

**National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
Preparedness Branch
Incident Business Committee Conference Call
June 6, 2018**

Present:

Jamie Parker, FS
Sarah Fisher, FS
Christine Peters, NPS
Robin White, BIA
Reach Reedy, FWS
Jamie Wade, AQM
Robby Gross, NASF
Tim Blake, Branch Coordinator
Jeff Arnberger, Operations
Ben McGrane, AQM
Laura McIntyre-Kelly, GACC
Meg Geary, Executive Secretary

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Fall Meeting in October – FEMA Tour**

The Committee discussed the in-person fall meeting and members' clearance to travel to a FEMA location. Sarah will work with Allen Wineland, FEMA Coordinator, to determine the best location, date and time, and bring the information to the next IBC conference meeting.

- **National Emergency Rental Vehicles (NERV) – update**

Ben gave a briefing on the progress of the National Emergency Rental Vehicle program. The primary award is close to completion. The Task Group and the vendor are still negotiating some issues. The goal is to award the primary package later this week. Juanita Dickson, from the Pacific NW Region, will assist as the point of contact for all regions participating in the NERV pilot. NERV currently consists of four geographical areas: the Southwest, Northwest, Southeast and Northeast regions. The billing method is a work in progress with continuing discussions as the pilot moves forward.

NWCG IBC will send out a message when the primary award is complete and ready for use.

- **IBC Business Review Task Group – Members confirmed**

Sara gave an update on the IBC Business Review Task Group membership, noting that the State representatives were still seeking participants. Robby Gross confirmed that Brenda Evan, from South Dakota State Wildland Fire, would participate for the State and that he will enquire of the Southern Area on his IBC update conference call with them tomorrow. Ben McGrane has agreed to be the IBC Business Review Task Group Lead.

Jamie will send out the confirmed member list later this week after Robby's call.

- **May IBC Meeting follow ups:**

- **Service Animals FAQ**

Jamie is waiting for feedback form FS and DOI Human Resource Offices on the wording in the form.

- **Advanced Cost Course**

Jamie will submit a Request for Change to the OTC to make the course a standalone NWCG course and report to the Committee the outcome.

- **IBC Field Liaisons**

Jamie will send out a letter from NWCG IBC to all the GACC chairpersons in the near future.

- **AD CDL Drivers**
AD CDL Drivers must comply with the DOT Driving Regulations for CDL drivers and be enrolled in a drug and testing program. Marcus Medina, Chair for the National Cache Managers Unit, said there has been good response from the FS Caches but he is still waiting to hear from the DOI Caches.
- **SIIBM**
Jamie and Sarah met with Tim Blake and several people from NWCG training team to discuss the future of the SIIBM. The goal is to get on the Program Board's priority list an application development for the SIIBM. Jamie will share any further information as it becomes available.
- **AD PDs Review Task Group**
Robby and Robin are the Leads on this task group and Jamie Parker has agreed to assist with the program. The first conference call was today and the process was determined with Robby, Robin and Jamie acting as lead for individual AD PDs. was purposed. A statement letter will be sent to out NWCG committees to gather assistance and SMEs for the project. The due date for the AD PDs is October 1.
- **Round Robin:**
 - **Sarah** – nothing
 - **Robin** – nothing
 - **Reach** – nothing
 - **Jamie W.** – nothing
 - **Ben** - nothing
 - **Robby** – nothing
 - **Tim** – Suggested use of the SIIMB instead of S260 for trainings with sections identified per operation positions. In addition, NWCG Training would like to assign a training shop liaison to assist IBC with the workload.
 - **Jeff** – BLM has new leadership with John Ruse as the Assistant Aviation Director and Division Chief for Fire Operations is Aaron Baldwin.
 - **Laura** – The new NICC Center Manager will be announced this Friday.

Next conference call is July 11.