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## DFWFM Conference Call Notes

Date: April 10, 2012

### Roll Call

**Regions:** NW, SW, RM, AK, Navajo, Eastern, MW, ITC, NIFC, Western, RM,

**Offices:** NIFC, BoFRP, ITC

### Central Office

#### *Bill Downes – Chief Forester*

- The Silviculture Handbook is complete. It will be released shortly, once signed by Deputy Bureau Director for Trust.
- Working on compiling the findings and recommendations and other follow-up documentation from National Meeting. At the fall Reg. Foresters meeting, group will prioritize the recommendations and develop an action plan to determine what efforts will go forward.
- The fall foresters meeting will be held at the new BoFRP office in Colorado. A date for the meeting will be selected in the near future.
- Andy Qualm is the new SW Regional Forester, leaving the Navajo Regional Forester position vacant.

#### *Faline Haven, Senior Forester*

- A-123 process – The Regional Foresters have sent the information memo to the agencies so they can complete the self assessments for the reviews. The assessments are due back May 31 to Central Office.
  - Forestry Site Visits – Plan to review Billings April 23, Portland will follow.
  - Prevention Site Visits – Completed Western and Pacific Regions. Currently writing trip report.

### BoFRP

- CFI projects, GIS Prototype for flex-viewer
- Funding and Position Analysis: In the process of reviewing the spreadsheets and processing. Regions will begin with data assessment. IFMAT would like to have some data to report at ITC.
- Remote Sensing Application Center (RSAC) successfully completed their first contract with Western Nevada and are currently assessing the data. RSAC will be moving forward with a second contract to focus on Eastern Nevada.
- Ed Morgan Accepted Timber Management Officer position with USDA FS. Will be moving to the Idaho Panhandle National Forest in Idaho– Congratulations Ed!

## **ITC**

### ***Don Motanic***

- Reservations for the ITC Symposium are being done online this year. To make reservations, visit: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1023262>

## **Regional Foresters**

- SW - Chris English retired last week
- Andy Qualm is now in place as the new Regional Forester.

## **NIFC**

### ***Lyle Carlile, Fire Director***

- The OWF Efficiency Study was renamed to the **Interior Fire Program Assessment - Leadership** chose Price Waterhouse Coopers to conduct the Assessment. Two SMEs with a background in fire, Pat Kelly and Eddie Williams-Roads will conduct the assessment. They will meet with agency POC's April 23. Dave Koch is the POC for BIA Fire Management and will share information as it becomes available.

### ***Bob Roberts, Assistant Fire Director***

- Budget– Slight decline in the base budget. Carryover will fund the Regions at a similar level as last year. Estimated amounts will be sent to the Regions for review. Will then work on IDCs.
- Please send all budget questions to [David.Peters@bia.gov](mailto:David.Peters@bia.gov) and CC to [Bob.Roberts@bia.gov](mailto:Bob.Roberts@bia.gov)

### ***Robyn Broyles, Fire Comm/Ed Specialist***

- The NIFC National Fire Season Themes for 2012 were sent out last week. They can be downloaded at: [http://www.nifc.gov/PIO\\_bb/messages.html](http://www.nifc.gov/PIO_bb/messages.html) These messages will help frame interview answers. BIA NIFC will be releasing BIA specific messages. Please look for them in the near future.
- The 2012 Webinar “Strategic Thinking... Strategic Speaking” will be given April 25 at 1000 MDT. To register, go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/122968810>

### ***Joel Kerley, Aviation Manager***

- If necessary, aircraft contracts can be started 14 days early for fire preparedness.
- If people need helicopter training, let Aviation leads know.

### ***Dave Koch, Associate Director, Training***

- Will keep the field updated on the progress of the Interior Fire Program Assessment
- Concluded the Prescribed Fire Mentoring Program for this year. 24 students completed training at Mississippi Choctaw and Seminole and 13,000 acres in total were treated.
- Looking for Forestry Related Topics in Smoke Signals. To date, only one article has been submitted.

### ***Mark Jackson – Associate Director, Fuels***

- Those who did not advertise field positions by April 1, the unallocated dollars will be collected and redistributed to the field. Unfilled positions left by May 1, the dollars will be reallocated to the field for project dollars.

### ***Dalan Romero, Associate Director, Operations***

- MW and GP regions are experiencing higher fire danger. Planning Levels in both regions bumped to 2 last week.
- Conducted review for Geronimo IHC. Crew is doing well to build depth and is well prepared to conduct operations safely and efficiently.
- Working Capital Fund team is working to put agreements in place. Units with specific questions, call Dalan.

### ***Tony Beita, Safety Specialist***

- Was assigned to the Lower North Fork Fire in CO as the Type 1 Safety Officer. The BIA crews looked great and did a good job.
- Introduced the new Risk Assessments at the DFWFM conference last month. Blank Templates and samples are posted for use at: <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/safety/WildlandFireRiskAssessment/index.htm>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Wilderness First Responder Training will be in Flagstaff April 30-May 7. Send Tony and Michelle a message if interested in participating.
- Boots Stipend Memo - BIA memo will be released next week.

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

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter BAER project funding will be sorted and ranked soon. If there are plans that need to be funded, call Myron.

### ***Nancy Lee Wilson, Fire Planner***

- FPA discovered an error in the SCI formula and new runs will be conducted. Planners should see another run in FPA and review numbers.
- BIA Tribal Planners suggested to give input into final review.
- Resource Inventory and Annual Surveys will be going to RFMOs next week. Direct contact for field FMOs to determine what resources were used in 2011
- WFDSS – have offered ½- day field trainings. No confirmed requests yet. RFMO's please coordinate with field needs. If there is a need, contact the Planners for assistance.

## ***Regional Fire Management Officers***

### **Southwest**

- Moisture this past week, delayed fire season 1-2 weeks.
- Mescalero's helicopter comes on next week.
- May 14, SEAT comes on.
- Zuni IHC will be starting sometime first of May.

### **Midwest**

- Moving resources from Rocky Mtn. and looking at mitigating long term fatigue

### **Next Fire-only Conference Call: April 24**

- Send agenda items to [Robert.Carlile@bia.gov](mailto:Robert.Carlile@bia.gov)

### **Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: May 8**

- Send agenda items to [Bill.Downes@bia.gov](mailto:Bill.Downes@bia.gov)