

Fire Management Monthly Meeting Notes

September 28, 2010

Office of the Director

- Lyle and Bodie's email have changed. Please update address books to reflect: Robert.Carlife@bia.gov and Bodie.Shaw@bia.gov
- The Nat'l Regional FMO meeting will be Fed. 8-10 in Boise. If you have topics for discussion or suggestions to improve the meeting, please submit recommendations to Robyn_Broyles@blm.gov
- **Online Training Available: [Smoke Management and Air Quality for Land Managers](#)**
Take an online tutorial at your own pace and convenience! Smoke Management and Air Quality for Land Managers is an openly available online resource designed to meet the needs of federal and state land managers who require a working knowledge of air quality regulations and smoke management approaches. This course is a combination of conventional readings, interactive figures, and supporting case studies to help users:
 - ✓ Understand Federal air quality and smoke rules and regulations
 - ✓ Learn what other Land Managers have done to be successful managing smoke
 - ✓ Experience the results of good collaboration and communication

The tutorial is designed to take 60-90 minutes and advance your understanding of smoke and air quality issues facing land and fire managers.

- Steven Pyne, published author of several books documenting wildland fire history, is working on a four-year project sponsored by the DOA and DOI to write a new book about the past 50 years of Fire Management. Steven is in the process of gathering research and information from all the DOI agencies.
 - Bodie will send synopsis of Steven's project and is developing a list for Steven identifying SMEs throughout Indian Country willing to share historical knowledge. If the regions have information or suggestions/ recommendations, please share with Bodie or Lyle.

Administration

- BIA-NIFC welcomes Lisa Street as the new Administrative Specialist. Lisa will be serving as Nancy's deputy to support Business Administration. When her contact information is available, NIFC will provide.

Budget

- 2011 Firecodes have been issued. Maggie will send out.
- If there are pending payments, contact Maggie for notification.
- No more funding documents will be processed this year. They will be picked up in FY11.

Fuels

- The program of work in NFORS will lock Oct. 7. NIFC will complete the program of work and provide to the regions for review by Sept. 30. For FY11, the NIFC staff will manage based upon field input.
- There will be a conference call Thursday 9/29 at 1300 (MDT) to cover critical needs questions. Paula will send out information.

Prevention

- Sam has not received several prevention plan revisions. In order to receive funding, please make sure your units submit revisions by Sept. 30.

Planning

- If any units need to change their external FPU boundaries, FPA has a deadline of Oct. 14 to get shape files submitted to FPA.
- Each Geographic Areas conducted a review after the April 2010 FPA submissions with the intent to send results to the field and regional offices through the coordinating groups. If you have not received a copy of the results for the GA encompassing your region, contact Steve Larrabee for information.
- 4th quarter fire reports are due. All field units need to have their reports entered and completed in WFMI by Oct. 7. If that is an issue, contact Steve for assistance.

Operations

- The NFORS deadline for RFA funding is Oct. 7. Please ensure your RFA data is complete. A 10 percent audit of RFA purchases will take place to ensure EFA purchase guidelines are being met.
- Jacqueline.Hawley@bia.gov is collecting comments for the Bluebook. The target date for book distribution is January 1.
- Several memos will be forthcoming to address short-term firecodes, false alarms, drug testing etc.
- The Model 52 Program staff is in Boise this week to finalize the type 6 engine configuration package and to work on the five-year distribution plan. Once the type 6 engines are final, the process to standardize the type 4 engine will begin.

Safety

- The Medical Standards Program launched Sept. 15.
 - Managers should have received an email to retrieve program passwords. If that did not occur, contact Tony.
 - Please review the [webinar training](#) to receive an orientation to the program.
 - The BIA rollout letter is coming.
- November 15-19 is the Serious Accident Investigation Class (NTC 1112-05) in Phoenix. Class nominations are due through [DOI Learn](#).

- The Radio Maintenance Program is taking place again this year. Please send radios in for maintenance starting Oct. 1.

BAER

- Daryl Martinez is out of the office to take care of a family emergency. Please contact Myron for any business items.
- The FY11 BAR/ ES Program of Work should be in NFPORS by Oct. 1.
- FY10 Accomplishments need to be entered into NFPORS by Oct. 7

Training

- This is the last week of IFPM implementation. FMO's did a good job in getting trainees signed off and updating IQCS. There are 3 people pending removal.
 - Effective Oct.1, all regular fire management position recruitments will require the incorporation of IFPM minimum qualifications standards as "screen-outs". Applicants for IFPM positions who do not have these qualifications will not qualify on the certificate.
 - Tribal FMOs must work closely with tribal HR specialists to ensure they are incorporating IFPM selection factors in tribal vacancies.
- BIA-NIFC welcomes [Debra Abeita](#) as the new BIA HR Staffing Specialist.
 - She is the principle contact for HR specialists for hiring fire positions. She will serve as the national HR expert for fire related recruitments. All FMOs are encouraged to talk with her regarding questions or issues they might have. She will also ensure critical recruitment actions are processed in a timely manner.
 - She can be reached at: Debra.Abeita@bia.gov 505-563-5123
- Mentoring Program training announcements and application deadlines:
 - Geographic Hub Locations:
 - Fort Apache: Oct and November - Applications due Sept. 30
 - Crow Agency : Oct - Applications Due Sept 30
 - Mississippi Choctaw: March - Applications due Nov. 30
 - Seminole: Jan 5-25, and Jan. 25 – Feb. 14. Nominations Due Nov. 30
 - Contact Craig.Cook@bia.gov for Information