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Fire Conference Call Notes

March 27, 2012

NIFC

Bob Roberts, Assistant Fire Director

- Budgets continue to be rolled out.

Gini Broyles, Budget/Admin Officer

- The DOI AD Pay Plan is out and the BIA cover memo will be distributed shortly.

Robyn Broyles, Fire Comm/ Ed Specialist

- The DFWFM Facebook Page surpassed 500 “Likes” March 29. On a monthly basis, posts reach between 500- 600 people who monitor the page.
- The @BIA_DFWFM twitter account is growing slowly, at 53 followers.

Craig Cook, Acting Associate Director, Training

- Reminder concerning the IS-700/800 announcement that went out last week. It can be taken online. It can also be expedited through a facilitated manner during refresher training. For information, contact Dave Koch who will send you the material. Historic Recognition exemptions will be granted for those who are ICT3 and above.

Scott Bradshaw, Associate Director, Planning

- Steve Larrabee sent a reminder to RFMO’s to make sure all fire occurrence data since Oct. 1 is entered. It will be pulled April 9.

Dalan Romero, Associate Director, Operations

- Normal fire activity for this time of year, however SW, Western and Midwest is picking up activity.
- Midwest and GP Severity funding was sent to the Regions.
- The IHC Review for Geronimo is still on for next week.

Joel Kerley, Aviation Program Manager

- One CL-215 water scooper and one Type 3 helicopter is now on contract in Minnesota and will be ready to go April 1.

Regions

- Eastern – Rookie training this week. Trend is drying, but some rain taking place. South Florida may be picking up activity.
- NW- Last week at the Fuels and Fire meeting, Salish Kootenai tribes, Bodie Shaw and the Deputy Interior Director were able to voice concerns for hazardous fuels funding and the tribal consultation process. NW Region (and tribes) will develop new

methodology for tribal consultation process to talk about impacts of hazardous fuels funding.

- Eastern OK – Received good rain, are about 3 weeks ahead of normal. Several employees participated in the RX Mentoring Program this past month, which was very successful.
- Midwest – Tribal reviews, some fires and it's still dry.
- Western – Co. River Agency is working a fire, currently over 200 acres.

Next Fire-only Conference Call: April 24

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

Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled: April 10

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