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Fire Only Conference Call Notes

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NIFC

Lyle Carlike, Fire Director

- Bryan Rice sent a memo to all OTS staff directing employees to notify Regional Directors when visiting the Region. This contact should be communicated through an email to document date, times, cause.
- Kim Thorsen and key leaders from the Office of Wildland Fire will be visiting NIFC Monday, April 29 to visit with individual Bureau fire management program leaders. During the two-hour conferences, the section leads will deliver key messages that explain how programs conduct business and meet individual Bureau missions.

Joel Kerley, Aviation Program Managers

- Two CL-215s have started their contracts and are available nationally. They will be moved to the Great Lakes area in early May.
- DOI is hosting 20 SEATs from Suppression funding this year. Ten will start May 15 and ten will start June 1. All the SEATs are exclusive use and will be managed like the large air tankers. SEATs will be run out of tanker bases and will have SEAT managers located at the bases. If SEATs is ordered and stationed outside a major tanker base, a manager will also need to order.

Mark Jackson, Associate Director – Fuels

- Fuels outlook for FY14 budget is severely reduced. The estimated time of delivery for CR 2 is still unknown.
- Regional Fuels Specialists held a conference call to discuss budgets last week and will provide info to the field.
- Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring Tool – DOI agencies are part of the 5-year monitoring report. This is the first time DOI will be involved in the data query. The units need to populate the FTEM database with information dating back to 2008. This information will feed funding information in the future.
- Mark Jackson requested success stories from the regions, but only received 2 to publish through DOI. As stories evolve throughout the year, send them up, no need to wait.

Jonathan Whitefoot, OJS Special Agent, Fire

- Working with the Pacific Northwest Region on a Go2Meeting for the new Investigation Handbook. Looking at the middle of May sometime.

Dalan Romero, Associate Director, Operations

- Working on a re-write of the Blue Book. The final draft should be published by mid-May.

- New shot-rigs arrived at NIFC. When the license plates and background info is in place, will release to the field.

Tony Beitia, National Fire Safety Specialist

- The Annual Refresher DVD was sent out. Many are using the website, which seems to be working well. If you wish a DVD, get ahold of Tony or Craig.
- *Medical Standards Program* – As people start taking the annual medical exams, ensure you have the correct and most recent forms: http://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/Links/index.html
- EMTs are required to be present at the pack test; however, EMT ADs are not to be used for Pack Test observers.
- The BLM had rollover in Taos, NM in November. Now is a good time to review the SAI report to help firefighters get refreshed in the capabilities and limitations of their vehicles.
- BIA Fitness Challenge Memo – Posted to the NIFC website at: <http://www.bia.gov/nifc/library/Memos/index.htm> Please share and encourage programs to have some friendly competition to improve wellness and fitness for all employees. At the end of the year, crews will be recognized for their participation.

Craig Cook, Training Officer

- Conducted TFM panels last week. There was one BIA participant that will complete the course following re-writes of his paper. Next year, there will most likely be cost involved in maintaining the program to oversee the review panels.

David Peters, Budget Officer

- Preparedness MakeUpFED sent out today for \$18M.
- Waiting on CR2 funding. Projecting to possibly get funding for CR2 out by mid-May.
- Get your OSG and IDC numbers in ASAP. Send numbers to Paula and David.
- Sandy Paperwork is due this Friday, and if you have questions contact Daniel.
- Half the regions are participating in the monthly National Budget Board (NBB) conference calls. They are good meetings, and help with back and forth of information between regions and NIFC, so please attend. NBB has OK'ed Regional FMO's to attend these calls with their budget officers. The next meeting should take place mid-May
- BIA requested more Suppression funds from OWF this morning, in order to keep Suppression Cushion report for regions in the positive.

Gini Broyles, Administrative Officer

- The AD Pay Plan has not been approved yet.
- A new OF-288 form and Single Resource Hire form is out for review. Send comments to Gini by May 7.

Next Fire-only Conference Call: May 21

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