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## DFWFM Conference Call Notes

Date: January 22, 2013

### Central Office

#### ***Aaron Baldwin, Resource Protection***

- The approval for the National RFMO meeting has not yet been given.

### NIFC

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

- If approved, the National RFMO Meeting will take place April 2-4. If the conference is not approved, the meeting will be canceled. Should this happen, there will be a webinar scheduled.
- Two regional reviews will be conducted this year.
  - Feb. 11 – 15 – Navajo.
  - April 8 - 12 – Northwest

#### ***David Peters, Budget Officer***

- FS is not ready to accept invoices from Hurricane Sandy yet due to their new financial business system. They requested BIA to hold onto invoices until they can come on-line. BIA-NIFC Budget is working with the RFMO to ensure all the paperwork is ready.
- A regional budget conference call will take place in February. The call is intended to allow all the regions to collaborate and discuss budget issues. Of significant focus will be FBMS invoicing.
  - Some of the Suppression Invoices hit while FBMS was in blackout period.
- Suppression money is available to spend; however, it is not clear yet who is processing the invoices.
- The shop is determining invoice amounts for billing the Texas Fire Services for costs incurred during the 2011 fire season.

#### ***Gini Broyles – Administration Officer***

- If attending the National RFMO meeting in April, please RSVP's to [Esther.Broyles@bia.gov](mailto:Esther.Broyles@bia.gov) as soon as possible to ensure rooms are reserved at the Riverside Hotel.
- Once the Department has officially approved the meeting, the agenda will be sent to the regions.

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

- The Department has not yet given formal permission to host the Fuels meeting. Will notify all once it comes.
- LANDFIRE Projects – some went back to the Regions and Agencies for updates. Once all are returned, notifications will be given for projects that have been approved.

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

- The activity taking place in Australia has not warranted the activation of international support; however, the fire activity is being closely monitored and evaluated.
- Funding for BAR projects will be moving through the process this week.
- Craig Cook is working with all-hazard DHS specialists to assist with providing IQCS training.
- To expedite training and time it takes to get qualified, the Operations Workforce Development Committee was tasked to look at reclassifying fire complexity typology (Type 5-1). Currently working to consolidate current typology into three classifications, rather than five.

***Tony Beita – Fire and Aviation Safety Specialist***

- Memo for Drug Testing is out and located at: <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/library/Memos/index.htm>
  - Beginning January 1, 2013 all incumbent arduous duty wildland firefighters who have not had a medical examination in the last three calendar years must complete an examination.
  - Beginning October 1, 2012 Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Interagency Fire Center (BIANIFC) will no longer provide funding support for the Drug Testing Program. All costs incurred will be paid with preparedness funds at the local unit level.
- Montezuma Serious Accident Investigation Report is posted at: [http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/Montezuma\\_Fatality\\_Investigation.pdf](http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/Montezuma_Fatality_Investigation.pdf)
- Some of the modules from the Wildland Fire Safety Training modules are posted and can be viewed: (<http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/index.html>) The modules will be complete by March
- Wilderness First Responder Program – this year, program training will take place in March in Flagstaff. In May, training will be in Missoula. Midwest/ Great plains Region is also in the process of organizing training.

**Regions:**

- SW – Communities are beginning their traditional ag. burning. No foreseeable moisture this spring predicted in the outlook yet.
- Some agencies are starting annual training and expect to have a busy season this year.

**Next Fire-only Conference Call: Feb. 26**

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**Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: Feb. 12**

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