermittent problem. If an email is not received when using the auto-reset feature, call the WFMI Help Desk at 208-387-5734.
- FPA – FY11 guidance should be issued soon. An Analysis Working Team is being formed to do the analysis for FPU's this year. This will continue until FPA is fixed and produces viable outputs. The field will re-engage with this process once stable.

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

- BIA-NIFC website usability testing is complete. Indian Affairs Web Developers have suggested a new web taxonomy based upon the input of the user audience. Once the site structure is complete, will begin developing and populating WebPages.
- The Indian Affairs Web Council is working to develop a position description (PD) for Web Content Managers (WCM). The council will approve the PD Oct. 6.
  - Currently, WCMs are taking on web responsibilities as a collateral duty. OCIO intends to institutionalize and define the role WCM play in developing the Indian Affairs web presence. Currently, any WebPages hosted under bia.gov must have a content manager. OCIO expects WCMS to participate on the IA Web Council and perform training to new content managers to help grow the organization.
- "Apache 8 The Movie" is a film documentary that tells the story of four White Mountain Apache woman firefighters that have worked on the Apache 8 hand crew over the past 22 years. The documentary is in postproduction stages and not available for public viewing yet. To view the trailer, visit [Apache 8](#).
- David Peters, Yvonne Jones and Robyn Broyles worked with the Office of Justice Services (OJS) last month to support Operation Alliance, a Presidential Initiative designed to reduce crime rates on 4 Reservations (Wind River, Rocky Boy, Mescalero and Standing Rock). As the BIA's only Public Information Officers, they visited reservations to develop communication plans, capture testimonials and assist with public outreach to document successes and raise the visibility of Operation Alliance.

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

- Year-end accomplishment reports are due.

### **Upcoming Regional FMO Meeting Schedule:**

- Oct. 25 - Southwest Region
- Nov 30 – Dec 2 -Rocky Mountain Region
- Dec. 1-2 - NMAC Regional Meeting
- Feb. 1-3 - Midwest Regional Meeting, Hinckley, M

- Feb.1-3 - Northwest Region
- Feb 8-10 - National Fire Mgt Officer Meeting – Boise, ID

**Next Fire-only Conference Call:**

- Sept. 28. Send Agenda items to [Lyle\\_Carlile@nifc.gov](mailto:Lyle_Carlile@nifc.gov) or [Bodie\\_Shaw@nifc.gov](mailto:Bodie_Shaw@nifc.gov)

**Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:**

- Oct 12, 2010. Send agenda items to [Bill.Downes@bia.gov](mailto:Bill.Downes@bia.gov) and CC [Bernard.Ryan@bia.gov](mailto:Bernard.Ryan@bia.gov)

