

National Wildland Fire and Aviation System Coordination Group (SCG)

Meeting Minutes

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Round Robin:

Andy Gray (ICBS-R):

- ICBS Reengineering - There are printing difficulties in the beta test (on hold since Jan 2007). Making progress on other fronts where possible. John Noneman is working on getting authorization for BLM wireless networking (USFS has already given written authorization). In the short term, the delays mean we must continue to support the legacy ICBS longer. ICBS is relying upon the ROSS-ICBS help desk for user support services.
 - Comment from John Gebhard - The wireless authorization is on the BLM CIO's desk for signature. Verbal approvals are in place.

John Gebhard (BLM):

- A variety of topics related to the outcome of BLM's A-76 process:
 - 1st level desktop support is going to Denver; fire has been excluded. The support is 5x12 with people on call for the rest of the time; fire is concerned about needing 7x24 support. Implementation is scheduled for October 2007.
 - IT Security - BLM will retain the two-person staffing here at NIFC. Management will be split between John Gebhard and Washington DC.
 - The Certification and Accreditation (C&A) staffing may need more attention.
 - Interagency fire helpdesk proposal (on hold pending outcome of BLM's A-76 process) will go forward again if USFS is still interested (Mike Barrowcliff expressed that USFS is very interested).
- Rhonda Toronto (BLM-NIFC) is on a 90-120 day detail to work with Ronnie Levine (BLM).
- Natalie Wiklund (BLM-NIFC) has a new network assistant.
- FPA - There are rumors about fire reports, dissatisfaction with the accuracy of location data in legacy fire occurrence systems, and possibilities of fire location information being "backwashed" from FPA or PCHA into the legacy systems of record. Questions about formal processes and approvals are unanswered.
 - Mike Barrowcliff (USFS) - USFS is "pushing" data backward into their system of record; but they are confident their data is not being corrupted because they are journaling all of the changes.
 - **David Potter (BIA) - Volunteered to contact interested parties and try to gather more information on the subject. He will report back to the SCG at the next meeting.**

Erik Torres (NPS):

- DOI's active directory has a "security incident"; it is likely all passwords will need to be changed and tighter controls will be implemented. Details about the incident are not available at this time.
- NPS has hired a new part-time assistant for Erik.
- The NPS's VPN dial-up is still not functioning. Erik is exploring DOI's iPass for dial-up access to DOI's new VPN.
- CTSPGT is still looking at thin clients; perhaps testing will occur here at the fire center within NPS's office.

Mike Barrowcliff (USFS):

- USFS's FY2008 budget may have dramatic IT reductions (perhaps as large as a 33% cut). Looking to defer development and possibly cutting back on O&M. It could be rough if the projected cuts become reality.
- USFS is making progress with the NESS (FPA, ROSS, ICBS, FAMWEB, etc.) It is a complex task.
- Vaughn Stokes wants to bring CIOs to NIFC for a visit and perhaps to an active fire in late August 2007. This may be a great opportunity for the fire community to market our interagency environment.
- USFS's A-76 study is "off again" because USFS is reorganizing its business applications staff. The new organizational structure has been identified; but it has not been populated

yet. USFS Fire is not a priority. The national forest side may see significant reorganization.

- Possible date for the next Interagency Fire Workshop is in the fall of 2008. NPS and USFS will take the lead in organizing the effort. Additional discussion about the topic is deferred to the April 2007 IRMWT meeting.

David Potter (BIA):

- The NIFC North pedestrian gate is not operational. BLM maintenance is working on it.
- The FORS Study has been completed. NFAEB has approved its distribution. The report will be posted out on the NWCG web site under FENWT's web pages.

John Gebhard (BLM) - Additional comments:

- John Lutzow (BLM-NIFC) has built a standardized fire image (for PCs) for use by CTSPGT. The image has gone to the BLM Denver test lab.
- FY2009 Exhibit 53 request - Elyse Turkeltaub will be out to NIFC to talk with us about the FY2009 eCPIC request for Wildland Fire Enterprise Implementation. Lots of rumors, nothing is certain.

Future SCG Meetings (David Potter):

- Tentative dates for future SCG meetings are:
 - 13-Apr-2007
 - 11-May-2007
 - 8-Jun-2007
 - 6-Jul-2007
 - 3-Aug-2007
 - 31-Aug-2007
 - 28-Sep-2007
 - 26-Oct-2007
 - 30-Nov-2007 (delayed one week because of Thanksgiving Day holiday)
 - 21-Dec-2007
 - 18-Jan-2008