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Fire Only Conference Call Notes

Date: May 22, 2012

NIFC

Scott Bradshaw, Acting Fire Director

- Smokey Bear and other Smokey Bear material are ok to purchase only if it is mission critical for Prevention use. If it has any BIA emblems that promote the agency, cannot purchase.

David Peters, Budget Officer

- The Preparedness budget distribution was sent to the Regions for input. Once returned, will distribute funding.

Dalan Romero, Associate Director – Operations

- The Department is looking at Suppression costs. An interagency group at NIFC will be assessing and making recommendations.
- Tony Davis is the BIA Radio Tech who will be supporting BIA at NIRSC. If you have issues with radios, please contact after next week.
- Blue Book – updates have been sent to Jacqueline and will be posted to the website soon.

Myron Hotinger – BAER

- All BAER funding needs are updated
- Do not see any BAER needs from the Bull Flat or the Elwood fires.

Tony Beitia, Fire and Aviation Safety Specialist

- The Heat Related illness [webinar](#) was well attended by the BIA. It can be accessed at the LLC, or at the link below. Please share with the field.
(<http://www.wildfirelessons.net/SearchResults.aspx?q=heat%20related%20illness%20webinar>)
- Boots Memo will be signed by the BIA Fire Director this coming week. It will follow the guidelines that came out last October.

Gini Broyles, Budget/Admin Officer

- Lisa Street is conducting property inventories at the Model 52 Centers and will be back in the office Wed-Friday this week.
- Processing BAR and ES memos
- Incident Business Management Committee is reviewing the IBA course

Joel Kerley, Aviation Manager

- SW aviation managers are doing a great job sharing resources between Western and SW Regions. All needs are being met.

- The monthly BIA Aviation call is scheduled for Wed. June 6 at 10:00am. The call is intended to discuss what the aviation needs are and the issues involved.

Robyn Broyles, Fire Comm/Ed Specialist

- A new memo from BIA Bureau Director, Mike Black outlines BIA's new Wildland Fire Media Relations Guidelines is posted to the BIA Fire Info page.
<http://www.bia.gov/nifc/fireinfo/index.htm>

These guidelines enable agencies to release local fire-related information in a timely manner. It also gives Incident Information Officers guidelines on what to do on incidents that occur in Indian Country. Lastly, it provides BIA messages / themes to use in releases. This can also be accessed on the PIO Bulletin Board:

http://www.nifc.gov/PIO_bb/bia.html

- InciWeb Training will take place May 24th at 10:00 mtn. It will be available online at the PIO Bulletin Board afterwards. http://www.nifc.gov/PIO_bb/bia.html

Regions

Southwest

- Closeout for the Elwood Fire is today. Have been getting light showers and some lightning activity throughout the Region. It's been quite for the most part, but repositioning resources for Memorial Day weekend, and now transitioning to 7-Day coverage.
- Looking for a dispatcher to detail to Zuni for the summer.
- Ute Mountain helicopter and Zuni IHC comes on board next week

Navajo

- Fire activity is stepping up a bit. There are two active fires that currently total less than 25 ac. In the past two days, 4 fires have taken place, all human caused.
- Two crews from Navajo are supporting Gladiator and Sunflower fires.

E. OK:

- A 500 acre fire near Chickasaw agency is being managed by the State. Local resources are committed to that and a prescribed fire taking place at Chickasaw.

Next Fire-only Conference Call: June 26

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Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: June 12

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