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## Fire Only Conference Call Notes

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

- The FY13 budget has not been issues yet, and its expected carryover will not be significant.
- A travel cap is in place. A memo to the Regions will reflect what the cap is for each region.

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

- An Incident Business Committee conference call will take place next week. An agenda will be sent out first of next week.
- Incident Business Committee tasked to draft memo to NWCG on single point interstate billing process. When the memo is approved and signed, will distribute out.
- The Incident Business Management Handbook is available online (<http://www.nwcg.gov/teams/ibpwt/documents/index.htm> ). It can be purchased hardcopy when the blackout period concludes.

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

- Several new pages have been added to the [www.bia.gov/nifc/](http://www.bia.gov/nifc/) Website. These are:
  - Forest Management Documents - <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/library/index.htm>
  - Wildland Fire Prevention Program Guidance - <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/prevention/NatlPreventHandbook/index.htm>
  - Wildland Fire Prevention Resource Library - <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/prevention/NatlPreventHandbook/Forms/index.htm>
  - Human Resources - <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/HR/index.htm>
  - Forestry and Wildland Fire Mgt. Job Announcement Listing - <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/jobs/jobannouncelist/index.htm>
  - BIA Standard Fire Position Descriptions - <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/jobs/positiondesc/index.htm>
  - Link to San Carlos Forestry & Wildland Fire page - <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/BIARegions/index.htm>

#### ***Myron Hotinger – National BAER Cord***

- FY13 BAR – The project rank and sort is complete. All projects that were in NFPORS by the end of Sept. were mostly funded, some were not. The Fire Directors approved the listing and was forwarded to OWF for final approval. At this time, do not anticipate

further BAR funding available for FY13. Any new projects will most likely need to wait until FY14.

- ES funding – Developing list of projects for FY13. The first quarter will be funded; however, ES treatments will not be funded entirely as has been done in the past.
- The ES Cap is 6.6M. This funding which will be closely monitored to prevent exceeding spending caps.

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

- Boots Stipends – Boot costs will not be charged to severity. The guidance memo can be downloaded at: <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/library/Memos/index.htm>
- Oct. 31 there will have a Fire Ops Committee Meeting.
- While Dave Koch is on a detail in DC, the Training Program will be managed under Operations. Craig Cook is the POC for the Training Program at this time.
- Suppression costs continue to come in. As we work through FBMS, we are asking for patience to work through the process of learning the new system.

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

- Fuels funding will be available when FBMS gives the go.
- It is a priority for BIA and tribes to look at LANDFIRE to ensure data is up to date.
- Looking at programmatic funds and where able to help agencies. Currently developing a new strategy for cost accounting. As budgets tighten, starting projects and looking at hiring needs to ensure guidelines are being followed is critical.

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

- GAO Visit – Aviation Directors are discussing the future of the large airtanker program.
- Managing the Canadian Agreements is a national program that becomes larger and more complex each year. When boarder/ international agreements are used locally to bring Canadian aircraft to the U.S. they, do not necessarily operate like a national agreement. Therefore, send agreements to Joel in the future to allow for standardization.
- Regular Aviation Calls are beginning again. Need info? Your aviation specialists have it.

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

- It is confirmed the Budget Assessment Meeting will take place Nov 28-30.
- All the RFMOs will be present.
- No update concerning FPA. No new guidance issued.
- Data Pony isn't working at the moment because changes were made to the WFDSS website.

### **Regions:**

**Great Plains** – Continues to get large fire activity.

**Midwest** – The CL- 215s and last helicopter went off contract Oct. 22.

- State III of the Cohesive Strategy Report is complete.
- Hosting L-480. No tuition and if interested in attending, contact Jeremy Bennett.

**Western** – Firefighter Workforce study is out. When available, copies will be provided to each Region.

**Next Fire-only Conference Call: Nov. 27**

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