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DFWFM Conference Call Notes

Date: February 14

Central Office

Bill Downes – Chief Forester

- DFWFM Conference: - Was officially approved on Jan. 29. The agenda will be distributed next week. Encouraging all to make reservations at the resort.
 - Cloud 9 Shuttle Service will be available outside the Airport Terminal. Will need to make reservations for pick up when departing the resort.
- FY12 Budget Status – completed all funding docs for the Forestry Funds. Forest Development, Woodland and Timber Harvest Initiative are out to the Regions. The FMIP funds should have arrived at the regions. Self Governance tribes will not have their funds yet.
- Feb. 13 the Whitehouse released 2013 Budget Request. The only document available is called the “Budget Highlights” for 2013. Forestry shows a \$1M increase, but when the tables are examined, it looks like the Program decreased by \$873K. Therefore, we are asking for clarification. If there is a \$1M increase, there is potentially a \$127K increase this year.

Faline Haven, Senior Forester

- Annual Internal Control Reviews A-123 – Wildfire Prevention, Forest Development and Forest health are on the docket. Letter to the Regional Foresters will go out Feb. 17. Have instructions to complete the form. Forestry components will be combined into a single document to make it easier. An email from Bill will be out by Tue. Feb. 21.
 - Wildfire Prevention: Visiting Western and Pacific Regions the week of March 26 to do field check. The Field Checklist needs to be distributed to the Agencies that have Prevention Programs. Even if unit has a 638 program, the Agency (not tribe) are responsible for completing the A-123.
 - Forest Development/Management is potentially visiting NW and Pacific Region, though no contacts have been made. Timeframe will most likely occur in April. Last completed in 2009.
 - Dates –Have until May 10 to get the forms back from the Agencies. The Regional staff compiles the data, and then it is sent back to DC by the RD by May 31st. (*If able to extrapolate the assessments, please do so and send to Faline. It makes the process easier*). Reports must be to Bryan Rice by June 30. The intent with the process is to share information about what the report says and make the process more transparent.

BFRP

Dave Wilson–

- Still don't have phones in place, please contact BFRP staff on cell phones.
- Funding position analysis can be downloaded from the BFRP intranet site. They are due March 16th

ITC

Don Motanic

- ITC Symposium – [Info about lodging is available for Kah-Nee-Ta](#). Should have the brochure out by the DFWFM Conference.
- Conducting Board meeting after the DFWFM Conference.
- Update on IFMAT – underway with 21 site visits.
- Tribal Forest Protection Act Assessment Project – Jim Erickson is working on this project
- ITC has a grant with the Forest Service (FS) Region 6 to conduct an Anchor Forest Project to assess capabilities and develop recommendations for landscape management that includes forest service, state and tribal forest lands in eastern Washington state. It will include four Tribes: Yakama, Colville, Spokane and Coeur d' Alene. A project team and an oversight group are being developed among the partner agencies. Yakama will be the first area the team will assess. The project will be addressed in further detail at the ITC at the Symposium.
- ITC is sharing info with Nat'l Association of State Foresters. They have signed a joint letter regarding the FS Planning rule that will take into consideration state and tribe concerns during prior to other stakeholders during the initial planning review.
- Makah Tribe is advertising for a Forest Program Manager.

NIFC

Dave Koch - Acting Fire Director

- Distribution of the Prevention Budget to the field is in process.
- 2012 Fuels Budget is here. Distributing spreadsheets to the field to indicate regional/agency funding allocations.
- Billings WUI Prevention job announcement is out and posted online on the [BIA-NIFC Job announcements webpage](#).

Gini Broyles, Budget/Admin Officer

- Admin:
 - The AD Pay Plan is going forward. Not a lot of changes this year. A memo will be forthcoming with the release of the Plan.

Robyn Broyles, Fire Comm/Ed Specialist

- All BIA Fire and Forestry job announcements are automatically posted from USAjobs to Facebook, Twitter and updated weekly to the BIA-NIFC site at.
- *For Internal Use Only: The BIA NIFC Job Announcements are also posted on the NIFC SharePoint Site:*
<https://sp.ia.doi.net/sites/BIA/ots/dfwfm/nifc/Job%20Announcements/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Scott Bradshaw, Associate Director, Planning

- The levels which the WFDSS Decision docs are approved have changed and will be reflected in the 2012 Bluebook. They are:
 - \$0-5M Superintendent signs
 - \$5-10M at Regional Director signs
 - > 10Million – Bureau Director signs

Dalan Romero, Associate Director, Operations

- Little fire activity in Indian Country. Dry in the lower elevations and may be entering into a drought period.
- By the end of the week, will have a GS-11 Radio tech position out.
- Meeting with the other Bureaus to tap into the Working Capital Fund Program to get helitack and IHC vehicles included.
- Short term severity funding will remain the same.
- Mescalero is picking up small fires, getting dry in the SE corner. Had one large fire that exceeded 1,000 ac.

Myron Hotinger, BAER Coordinator

- Most of the large funding docs for BAR and ES are out. Working on the Pacheco at Nambe. Getting some smaller amounts out. Hope to have all the docs completed by end of the month.
- On the Nat'l BAER team, the Interior coordinators did an AAR on the large fires and helped identify how to improve admin support on incidents.

Next Fire-only Conference Call: Feb. 28

- Send agenda items to Robert.Carlile@bia.gov

Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: April 10.

- Send agenda items to Bill.Downes@bia.gov