

**SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE
SPRING MEETING
APRIL 6TH 2004
LIVINGSTON RFD**

Chair of SCZ = Bill Breedlove (absent) Julie Shea is acting Deputy FMO. Phil Perkins to preside over meeting. Jim Kalitowski is out of town. Diana Martin retired.

NRCG meeting in Belgrade next week, so if any agenda items, that need to be carried forward, let Bill know as he will be attending this meeting. Brett Waters is the representative for Fire Wardens to NRCG. Bob Fry is the representative for MT DES to NRCG and Greg Archie is the DNRC rep. We will be fairly represented at this NRCG spring meeting.

Operations report from Phil Perkins:

Need to maintain type 3 team list in the zone. Phil will be attending the R1 Team meeting in Spokane April 26-29. Northern Rockies is able to fill 6 teams this year. The need to find people to fill teams continues to be an issue nationally. WAKS-Water Accessory Kit System now available from the cache. Team liaison from R9 is Dave Boyd. We will continue to use Eastern area folks on teams this year to fill vacancies. Next Operations meeting is in Helena May 11-12, so if any items for the agenda get them to him to take forward.

New driving standards, Work/Rest, & R& R information out. Each agency needs to ensure up to speed on these. Also out is the AD Funding & Use Policy – Phil will send out this information.

Of Note for Action Item: *Need to figure out a way to cover travel and training for Local Government Type 2 Team members. The mechanism is there for type 1, but not type 2. Per Greg Archie, part of the issue is supporting Local government on teams. How can this be cleaned up for AD/EFF??*

Bryan Connelley brought up the payment of training costs for local government at the NRTC, this resulted in the DNRC being charged for training of local government instead of direct billing to the correct Rural Fire Department. Greg Archie also noted that the payment of Local government might actually be a DNRC issue which needs to be clarified on paper. There should be committee representative at the NRTC spring meeting.

New NIIMS with Homeland Security has to be implemented for local government. Not much different from way we do business now in the Federal arena.

Engine type brought up by Bryan Connelly and concerns that too many restrictions are being placed on cooperators in an effort to weed out the garbage equipment that is out there. *Equipment Committee needs to work closely with the Operations Committee on this issue. Bob Fry will be carrying this to the NRCG meeting next week.*

Training Report from Bryan Connelley & Rita Chandler:

Non typical year in that we haven't had as many nominations as in the past for the classes we are putting on here in the SCZ. D110 cancelled, S230/231 cancelled. S420/I400 will be put on this fall here in the Zone. Being revamped for all-risk and contracted out using Jim Steele. This will meet NWCG requirements even though it is geared towards local government.

Engine Academy has been changed to **June 4-6, 2004** this spring & located in Meagher county, Smith Creek. Southern Land Office will be supplying the kitchen this year for the academy. Interest in the meetings haven't been what it has been in the past for this either. Still need operations and logistics positions filled on the type 3 team.

April 14th at 1900 at the Wilsal VFD is the next engine academy meeting.

Back to Basics, Interagency Business Management open to everyone: **May 6-7 at Belgrade Fire Training Center.**

Needs analysis for 2005 will be done directly after SCZ meeting. Next NRTC Spring meeting will be held in Missoula on April 22-23rd. Bryan and Rita to attend.

15 FS people put through ICT3 recertification last week in Bozeman for the GNF and Beartooth folks. Currently this only a Forest Service requirement, so local government and DOI weren't included. FS still accepts other agency ICT3 qualified personnel.

The SCZ training page is on the Gallatin web page, please see there for updates and cancellations. It was suggested that we put the upcoming meeting dates there as well. *Rita will give those dates to Teri Seth, the fire web page master to update.*

Restrictions report by Julie Shea:

Will roll over 2003 version and update phone numbers for 2004. Things worked well 2003 season. Greg Archie is now the CLO contact. For Park county call the RFD, Sweetgrass call the Sheriffs office and for Gallatin county call Brett Waters or Bryan Connelley.

Communications plan by Gaylen Yeates:

Some changes in the frequencies—in the NRCC Frequency guide. These will be distributed this year to all. *Gaylen will send out a copy of the current SCZ Commo-Plan to all to insure updates are correct.*

BZC update – Dusty Rixford is new Aviation Dispatcher, Robin Goustad returning seasonal.

Resources: Exclusive helicopter stationed at Shenango this year. Contract will be 212 June 23-Sept 20, rappel capable.

2nd helicopter shared with the LCF stationed at White Sulphur, contract mid-July-Sept. 30.

WYIFC same as in the past with jumpers and plane on late June and the air-tanker on late July.

Prevention by Bob Fry:

Marianne Baumberger is our representative from SCZ, not here today. Park county has grant dollars for mitigation projects and he wants to coordinate jointly with other counties on mitigation programs. Next years Prevention workshop for R1/R4 will be held in Bozeman or Livingston. No dates yet, just a heads up that we may be involved.

GNF West Zone by Fred Jones:

Tim Brickell is dealing with fuels, so Jim Hansen will detail as suppression 4/4-7/4 and Brett Beagley 7/4-10/4. Four engines on the WZ this year, 1@Shenango, 2@BZN, 1@ Hebgen. New apprentice hired at Hebgen with Anna Anderson, AFMO as the direct supervisor.

Rx burning planned in Red Canyon, Grouse Creek, Taylor Fork, Fairy Lakes and Lee Metcalf.

Plan on doing a **Standards Refresher April 24th for Contractors** at the Bozeman District, contact is Jay Hauwiler. West Zone will coordinate **Fire School June 14th-19th in Bozeman** this season, contact is Steve Smith.

GNF East Zone by Mike Gagen:

The engine at D3 will be based out of the Gardiner fire department. One engine will be out at Mill Creek Interagency station with the other based out of the Livingston district. Big Timber will have a type 6 engine and one hand crew based there.

Vacancies on the East Zone are 2 Engine crew leaders 6/7 and one Asst. ECL.

Fire Refreshers planned are May 10th and June 11th in Livingston, contact is Mike Gagen. May 17th seasonals coming on.

Plan on seven day coverage June 27th. WZ will likely do the same.

Diana Allen: Started getting out fuels plots for sampling and working with predictive services. *It was suggested that this be posted to the web page She will give info to Fire Web page person for GNF.* Working on the EIS for Main Boulder fuels mitigation project.

Greg Archie for DNRC:

Bozeman CLO new office moved to Semital Way near the UPS office. Phone number still the same for reaching Jim Kalitowski. This is a state owned facility. They have hired a office position to fill in behind Diana Martin, but won't have the same fire representative responsibilities that Diana held. Jim Kalitowski will retire 12/31/2004, so they will be working on what to do with these positions. Call Helena DNRC for Greg when need a hand.

Park County by Bob Fry:

New weather radio put up there in Livingston. Another source of information through NOAA. 162.525 is the frequency on this. Homeland Security director for county is Frank Smith. Wildland Fire class completed for Park county and the road department went through the standards portion this year.

Gallatin County by Bryan Connelley:

There is a required communications plan that has to be done by the county dealing with responders and equipment. They are having a consultant come in for the needs analysis on procedures and equipment requirements. Fire frequency is separate from the all-risk in Gallatin County now. ICP trailer in Gallatin county is available now as is the cache trailer, located in Belgrade. FEMA fire grants are making a difference for the new heavy structure engines – 5 new in the valley now.

John Colberston is new full time training officer and is the Hazardous Materials contact. They are building a new training grounds area out in Belgrade.

YNP by Phil Perkins:

Fuels dryer than normal already this year and they didn't get the snow pack that they usually do. Expect an active season. Resources: Type 3 helicopter back on June 15-Sept 30th. Seven day coverage starts June 19th. Hiring an assistant dispatcher this season-no name yet. Irene Hoak will be helping out in Lauras' absence July 1st-Sept. 30th. Fire Use Module of 4 people are available if needed. Lead and Assistant are currently vacant. Engine foreman, Ryan Tripp currently on and available.

They are offering Standards Refresher: April 20, May 27, June 10, June 29th in Mammoth, contact Phil Perkins. Fire School is planned for June 21st -24th in Mammoth, contact again is Phil. Tim Klukas has moved to a Fire Use Manager trainee.

Note for Action Item: *Need to pull together the type 3 spreadsheet for 2004. Deadline is June 1st. Bob thinks he has electronic copy and will send out, he wants it back by 5/15. Gaylen will find out if Bill has the electronic final copy there.*

GYA FMO meeting is in Bozeman May 4-5. Phil Invited local partners if wish to attend. GYA Conf call 4/8. 8:30.

NFP Fuels Mitigation – Interagency committee meeting May 25-26 in Big Timber.

Mob Board representatives decided to do the drawing for engine rotation at the end of the meeting. Gaylen will get those notes pulled together and documented. Private representative, David Russell was not present. He will be notified.

Deputy Chair was voted to be Brett Water, Gallatin County Fire Chief at Belgrade for this year.

Next SCZ meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th 2004, 10:00 at the Park Co. RFD in Livingston.

Mike Gagen- EZ FMO/GNF

Fred Jones-WZ FMO GNF

Bryan Connelley- Gallatin Co/Training rep.

Gaylen Yeates – BZC Center Mgr.

Mike Bournazian – Bridger Fire-PVT

Rita Chandler – BZC Asst. CM/Training

Phil Perkins – FMO /YNP – Operations rep

Pete Lannan –EZ AFMO/GNF

Diana Allen –EZ AFMO/GNF

Bob Fry - Park Co / DES

Greg Archie – CLO DNRC

Jim Hansen – WZ GNF

Julie Shea - GNF / Restrictions
