

DFWFM  
Forestry and Fire Conference Call  
October 12, 2010

## Central Office Updates

### Chief Forester, Bill Downes

- 33 Forest Health Proposals submitted. This is consistent with the number received in past years.
- IAPMS/PMD Schedule:
  - 10/13 – Central Office/Regional Conference call (Schedule TBD)
- Next Regional Forestry Meeting is Nov 15-19<sup>th</sup> in Nashville, TN.
  - Submit Agenda Items to [Bill.Downes@bia.gov](mailto:Bill.Downes@bia.gov)
  - Location: Sheraton Downtown.

### Asst. Director, Resource Protection, Bryan Rice

- Bodie and Lyle received recognition from DOI for their contributions for promoting diversity in the workplace.
- The cert for the Central Office Position is still open.
- Bryan is back from Tanzania!

The DOI International Technical Assistance Program selected Bryan Rice as the second BIA employ to participate in this program. He spent 5 weeks in Tanzania developing resource management plans and other capacity building projects. The program is open to all DOI employees, tribal members and retirees. The BIA is looking for applicants to represent the agency. For more information, visit: [DOI – ITAP](#).

## BoFRP

### Chief of BFRP, Tim Moriarty

- The Annual Report is Due to Dave Oct. 15.

### Forester, Bill Yemma

- The new BFRP website is up, but SharePoint information is still being integrated.

## NIFC

### Fire Director, Lyle Carlile

- NWCG is asking the DOI for 8 volunteers to provide administrative support to four NWCG committee's: Fire Environment, National Predictive Services, Smoke Mgmt and Air Quality, and Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation.
  - Volunteers will take notes, assist in setting up meeting rooms/locations, etc. Knowledge of the subject committee is necessary to understand committee language and communicate with the committee members.
  - The people selected are required to attend meetings away from their home unit. NIFC will pay travel costs; home units will cover base 8 pay.
  - Contact [Robert.Carlile@bia.gov](mailto:Robert.Carlile@bia.gov)

- The National Fire Mgt Officer Meeting is Feb 8-10 in Boise. Submit agenda items to [Robyn\\_Broyles@nifc.blm.gov](mailto:Robyn_Broyles@nifc.blm.gov)

#### **Assistant Director, Planning, Scott Bradshaw**

- In support of the next FPA analysis cycle (FY2011), an Analysis working Team (AWT) is being created. It will comprise of 6-8 people.
- DOI personnel may apply to become a member of the AWT.
  - AWT members require a 6-8 month commitment over the next year.
  - Regional FMOs should have received the application directions for AWT several weeks ago.

#### **Wildland Fire Safety Specialist, Tony Beitia**

- Medical Standards Program is up and running. BIA has attended several webinars. The rollout letter to announce the new program will be out by the end of the week.
- FMO's need to check if MDI has contacted clinics to ensure participation.
- 2011 Blue Book Changes
  - Reviews and Investigations will have a new chapter (18)
  - WCT, Medical Standards and Annual Refresher have moved to the Training section

#### **National BAER Coordinator, Myron Hotinger**

- The National BAER Coordinators met last week for their annual fall meeting. Interior FY11 BAR treatments were sourced and ranked with all approved treatment forwarded to the Fire Directors and OWFC for funding approval.
- Interior ES treatments are pending until funding is approved at the departmental level under the CR.
- The Forest Service has a new BAER Manual under Interim Directive for field testing in 2011.

#### **Administrative Officer, Nancy Hunt**

- Lisa Street is the new Administrative Assistant. She can be reached at [Lisa.Street@bia.gov](mailto:Lisa.Street@bia.gov) or 5176
- The Interagency Business Management Handbook, "Yellow Book" is being updated for release in 2012.
- The Admin portion of the Blue Book will include more language from the Yellow Book this year.
- Oct. 20 at 10am is the next Regional Conference Call

#### **Budget Officer, Maggie Moran**

- Suppression has limited funding under the FY11 CR. As a result, Funding Documents will be processed to receive funding for suppression.
  - If the PCAS from FY10 is needed, it is no longer in the system. Contact the NIFC Budget staff for assistance.

#### **Upcoming Regional FMO Meeting Schedule:**

- Oct. 25 - Southwest Region
- Nov 30 – Dec 2 -Rocky Mountain Region
- Dec. 1-2 - NMAC Regional Meeting

- Feb. 1-3 - Midwest Regional Meeting, Hinckley, M
- Feb.1-3 - Northwest Region
- Feb 8-10 - National Fire Mgt Officer Meeting – Boise, ID

**Next Fire-only Conference Call:**

- Oct. 26. Send Agenda items to [Lyle\\_Carlile@nifc.gov](mailto:Lyle_Carlile@nifc.gov) or [Bodie\\_Shaw@nifc.gov](mailto:Bodie_Shaw@nifc.gov)

**Next DFWFM Conference Call Scheduled:**

- Nov. 9, 2010. Send agenda items to [Bill.Downes@bia.gov](mailto:Bill.Downes@bia.gov) and CC [Bernard.Ryan@bia.gov](mailto:Bernard.Ryan@bia.gov)

