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## DFWFM Conference Call Notes

Date: May 8, 2012

### Central Office

#### *Bill Downes – Chief Forester*

- Forest Health Protection Funding – an email to all the Regions awarded funds received emails. Funding Docs will be completed Wednesday, May 9.
- Silviculture Handbook was released April 30 and is posted on the Web Portal.
- This fall is the next Regional Foresters meeting. If the conversion to FBMS poses a problem for travel expenditures, the date may be reevaluated.
- Next week is the ITC Symposium.
- Bill Yemma is the Acting chief for BOFRP for the next 60 days
- TAAMS training will be taking place in June and July. The first session to learn how to query for data will be held in Portland.
  - Webinars will be set up for people who are using Advance payments and Contracts to help people see how the new feature in TAMS works. Will also review the improvements of the system and report functions.
  - Planning a meeting with Regional Points of Contact in Portland July 16, 17. A draft agenda and memo is with Bill for review.

### BOFRP

#### *Bill Yemma, Acting Branch Chief*

- The vacancy for the BoFRP Branch Chief will be advertised soon.

#### *Karen DeBord, Forester*

- A-123 - Completed the site visit with Rocky Mountain and Northwest Regions. Everything went well. The timeline shows everyone should be about finished with assessments (May 15 is deadline). Regional Foresters should be compiling spreadsheets and sending to the RDs via Deputy RDs with a courtesy copy to Faline Haven by May 15th.
  - The Deputy RD summarizes assessments (the spreadsheets) and assembles the packet to give to the Regional Director by May 31. The RD's will need to discuss who will prepare the corrective action plan if deficiencies are identified.
  - By May 31, the RDs send up to Bill Downes.
- The [National Advanced Silviculture Program](#) will be starting next week. There are 6 BIA/Tribal students attending (35 total including USFS & BLM). There will also be some local silviculture modules available. NAU, CSU, and Utah State are currently providing online training in advanced silviculture topics for the Rocky Mountain States (Montana to Arizona) and we have 4 foresters participating. In mid-June, the FS will host a free two-week advanced silviculture module local to Washington, Oregon and California. We will have 3 participants for this session.

***Dave Wilson, Forester***

- Funding Position Analysis – 94% of the spreadsheets are back. Currently working through the data and will send report back to Regions to ensure accuracy
- Inventory Projects – Projects have been divvied up and will be contacting the regions to let them know who's in charge of doing the project.

***ITC***

***Don Motanic***

- 311 people are registered for the ITC Symposium. Just about the same number of people registered as last year. The online automated system was a success.
- Notified the ITC Board he will be retiring from the BIA, June 2, but plans to continue working with ITC in the future.

***Regions***

- San Carlos' saw mill is operational and is processing logs through. The tribe is operating and did not renew the lease.

***NIFC***

***Lyle Carlile, Fire Director***

- A new component to the Interior Fire Program Assessment 2012 webpage—“[The Assessment Team's Travels](#)” is posted. On this page, the Assessment Team will provide a write up at the conclusion of each week detailing where they have been and done. The information from the NIFC visit is posted to the webpage with a reminder ([and link](#)) to folks of how they can participate, if the Assessment Team does not interview them directly. Bureau and tribal employees can track the Assessment Team's progress at: [http://www.doi.gov/pmb/owf/Assessment\\_Teams\\_Travels.cfm](http://www.doi.gov/pmb/owf/Assessment_Teams_Travels.cfm)

The [deadline for completing the survey is Friday, May 25](#), which coincides with the conclusion of the site visits by the Assessment Team.

The Schedule for the site visits are as follows:

- Wednesday – staff from Pacific region will be interviewed.
- Friday – Staff at the ABQ regional Office will be interviewed
- Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> – Zuni fieldtrip
- Monday 14, in Fort Apache for fieldtrip.
- On Monday 14, another team will be in Portland interviewing staff.
- Tue 15th, interview with Warm Springs Reservation, ITC membership and Bodie Shaw.
- May 23, Southern Florida – Seminole and Miccosukee Reservations

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

- As soon as DC determines the funding distribution method for this year, the Regions will be provided a spreadsheet that gives the total regional budget and will be requested to break out the OSG funding portion from this total. The process will be similar to the first spreadsheet that was sent out.
- Will be reviewing the A-123 trip report provided by Sam prior to forwarding to Central Office.

### ***Gini Broyles, Budget/Admin Officer***

- Assigned to be a task member to review the NWCG Incident Business Advisor course (S-481). Anyone who has taken the course and has comments or suggestions, please contact Gini.
- BIA is still leading the bureaus in the number of correction and issues that need to be made from incorrect OF-288's. Please work with your agencies to find corrections before they go to the CPC.

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

- Working with External Affairs and local Boise Cooperators to teach the Basic Information Officer course. S-203. There are no Bureau or Tribal participants this year.
- InciWeb is THE resource information officers the BIA should be using to share information about large incidents taking place on their home unit. Over the winter, the system was upgraded and now training is needed to learn how to use the new capabilities. This webinar training will be offered: May 24 from 0900 – 11:00
  - How to access: <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/usda/join>
  - **Audio Information**  
Telephone conferencing  
Use the information below to connect:  
Toll: +1 (888) 858-2144  
Participant code: 8848463  
**First Time Users:**  
To save time before the meeting, [check your system](#) to make sure it is ready to use Microsoft Office Live Meeting.

The training will be recorded and posted on the NIFC PIO Bulletin Board in the future at [www.nifc.gov/PIO\\_bb/pio\\_main.html](http://www.nifc.gov/PIO_bb/pio_main.html) Thanks, hope you can join us!

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

- Field positions not advertised and those unfilled by May 15 are subject to having the dollars swept at the national level, and scheduled for reallocation to the field.
- LANDRFIRE – Mary Taber is examining select weather stations that have been identified for use in the large fire simulator.
- Monitoring Activities Funding should be blended into treatment costs in NFPORS. If you have any questions, contact Steve Smith or Mark Jackson.

### ***Sam Scranton, Deputy Fuels***

- New Regional WUI/ Prevention specialists have been hired:
  - Kenny Jaramillo – Albuquerque, serves Southwest and Navajo Regions
  - Jeffrey Moyer – Billings, serves Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Regions
- Prevention – supplemental funding was pushed through.

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

- Aviation Managers are up to date on the payment process and how it will work this year for Fire, non-fire and fuels.
- A 1-page email discussing the general business rules and payment process will be sent to the Regions.

***Scott Bradshaw, Associate Director, Planning***

- Currently completing the annual survey to determine previous fire season statistics. If you have not heard from a Planner yet, you will.

**Next Fire-only Conference Call: May 22**

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

**Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: June 13**

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