

DFWFM
Forestry and Fire Conference Call
November 09, 2010

Attendees

Offices: Central Office, BFRP, NIFC, ITC

Regions: Western, AK, Eastern, NW, Navajo, Pacific, SW, Eastern OK, Midwest, RM

Central Office Updates

Chief Forester, Bill Downes

- Nov 15-19th - Regional Forestry Meeting is in Nashville, TN.
 - Location: Sheraton Downtown
- Nov. 19 – Timber Accomplishments Reports are Due.
- 10 Region's have submitted their Forest Development Accomplishments Reports. If you have not done so, please notify Bill when you expect to.

Sr. Forester, Bernard Ryan

- Good job submitting accomplishments. \$1.9 million reported.
- Attended the annual SAF meeting in Albuquerque last week. Was a good opportunity to network and get refreshed on policy, management, educational etc. issues.
 - BFRP took the ITC booth. It was well visited.
- Was in Yakama to review the Working Forest Products Lab.
 - Two reports will be out soon. One from Bernie, another from the Lab.
- The Corrective Actions Plan at Yakama – keep working on it.
- A GS- 12/13 silviculturist position is open for the USDA – FS. They are soliciting for tribal program endorsement. Contact Bernie for more information.

BFRP

- Preparing for the Regional Forestry Meeting

ITC

- Working on Cohesive Strategy
- Working with Dennis Dupuis to include information about HFDAS and EMDS concerns which will be presented at the next ITC meeting.

BFRP

Tim Moriarty, Branch Chief

- Preparing for the Regional Forestry Meeting

NIFC

Fire Director, Lyle Carlile

- Encouraging the regions to submit nominations for the Annual Pulaski Award.
The award is an annual event which recognizes groups from a federal, state, tribal, local government, or cooperating organizations that have demonstrated outstanding performance in

the areas of interagency cooperation, coordination, and standardization, safety of wildland firefighters and the public during a wildfire, outstanding group performance in fire management and suppression activities, outstanding performance on a wildland fire management project or activity, and development of partnerships or communications tools.

Lyle will send out the nomination forms once he receives them.

Deputy Fire Directory, Bodie Shaw

- Vicki Forrest is the Acting Regional Director in Eastern Ok.
- John Vitello is now acting for Trust Services
- [Dale Glenmore](#) is the New FMO in Navajo. When we have his new contact information, we will provide it.
- Tony Recker is retiring In January

Assistant Director, Operations, Dalan Romero

- [Jacqueline Hawley](#) is the only contact for questions regarding Facilities. Please go to her for information. 208-387-5576.
- NIFC is coordinating schedules to ensure a NIFC representative will be at all the Regional FMO meetings.
- The Vice-Streeper Position is still vacant. Hope to get the announcement on street out soon.

National BAER Coordinator, Myron Hotinger

- Half the BAER request were funded under the CR. Sending letters out notifying spending authorizations.

Wildland Fire Safety Specialist, Tony Beitia

- Medical Standards Program
 - Med-x accounts have been set up, but the volume of people might be slowing system. If you have not been contacted yet, let Tony know.
 - The webinars have had good representation so far. Need to get have more HR and manager- types engage.

Budget Officer, Maggie Moran

- Funding Docs have been processed with the exception of 3 or 4 regions which had some issues. Maggie will be contacting them individually for resolution.
- The Prevention and IHC docs were forwarded for processing Nov 8.
- Fuels have been processed
- Priority ES have been processed
- Severity has been processed

Administrative Officer, Nancy Hunt

- Incident Business Management
 - The new DOI AD Pay plan has approved 26 new All-Hazard positions. The plan is should be signed by January.
 - Looking at scheduling a site visit in Feb. for the DOI reps on the IBM group. It will be in either Rocky Mountain Region or Fort Apache.
 - Nov 17th at 10:30 – IBM conference call.

Fire Comm/Ed. Specialist, Robyn Broyles

- The BIA-NIFC website is in review stages. Visit www.bia.gov/nifc/ and submit comments, suggestions etc. to Robyn_Broyles@blm.gov
- Robyn is collecting agendas from the Regional FMO meetings taking place. If you have a copy, please email them to her.

Associate Director, Scott Bradshaw

- FPA
 - 2011 Guidance sent out last week. The field will NOT do FPU's. The Support Working Team (SWT) will do analysis for individual FPU's. Pat Phillips is the BIA contact for team.
 - OG will not re-engage the field until there is more confidence in the data.
- Data Pony
 - There is a new version out. Please ensure users have the next version: **1.0.6**
 - Users can download the new version at the [My Fire Community BIA Fire Planning Neighborhood](#) or at the My Fire Community Library.

Fuels Representative, Paula Landon

- Nov 15 –Jan/ Feb Critical Needs are due.
- Nov. 19 – Request for information planning activities and indirect costs for treatment and positions are due.
- Sam will be out of the office Until Nov. 26. Send information to Paula.Landon@bia.gov with a CC to Dennis and Sam.

Regional Updates:

- Crow Agency – FMO vacancy will be on the street soon. GS-11/12. Regional Fuels position will be open soon.
- Eastern Cherokee FMO position will be out shortly
- Tri-Regional Monitoring Position closed last week.
- Fire activity in E. Ok is picking up. Forrest also reported on Vicki Forrest's appearance as Acting RD.
- Fort Apache has FMO, AFMO, and Fuels Specialist vacancies.

Upcoming Regional FMO Meeting Schedule:

- 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:

- There will not be a Fire-Only Call in November.

Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:

- Dec. 14, 2010. Send agenda items to Bill.Downes@bia.gov and CC Bernard.Ryan@bia.gov