

NLOT CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, March 18th, 2016

0900 Pacific/1000 Mountain/1100 Central/1200 Eastern

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WELCOME & ROLL CALL

Attendance: Carol Hatfield, Ralph Rau, Paul Crespin, Sarah Tomsy, Scott Russell, Cecilia Seesholtz, Dale Deiter, Patty Grantham, Tom Montoya, Lisa Northrop, Mark Van Every, Ed Hunter, Leslie Auriemmo, Sherry Tune, Becki Heath, Frank Guzman, Katie Armstrong, Jill McCurdy, Dana Reid (Facilitator), Deana Wall (Notes)

AGENDA TOPICS

Situation Update - Becki

- Pilot engagements are currently being held across all regions with specific groups with common roles; partners, Spring Operations meeting (captains, hotshots, etc), Command and General Staff from T1 and T2 teams, etc.
- Those engagements have spent a good amount of time and good dialogue with the question “Where do you see us allowing for unnecessary exposure in fire environment?”
- National Leadership Council to be held next week will be about how we move ahead with these discussions and the Chief’s Letter.

Q&As

- What are some of the themes that have come out?
 - Depending on the group, it has been different.
 - There has been a lot of conversation around WUI and whether I.A. firefighters have the decision space they need to reduce exposure and understand their role in WUI.
 - There has been conversation about driving and mop-up. Mop-up standards are coming into question in a broader environment with partners in regard to exposure to snags. When engaging partners, we think about missions as circles of overlapping common interest where there is room to navigate and make progress regarding shared values.
 - There is a “Hard Truth” database being developed where everyone’s answers will be recorded.
- Regarding the risk associated with the fire environment; how are we incorporating prescribed fire as well as the risk of other programs?
 - There is acknowledgment that the issue is bigger than just the wildfire system and conversations are deliberate to think larger than just the fire environment.
 - It’s also recognized that we need more fire on landscape, not less; bringing up additional challenges, like smoke.
 - The spring engagements are focused most on exposure and the things we can still influence/change before this fire season.

NFLC Meeting Logistics & Agenda Discussion - Dana/Becki

- Week of April 25th in Denver.
- Look for an email from Drag regarding logistics and location next week.
- Please respond to Dana via email by COB Tuesday as to your travel preferences.

Options are:

1. NLOT Meeting on Monday afternoon, NFLC Tuesday thru Thursday, travel home Friday.
2. NFLC meeting Tuesday thru Thursday and NLOT meeting on Friday am with travel in the pm.

- Possible topics for the meetings:
 - Frank - S-520 feedback and where we go in the future with Line Officer participation.
 - Dana - Line Officer Award selections.
- Please send additional agenda topics ASAP to Dana and Becki for NLOT and/or NFLC meetings.

Other POW Updates

- Effectiveness of the Utilization of AAs - Sherry
 - Key message is that weekly conference calls are necessary to understand people's needs or availability.
 - See Sherry's follow-up email; who will your Region's point of contact be for these efforts? Reply due to email.
- S-520 - Frank
 - Successful S-520 session. Utilized a few new coaches: Shane Jeffries and Tawnya Brummett. There is still an opportunity to share the S-520 opportunity more broadly.
- Fire Fatalities & Serious Injuries - Lisa
 - See "Line Officer's Reference Guide for Death, Serious Injury and Medical Emergency" attachment (updated version from patty attached). Lisa is looking for feedback on the product itself, as well as how best to share and where the product should be located for best reference.
 - It is unclear as to who the keep of the document is; possibly Gail McCrary, WO Policy. Dana will follow-up.
 - There is a NIMO task group working on this topic. Dana will follow-up to ensure coordination and prevent duplication.
 - Question: "How does this effort connect with the 'You will not stand alone' session?"
 - This guide is directly hyperlinked to policies.
 - It is intended to be a checklist in "real time" and likely that it best belongs in the Line Officer's Desk Guide.
 - Becki recommends sending the product to Allen Nicholas to ensure it meets the original intent. Lisa will follow-up.
 - There is a Family Liaison guide being worked on in R6 and will also need to find a reference location.
 - Region 8 has a letter for "Leader's Intent on Unplanned Events" in the Southern Region. Mark will share the letter for reference.
- Line Officer Awards - Ed
 - It was discovered that the call for nominations didn't make it to NLOT group; Ed forwarded.
 - The intent is that NLOT review the awards during the April meeting.
 - It was agreed that the deadline be extended to April 15th which will allow NLOT members to better distribute the call for nominations.
 - It is encouraged that NLOT members get engaged and encourage nominations of peers considering that a lot of people really stepped up as line officers during tough fires.
 - Dana will work with Ed on the process utilized at the meeting to expedite due to the short meeting timeframe.
- Fire Management Planning Workshop Report Out - Ralph
 - The Fire and Fuels Planning Workshop was put on by the FAM group, led by Elizabeth Reinhart. The workshop was focused on spatial fire planning relative to forest plan revision.
 - Ralph will prepare a briefing package for Dana to send out.

- An important message is that it is critical in forest plan revision that fire is well represented; it has not been addressed well in previous forest plans across country.
- A “Hard Truth” is that we do not do a good job in pre-planning. Fire should be a driver and lack of clear objectives increases risk.
- Dan: Need for change is more urgent, who is contact; Bill Kruger and Rick Connell.

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Follow-Up Items

- All - Respond to Dana’s email regarding NLOT meeting options for spring meeting.
- All - Send Dana and Becki agenda topics for spring meeting.
- All - Respond to Sherry’s email regarding AA contact.
- Dana - Follow-up with NIMO and Gail McCrary regarding the “Line Officer’s Reference Guide” document.
- Patty - Send updated version of “Line Officer Reference Guide for Death, Serious Injury and Medical Emergency” to Dana for forwarding to the NLOT group.
- Mark - Send Dana the “Leader’s Intent Letter for Unplanned Events” to forward to NLOT.
- Ed - Extend the call for nominations for Line Officer Awards.
- Dana - Work with Ed on the process for Line Officer Award selections.
- Ralph - Send briefing package to Dana for forwarding to the NLOT group on the Fire/ Fuels Planning workshop.

Next NLOT Conference Call

- Friday, April 15th, 0900 Pacific/1000 Mountain/1100 Central/1200 Eastern.