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DFWFM Conference Call Notes

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Central Office

Bill Downes – Chief Forester

- 4th Quarter Final Data in IA-PMS. Regions must have their data entered by COB Oct. 12.
- Oct. 13- Central Office/ Regional Conference Calls on 4th Quarter Final data entry will take place
- End of Year Reports are out
 - Oct. 14 - FMIP Status Updates Due
 - Oct. 20. - Forest Health Plans accomplishments Report Due
 - Oct. 28 – Forest Developments Reports Due
- Continuing Resolution Funding is about 13.5% of 2010 Funding Levels and is available through November 18.
- Nov. 15-17 is the planning meeting for the DFWFM Conference. If you are attending, you need to provide your RSVP to Bill, who will then provide your reservation number.

Faline Haven, Senior Forester

- The flow and design of the upcoming National DFWFM Conference agenda was reviewed.

Bryan Rice, Associate Director, Resource Protection

- Forest Assessment docs are loaded on the SharePoint site. Any last minute proposals may be submitted; however, the deadline has passed. Any questions, contact Bryan.Rice@bia.gov

BFRP

Bill Yemma – Acting Branch Chief

- Funding and Position Analysis input is due to Bill Downes this week.
- By this time next week, contracting/ purchasing procedures will be different because Indian Affairs is moving to FBMS. Suggest moving contracting items through the system by the middle of the FY12 because it will be more challenging thereafter as users learn the FBMS process.

ITC

Don Motanic

- The ITC Symposium events CD will be available end of October.
- A Survey Monkey regarding the Tribal Forest Assessment Act will be forthcoming, coordinated by Jim Erickson.
- The ITC newsletter will be out at the end of October. A significant highlight will include information about the IFMAT III project.

Regions

Western Region:

Welcomes Jess Costello, Intelligence Coordinator, Western Great Basin, Reno, NV and Doreen Gatewood, Air Quality Specialist, Phoenix, AZ, to their regional team.

Northwest Region:

Welcomes – Ken Borchard, Timber Sale Specialist.

NIFC

Bob Roberts, Assistant Fire Director

- Suggest EERA projects be made a funding priority once dollars are available.

Craig Cook, Training Officer

- The memo announcing the Prescribed Fire Mentoring Program was sent out. If you did not receive it, contact Craig.Cook@bia.gov

Joel Kerly, Aviation Program Manager

- Aviation business went to FBMS Oct 1. Until it is fully implemented, all work is being held at a National level to prevent the local levels from being prematurely impacted.
 - Part of the FBMS is identifying and funding programs up front to pre-pay for services. There is a plan in place for known aviation contracts, but for areas that use project funds, it is not known yet how the funding will be allocated.
- 2012 Aviation Conference will take place the week before the DFWFM conference in San Diego. Contact Joel.Kerly@bia.gov for more info.

Jacqueline Hawley, Deputy Operations

- Operations submitted a request to OWFC that will fund most of the ES priorities. The FY12 BAR projects will be funded; however approval from OWF still needs to be given.
- Suppression Funding is not available yet, but NIFC will notify regions when funding is ready. Regions are reminded to be prudent about spending suppression dollars as much as possible.

Tony Beita, Safety Specialist

- Wilderness First Responder Class will begin November 14 at Port of Pines at the San Carlos Indian Reservation.
 - Two members of each hotshot crew will attend, and 3 helicopter modules will send personnel on the initial training.
 - A second class in the spring will target other aviation resources
- Soliciting feedback for 2012 Bluebook updates. For comments on the Safety section, provide to Juan.Beita@bia.gov
- DOI has created a draft Boot Policy for firefighters which will require DOI agencies to provide \$100/year to all firefighters who are arduous or moderately qualified as per their red card qualifications. A memo from BIA-NIFC will be out by first of the year.
- Over last several weeks, there have been non-serious accident reviews taking place. While we have not had any serious accidents, we are required to participate as an interagency cooperator. More information about the reviews can be found at the [Lessons Learned Center](#):

Mark Jackson, Associate Director, Fire Use/ Fuels Director

- The Fire Management/ Data Analyst position was selected and will be announced when the hiring process is complete.

Sam Scranton, Deputy Fire Use/ Fuels Director

- NFPORS deadline is Friday.

Mary Taber, Fire Ecologist

- The BIA/R3 sponsored offering of S-482 (Advanced Fire Management Applications) will be held **January 9-13, 2012** at the National Indian Programs Training Center in Albuquerque. **Nominations are due November 1, 2011.** *Those who were accepted into the April course that was postponed are guaranteed a seat in this class, but they need to submit a nomination through their normal NWCG channels.*

Course Description

S-482 focuses on wildfire planning and implementation activities consistent with the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy. Course information is designed to provide students with an understanding of how to develop a course of action with full consideration of programmatic planning considerations, risk assessments, and decision analysis information to influence strategic decisions and tactical implementation. This course was formerly known as S-580, but has been significantly reworked to reflect the full range of management responses to wildfires.

Objectives

- Participants will know the history, underlying philosophy, goals, and unit level planning considerations when managing wildfire to achieve land management objectives.
- Participants will be able to identify programmatic wildfire planning considerations and risk informed decision making.
- Participants will demonstrate their understanding of the risk-informed decision process and decision making.
- Participants will understand how to develop management actions from the full range of tactical responses.

Target Group

Strategic operational planners, incident commanders, agency administrators, fire management officers, and incident and unit staff with direct fire planning and implementation responsibilities.

Robyn Broyles, Fire Communication and Education Specialist

- There will be a 1-hr net meeting (webinar) the second Week in December to discuss crisis communications during serious accident situations. The BIA, BLM and USDA FS will discuss lessons learned from the 2011 fire season and share helpful resources and strategies to prepare leadership and field personal on how to manage these critical situations. *This meeting is targeted at Line Officers, Fire Management Officers, Public Information Officers and others involved with communicating to their publics during crisis situations.* The date and time is not set yet, so stay tuned for further information.
- The DFWFM Facebook Page can now be accessed through our Government Blackberries, which allows users to receive timely updates and information about current events taking place in the fire community while away from desktops. The DFWFM site is a resource Indian

Country should feel comfortable using, and sharing information with. If your program has an announcement it would liked shared with the field, email pictures, links and short description to Robyn.broyles@bia.gov for posting.

- Each month, the Forestry and Fire Conference Call notes are documented and publicly placed online at: <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/library/FFNotes/index.htm>.
- **[DFWFM calendar](#)**: *(BIA Employee Access Only)*
- **[BIA-NIFC Webpage](#)**

Next Fire-only Conference Call:

- **October 25.** Send agenda items to Robert.Carlile@bia.gov

Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:

- **Nov 8.** Send agenda items to Bill.Downes@bia.gov