

Great Basin Training Committee Conference Call Notes

January 19, 2016

Cherie Ausgotharp- Chair	UT BLM Rep	Shane Freeman	UT Rep
Heather McDonald	E ID/WY Zone Rep	Casper Urbanek	W ID Zone Rep
Cindy Savoie	NV BLM Rep	Matt Nielsen	USFS Rep
Kim Osborn	USFS	Spencer Gregory	NV Zone Rep
Mark Skudlarek	GBRU	Dirk Huber	UT Zone Rep
Ross Wise	FWS Rep	Jason Loomis	NPS Rep
Jan Williams	Admin	Kelly Woods	GBTU/ID BLM

Roll Call

GBTC Webpage Update

- Need clear direction on how the GBTC Call Notes can be posted on our website.
 - Jan will forward monthly Call Notes to Mark once approved by Cherie.

300 + Courses Requests

- Explore ways to advertise courses to local units, i.e., post on our website or possibly generate a working document for distribution to local units.
 - Cherie will check with Rose if she has a current list.
 - Jan will compile all lists available and forwarded to the committee.
- I-300 request from the Salmon-Challis NF. April 6-7 at Ranger District in Challis, Idaho.
- Ross requested S-330 approval. April 12-14 in Las Vegas. Local need; if have room will open up to all.
 - ✓ Both approved by committee.

Spring Meeting in St. George, UT

- GBTU folks unable to attend on the April 19th start date.
- One day meeting was not enough time for business at the previous spring meeting.
- Kim advised that the committee should get hotel reservations now as numerous activities in St. George during this time.
- Logistics assigned to Shawn at fall meeting.
 - ✓ Meeting dates changed - April 20th thru the 21st

Priority Trainee Program

- Are the Spreadsheet and Nomination form okay this go around? Any item or formatting edits needed?
- Will honor late nominations but go to the bottom of the priority list.
 - Change date to reflect 2016 on both forms
 - If possible edit columns to follow along with the nomination form sequence.
 - Delete ICT4
 - Jan - change the above recommendation to the spreadsheet and resend by this Friday, Jan. 22nd.

- Kelly - Edit the Nomination form and resend to committee by end of week.
- Spreadsheet due to Zone Rep by April 1st
- Spreadsheets due to Jan by April 13th

Great Basin Training Needs Analysis

- Kelly will edit form (L-481 and couple other items) and send out to committee by end of the week on January 22nd.

Round Robin

Heather – Gearing up for the Priority Training process

Casper – None

Spencer – Working to get local MOU's signed. DXTC signed their MOU.

Dirk – Transitioning with Nonie as the UT Zone Rep

Kim – Have additional room at the Engine Academy in April. She is accepting more nominations.

Matt – Pass

Mark – the GBTC roster has been posted on our website. Open slots for RX 410 Feb. 1-5, accepting nominations posted on nationalfiretraining.net.

Cindy – Nothing

Cherie – Engine Workshop May 9-13th. Send nominations to Cheri.

Ross – Nothing

Shane – Working with the Area Office for the annual fire departments workshop.

Kelly – GBTU super busy. The RX301/RX341 issue paper awaiting NWCG and NWCG Fuels Mgmt approval. NWCG Fuels Mgmt not fully on board but will be the room for the discussion.

Ross commented that they are anticipating a problem with the fuels management folks mentoring the pre-work. The Fuels group is busy w/sage grouse issues. He asked if perhaps another option than using the Fuels group for mentoring. Kelly will look at it; what they need is a Proctor for the pre-work. The benefit with the blended course is a week of travel eliminated. But the students need to be dedicated because it's a pretty robust course.

Cert out for shared admin. position with the smokejumper program.

L-481 cancelled – NWCG didn't look at the materials so the top candidates can either attend the Northern Rockies or perhaps Rocky Mountain trainings. Those with nominations have been contacted. North West may add one in May. S-420 offered in South West.

OTC has approved the revision of S420. The NWCG Training Program will lead the revision. S481 and S420 may be held next training season.

All units will use the same process when prioritizing the Great Basin Priority Trainee nominations. The process will follow the same path as the training prioritization - Local Units, Co-Ops (ID), Zones and lastly the GBTC. The GB Priority Trainee Nomination Form will be used to inform all of the prioritization process. Position Task Book completion percentage is a large factor in prioritization, but local units are allowed flexibility with a justification noted on the form.

Rick Belger is the GBTC Coordinating Group Liaison. He has indicated that he received the committee's request for clarification on various items discussed at the fall meeting.

Next call Feb 16th, MST 1000, PST 0900.