

Face-to-Face Meeting – Great Basin Coordinating Group

June 15th, 2004 1000 MDT

Participants: Mike Dudley, USFS; Sheldon Wimmer, Utah BLM; Kevin Hull, Nevada BLM; Butch Hayes, Nevada BLM; Mark Jones, Idaho BLM; Pam McAlpin, Arizona BLM; Dave Dalrymple, Utah State; Don Wagner, Idaho State; Bob Ashworth, Nevada State; Bruce Babb, USFWS; Cliff Chetwin, NPS Intermountain Region; Leon Ben, BIA-Western Region; Steve Larrabee BIA-NIFC; Scott Bradshaw BIA-NIFC; Gina Martin, USFS; Kevin Greenhalgh, USFS; Barbara Knieling, USFS; Randy Hart, EGBCC; Ed Gray, EGBCC; Cherie Ausgotharp, EGBCC; Karin Frost, BLM (GB Trng)

Welcome/Introductions (Mike Dudley)

Topic: **FPA** (**Scott Bradshaw**)
Scott Bradshaw is the Great Basin Representative for the FPA; he gave a Slideshow Presentation on the roles and history of the ICG. - See attachment.

Discussion: - A list of FPA representatives for each agency is listed in the attachment. You can send Agency specific questions to the appropriate contact, but general questions need to go to Scott. (Scott Bradshaw)

- By the end of the week a map and spreadsheet of FPU's will be done, and Scott will get them sent out via e-mail. (Scott Bradshaw)*

- Want to suggest that the completed map be posted to the FPA website instead of being sent by e-mail. (Barbara Knieling)

- At the time of FPU approval and posting of the map boundaries, the field should be advised to proceed according to the plan. (Mark Jones)

- We need the support and involvement of the resource managers and agency administrators. We need to educate our state directors and regional foresters. (Mark, Sheldon, Mike)

- Handout given on “suggested” timelines by Scott Bradshaw.

- The GBCG does not have the authority to ensure our line officers meet deadlines. We need more WO support. (Mike Dudley)

Geographic Area Charters are next on the timeline. (Scott Bradshaw)

- Due to workload and time issues it is difficult to get line officers to sign charters. Is there a deadline for getting signed? (Sheldon, Barbara)

The workshop time line is August. (Scott Bradshaw)

- Many agencies FMO's are pulling double duty as fire planners and will not be available for the workshop in August. (Butch Hayes)

- We need more guidance on workload points; we are going to have problems without the guidance we need. (Sheldon, Barbara)

- List of questions for Scott Bradshaw to work on;

- Who do we send changes to? (Mike Dudley)

- What is the fire load resource workload limitation? (Sheldon Wimmer)

- Wants a validation of units, are we good? (Mike Dudley)

- Is there a format for the database on fire record information? (Don Wagner)

- Is there a deadline for line officers to sign charters going around? (Barbara Knieling)

Decision: *FPU map will be posted to the FPA website by Scott Bradshaw. (By end of wk)
*Scott Bradshaw to get answers to questions sent to Mike Dudley & Kevin Greenhalgh.
(No time given)

Topic: **FPA GACC Coordination** (Mike Dudley)
Do we want to set up a Committee or ADHOC group to focus of FPA?

Discussion:

- There was a discussion on whether or not we need a FPA committee set up, and it was decided that we do. The committee will be set up to operate similar to the OPS committee and will have a 2 yr charter w/sunset. (GBCG Voting Members)*
- Suggest that all three State Foresters get together with one nominee to act for all. (Bob Ashworth)
- Will consider, and get with Dalrymple and Ashworth to discuss. (Ron Wagner)
- Handout given on a proposal for upward flow of FPA products to be handed off to the new committee. (Barbara Knieling) – **See Attachment.**
- Suggest that until a committee is in place that the proposal given out by Barbara for the upward flow of FPA products be accepted as interim guidance. (Mark Jones)
- Great Basin FPA Implementation team information flow chart. We need to have a contact for each agency to get information flowing. Look at attachment and check names listed, and if you don't have a contact listed you need to get us that information. Give names to Mike Dudley and Cherie Ausgotharp. (Mike Dudley) – **See Attachment.**

Decision:

- **FPA Committee to be set up with a 2 yr. charter w/sunset.***
- **Need to get a list of names from each agency for committee members to Mike Dudley by June 25th.***
- **Steve Larrabee will send a copy of the SW charter to Mike Dudley. ***
- **Mark Jones will contact Leonard Wehking about heading up committee.***
- **Get contact names for information flow chart to Mike or Cherie if we don't already have one on the attached list.**

Topic: **Workforce Planning** (Karin Frost)

Discussion:

- The Workforce Planning task force consists of: Tracy Dunsford, Jan Passak, Mark Jones, Karin Frost, and Rich Caballero. They are having their first conf. call on July 2nd. After that they will send a Workforce Plan document to the GBCG for review, would like to get feedback.
- Working on Position needs analysis and training for T1 & T2 teams. They are looking for input on getting a solid mentoring plan going. Rich is going to talk to Randy or Nelda about participation in the task group to get GACC input.
- The deadline for getting names in is Mid-September, and then training can begin by winter.
- Suggest that the training nominations be tied into the IMT nomination time frames. (Mark Jones)

Decision: **After July 2nd conf call, the Workforce Planning Task Force will send their Workforce Plan Document to GBCG for review and feedback.**

Topic: **FUMT's (Mike Dudley)**

Discussion: - Fire Use Teams are a National Resource to be managed nationally and to be hosted by the GACCS per memo from NICC. NMAC National Policy. (Handout given)

- Scott Steinberg's team is currently missing 2 positions, PLANS & LTAN and Scott still needs a training assignment to be signed off himself. Do we still want to try to maintain Scott's team? (Mike Dudley)

Decision: - **Mark Jones will draft a letter to the NMAC, and Mike Dudley will send.***
- **Mike Dudley will talk to National Fuels Group and advice on the status of Scott Steinberg and his team.***

Topic: **MISC ITEMS**

Discussion: **Region 5**

- Heads up, region 5 sent out a letter stating that they will not allow A.D's or State personnel to be in IC or Dep IC positions on their teams and will not accept any outside teams that do. (Mike Dudley)

MOU'S

- I will be sending out a letter for everyone to look over concerning Geographic Training MOU's. On our next Conf. Calls we need to make a decision whether or not we are going to sign any. (Mike Dudley)*

Aviation Issues

- Type 1 airtankers; there has been talk about bringing back Neptune or Aero-Union. (Mike Dudley)

IMT's

*- **Sheldon Wimmer is going to Check on Tooter's status as Dep IC on Martin's team** since he has a new FMO job.

* - **Mike Dudley is going to talk to Jan Passak about her getting a list from each IC with all of the A.D's on their team and the names of the trainees that they have for those positions.**

* - **Mike Dudley is sending out a letter drafted by Gina Bald on computers for the teams. Need everyone to look over he wants to discuss this on next call.**

Kramer

- OAG report is done, but has not been released yet. Mike will get report sent to everyone when it gets released. (Mike Dudley)

Topic: **MAC Operating Plan Draft. (Handout given)**

Discussion: - Nelda sent out a draft of the new MAC Operating Plan. Need everyone to look over it and send any changes to Nelda. Randy will take care of the phone number changes given in the meeting.
(Randy Hart)

Decision: - **Comments and decisions need to be given to Nelda by the end of the week. ***

Next Conference Call: Tuesday, July 20th at 1000 MST.

Topics flagged for next conf. call:

- Training MOU's
- Team Computers