

PNWCG Meeting
April 20, 2016

Attending:

Bob Johnson, DNR
Dan O'Brien, Acting for FS and BLM
Doug Grafe, ODF
Brett Fave, FWS
Brian Tonhika BIA
Mariah Rawlins, OSFM
Carol Connolly, Note Taker
Lorri Benefield, Facilitator

Next Meeting: May 18 at NWCC

Leaders Intent

Stay the course – small group today and be sure tasks are assigned appropriately

NMAC Correspondence

During team selection a deliberate process of placing agency members on the alternate list to primary C & G positions did not happen. There are still AD's as primary C & G members on IMTs. In the future, PNWCG would like to be more involved in the process and the tedious task of aligning agency applicants into IMTs. The process should be transparent. PNWCG will need to offer some administrative support to assist in the team selection to ensure the process is being followed.

ACTION: PNWCG to issue a task to outline the expectations of team selections to the GeoBoard for the 2017 season. Lorri will locate the letter from a few years ago that was issued to GeoBoard regarding the use of AD's. PNWCG will discuss at next PNWCG meeting.

Geoboard & PNWCG – roles need to be clearly defined – there is overlap and some confusion. Geoboard is about governance/guidance for the team management.

ACTION: Did not assign – Re-engage the GeoBoard operating plan and make sure roles are clearly defined and understood.

2016 Program of Work – All hazard IMT Deployment Task Order – need to be clear how these teams are formed and governed. ESF4 or 8 – may or may not meet the mission that we are tasked. Need to ensure the right mechanics are utilized. What does it mean to be all-risk? Are we properly trained to handle the task of an all-risk assignment? How do we support the teams to be successful (skill set and training)?

ACTION: Brett will work on the intent and training aspect and bring back to PNWCG. Add to May agenda as a follow-up.

IMT Meeting AAR

The hotel contract remains an issue. The contract includes meeting space for the Incident Business Management group. They did not use the space, which resulted in an additional bill for meeting space. The incident business aspects of the contract need to be outlined and not left to the IMT logistics.

ACTION: The Incident Business Committee liaison will request that a member of the committee work with the GeoBoard in developing upcoming IMT meetings. The Incident Business Committee chair will be the contact for the GeoBoard/IMT assigned. The addition of an Incident Business rep for the IMT meeting development should be included in the GeoBoard by-laws.

Other AAR comments included:

- There was adequate time for teams to meet
- Breakouts with the sections were successful
- Regional Interagency teams – PNWCG needs to change our language to reflect these changes
- Surprised that safety/fatalities were not highlighted or addressed
- Format of the meeting was good
- Fire Behavior section was well set up

NW Annual Operating Plan

Final copy has been distributed electronically

Need more explanation regarding p. 7 – contingency funding. What are the expectations of the partners? Dan will take back to LuAnn for clarification. Change language to NW Interagency Management Teams.

Need to clarify Interagency IMT Meeting – regarding funding and logistics. How much from each DOI partners – what are the mechanics between the agreements. Add the facilitation/coordination between the Incident Business Committee.

Summary of major changes:

- Use of inmate resources – updated agreement p. 5
- Added joint projects/project planning
- Adopt a team – who is paying and what team
- Clause 28 – operational control of aircraft
- IA fires agencies will only pay for flight hours used – extended attack incidents will pay for flight hours or minimum hours, whichever is greater.
- Cost share agreements – every effort will be made to have an agreement signed prior to the team leaving
- Exhibit B – deletions
- Exhibit G – Adopt a team added

ACTION: Signature page distributed – some signatures will wait until changes are made. Dan will send out when changes are made for electronic signatures.

Committee updates

ACTION: Lorri will provide a list of outstanding committee tasks orders for upcoming meetings to assist with reports.

Incident Business Management – working on their piece of the welcome package. Mariana drafted a task for all the committees for their input to the welcome package.

ACTION: Send to Lorri and will finalize at next meeting.

Integrated Resources

Matt Johnson - Fuels
Bill Slossen – Technology
Doug Grafe – CPI

CPI – fully functional organization – working on joint press release messaging
Technology – at next meeting will have a report out on status and direction (Barb Haney is a contact)
Fuels - at next meeting will have a report out on status and direction

Operations – meeting on April 21

Center Managers meeting scheduled for Friday, April 29. They are working on Successional planning with some progress. Center Managers are working with the Training committee to develop opportunities.

Safety - Shelby Gales took a new position and will be leaving next month – concerned (Bob Madden) and wants direction from PNWCG for Peer support and CISM tasking. SORO will fill with a 120 day detail in the interim. Need to define as an interagency community what PNWCG would like out of that position. Assist Bob with the tools to guide him through the Safety updates – clarify his information from the Safety webpage

MAC Exercise – May meeting

Walk through the book and daily process – need to spend a few hours on the exercise. This is Priority over other topics. Final messaging as we go into 2016 season.

ACTION: Lorri will send out the AAR from PNWCG/MAC - to review

Hot Topics

BIA

Staffing update – Continue to work on two NWCC positions (operations coordinator/meteorologist) – The operations coordinator position may be advertised soon, but will use a 120 detailer if needed. The Meteorologist PD is in HR and will also be looking at a 120-day detailer.

Aviation – Working on securing a Type 3 ship to be dispatched out of COIDC to have a 3-tier dispatch system. There may be an opportunity to create a position at COIDC (John Szulc is working on this)

DNR

Staffing update - Trying to hire a meteorologist and will tie in with folks at NWCC to create a capacity within DNR

Aviation – proposal for 6 seats - 2 in Omak, 2 in Deer Park and 2 in Dallesport

Legislation - 30 bills didn't come to be – but heard a lot of information from constituents. A few bills within the budget as it ties to aviation. DNR received the go ahead to add additional aviation positions to add capacity.

Asked for \$24 million and received just under \$7 million to be used on specific items.

Asked for \$6 million to work with local fire districts – received \$1 million

Eastern OR Agency Administrator Meeting

3 topics that they wanted to bring to PNWCG – handout

1. Establishing the incident paying agent – wants clarification – Doug willing to work with a federal partner to give clarification - Dan O'Brien will assist and report out at next meeting. Draft perspective from PNWCG
2. Multiple procurement agents for a single incident – wants clarification – same as above
3. Definition and utilization of "Theater of Operations" – there is concern and confusion on the ground. Would like a "white" paper explaining what it is. It is a concept of communicating when span of control is too large. Would like 1-2 pages describing the concept as a communication tool.

Under NW MAC (web) – resource allocation strategies – resource "re"allocation is listed. Maybe add clarity with a common message from PNWCG. We need to point people to this strategy.

ACTION: PNWCG 2016 letter – include the resource allocation strategy p. 10 and develop a draft (Lorri and Brian). Put concepts together for the 2016 season.

Malhuer Refuge update

- IMT still in onsite
- 16 weapons and 100,000 rounds of ammunition found
- 9 vehicles left/seized
- Building sustained major damage
- Due to the occupiers' food cache there was a rat infestation
- Damage to Native American burial sites
- Currently operating in Stage 4 of the post occupation plan

FWS staffing – fire business position to be hired within the month and will tie into Incident Business Committee.

Misc.

ACTION: Dan and Lorri will work on a PNWCG schedule/calendar and pass out at next meeting