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Fire Only Conference Call Notes

Date: September 25, 2012

NIFC

Lyle Carlile, Fire Director

- BLM and BIA are in the negative with suppression funds. BIA-NIFC working with the Department to get additional funding. Will notify the Regions when we know how much money will be provided.
- The FY13 meetings and conference schedule was drafted for Central Office.
 - *If approved*, the National BIA FMO meeting will take place February 5-7 in Boise.
 - There will NOT be a joint fuels meeting.
- Travel Caps – The Department went to OMB for emergency travel. OMB denied the request. Fire management we will be under a travel cap. At this time, there is no budget identified; however, the exercise reflected the FY10 budget.

David Peters, Budget Officer

- Expected receive \$2M transfer to pay immediate suppression bills. If request goes through, expect transfer to occur Tue, Sept. 25

Nancy Lee Wilson, Planner

- Wants to hear feedback, if the Planner WFDSS support this summer has been helpful, and if something else might be needed for next year.
- Distribution Funds – FPA will not distribute funds, thus there needs to be a system in place to determine how budget distribution will take place. That is why the Planner/FMO meeting the end of November is so important to help formulate a new process.
- Status of FPA – the direction letter is not complete. The Support Working Team is made of 5 people, and the field will be locked out. Verbal input will be provided. A memo outlining the Direction for 2013 submission of FPA is being crafted by FPA and should be out to Directors around Friday. Next OG meeting is the end of Oct.

Dave Koch, Training

- IS-700/800 course needs to be complete by September 30. If these courses are not complete by then, you will be unqualified in IQCS and thus, not available in ROSS to show your availability status.
 - [310-1](#) identifies the positions and training needed for your position.
 - To take the training, go to: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp>

Myron Hotinger, BAER Coordinator

- All ES treatments that came in late will be pushed through FY13 for assessment. Only labor/per diem costs will be approved during the blackout period.

- BAR FY13 projects are due in NFPORS at the end of the week. (Sept 28). Funding will be extremely tight (13M). Carry over was spent in FY12. Critical to have BAR projects in correctly by the deadlines.
- FY12 Accomplishments in NFPORS will be locked down Oct 17. Please get your accomplishments input.

Dalan Romero, Associate Director - Operations

- A memo will be sent to the field, identifying where to send the request and the type of documentation required to open suppression and severity FireCodes for FY13
- FY12 severity Firecodes can be extended up to 30 days, extending into FY13. Send an email to Ops to make the request to extend the Firecode. Payments will be made as money becomes available, due to CR limitations.

Tony Beitia, National Safety Specialist

- Wilderness First Responder course will be on for FY13. Great Plains, Rocky Mt/Western, and Western and Southwest are the locations planned for the next training programs.
 - Medical Standards Program will roll out the program in FY14 as planned. The current contract will remain in place.
- As we finish with FY12, early trend analysis shows camp crew physical standards as a concern. Also showed that in the early season, noticed amount of personnel injuries involving heat-related injury was high.
 - In the future, will discuss the possibility of establishing training and fitness programs to help crews become more prepared in the coming years.

Mark Jackson, Associate Director – Fuels

- Landfire Update:
 - Landfire Event Data (fire perimeter and fuels treatments) Due Nov. 9. Regions will see the new data set input in Landfire in FY15.
 - Traveled to Fort Apache and met with Dave Wilson and Randy Fuller, along with San Carlos and Fort Apache subject matter experts to develop process to collect data. Will use established process in other regions once the SW data is submitted.
 - Randy Fuller developed process to use CFI data to create data sets NIFC can then submit to LandFire to help improve their feedback data.
 - Fuels Program will have funding available again this year to give to Landfire projects. A process to apply for the funding is in place, talk to Joe Kafka.
- Critical Needs –
 - Developing the FY13 Budget Proposal. Goal is to fund position through 6-month period, then will fund the projects. Hopefully know at end of week what each program will receive.
- If approved, looking at Jan. 14-18 to have the National fuels Meeting in PHX. Regional fire ecologist will be included in the meeting.
- The National Ecologist was selected and will start in November. The name will be released when the HR process is complete.

Jim Erickson, ITC

- Will be meeting with WFEC, looking at governance Structure to look at what works, doesn't work.

- Upcoming Symposium – have three fire components that will be in the meeting. 1 is a fire update (1-hr general session), A Monday Landfire Workshop (Joe Kafka coordinating), HFPS workshop on Thursday. (Mark on point).
- NW Consultation Process for HFPAS. Hope to have an example on how to consult with tribes
- Western Wildfire Risk Assessment is coming to culmination. Currently reviewing the Data Sets and mapping outputs. Once available, DOI requested the dataset.

Regions:

- **Western**
 - Have 8 crews out (160 folks out, mostly ADs) currently out.
 - Western Regional Cohesive Strategy group – have conference calls on Fridays. Think in about 3 weeks, will have a phase 3 document ready for Western Region. Docs are available at:
 - Wildland Firefighter Workforce study is out. A copy will be sent to HR and NIFC.
- **Navajo**
 - Johnson Benallie was selected for the Regional AFMO position. He is the former Navajo IHC Crew Superintendent.
- **Rocky Mtn.**
 - Large Fires this week – much of which have been in the grass. Most of them human caused fires.
 - Working through tribal invoices best we can.
 - Activity is winding down, but no season-ending event is forecasted.

Next Fire-only Conference Call: Oct. 23 @ 11:00 MST

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Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: Oct. 9 @ 10:30 MST

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