

NWCG IBC September 13, 2023

Attendees: Dave Burley, Chair; Carmen Thomason, Branch Coordinator; Heather Good, FS; Julie Bennet, NPS; Tony Beard, BLM; Jennifer Hebbeler, BIA; Kellin Crill, FWS; Jeff Arnberger, Ops; Amy Lancaster, Dispatch; Saren Whitney, Exec. Secretary.

Fall/December meeting location

Discussed a variety of locations to meeting including Everglades, Great Smokey Mountains, Saguaro, and North Cascades. December 4-8, 2023

Everglades was chosen as the first choice because it has an Rx fire component that would be good for the group to experience.

Recommend Saguaro as a second choice.

Next Steps: Each member needs to discuss with their Fire Director to gain approval. Julie will send talking points on information we can gain and benefits of visiting this location.

ADs being ordered based on quals not on complexity of incident.

ADs are being ordered this way and this may need to be addressed in next year's AD pay plan. Need to emphasize the policy. People with CIM on their red card believe that they are entitled to the higher pay rate, even if incident complexity doesn't warrant it.

Use the complexity analysis to order appropriate resources for the complexity of the incident. An operationally Type 3 fire may have the need for a higher complexity logistics and finance section.

International Travel for ADs

DOI has a proposal regarding the allowance of AD employees for international travel. There would be an additional requirement for fingerprinting and background checks. The FS has already instituted the change to allow ADs to respond internationally.

Hazard Pay

The Forest Service is actively exploring the opportunity to allow for Hazard Pay for prescribed fire incidents. If implemented, there would need to be an update to FS policy, which would, in turn, require a change in the SIIBMH.

If the Forest Service does make the change, we can address potential edits to the SIIBMH during the December meeting.

e-ISuite/IRWIN

There have been some very FS-specific change requests for e-ISuite. Business process changes are being requested that they are hoping to accomplish through e-ISuite (e.g., e-signatures in the program. Changes in the program rather than pen and ink corrections).

Business process changes should go through the IBC. The change board hasn't been approving business process changes for now.

Next Steps: Add to the December agenda. Heather will send out the change requests that have been received prior to the meeting.

Round Robin:

Bonny (FS): N/A

Jeff (Ops): N/A

Julie (NPS): Nothing to add.

Tony (BLM): Nothing to add.

Jenifer (BIA): Nothing to add.

Kelin (FWS): New Director, Ed Christopher, has started as of Monday.

Jamie (AQM): N/A

Heather (FS): FEMA activations- desire to start using the G-invoicing platforms when we subtask. Would like to have resolution prior to activations.

Brenda Even (NASF): N/A

Amy (Dispatch): Nothing to add.

Saren (ES): Nothing to add.

Dave (Chair): Nothing to add.

Carmen: Next week there is a meeting regarding the quote for the video BPA for training. NWCG – IRPG is open for comments. Sarah Lee started as the Deputy Program Coordinator.

Next Call October 11th.