

MNICS Task Force Meeting

3/28/2019

0900-1530

MIFC 3 or Conference Call 1 available – 888.742.5095; code 856 204 8339

Attendees: Seth Grimm, Cory Berg, Ron Stoffel, Kurt Fogelberg, Chase Marshall, Roy Holmes, Leanne Langeberg

Special Guests: Brenda Frenzel (FS)

AGENDA ITEM (NOTE: These are in no particular order)

NOTES

<p>MIFC Building & Budget</p>	<p>Budget report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting on a few outstanding invoices, not certain if once received there will be extra funding available. The furniture invoice has been received. - Front building steps project will start 3/29/19 and be completed by 3/30/19. The bid was \$3,000 and that is not in the current spreadsheet. - No major roof leaks reported. However there is still snow on the roof. - The \$7000 radio upgrade, has been accounted for. Next on radio needs - equipment for the national flight following the guard has been purchased, not set up. Equipment changes at MIFC for Air Guard has been purchased. - Check in with Rebekah regarding Dispatch Counsels. - BIA moved \$13,800 into the coop funds for the Grand Portage project, it was short by \$400. Pat (DNR) purchased the equipment last week. - Request for Rebekah and Tasha to talk about what has been contracted that is still outstanding. <p>Building report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MIFC generator failed to shut down last month after routine one hour start-up. Light House Power Solutions called in to shut down. LED screen that controls the switch is failing. Replacement estimate \$6,000. 4/4/19 is the next scheduled start-up, will see if failure occurs again. TF approves fixing the LED and switch. - Generator purchased in 2004, worked fine until now. Shelly will investigate the purchase details. Brian will ask about the lifespan to help determine if we need to prepare to replace in the next 5 years. - Brian has contacted the Forest Service architect. He provided the 3 dates Rebekah offered to meet with the TF, awaiting response.
<p>Request from Logistics WT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roy will lead discussion 	<p>Additional discussion to WT report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITSS and GISS – want to make sure that they have the ability if there is a need from the cache. This year we are good to go for the teams - They need to adjust. They will use it to get started, and then they are breaking it down as the assignment continues.

<p>Agreement discussion with Brenda Frenzel - @ 1000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MNICS cooperative agreement was how agencies moved funding in the past. Moving forward MNICS agreement will retain authority specific to MN and clauses about sharing resources that pertain only to MN. - If the coop agreement references National Mobilization or master plan it must be move to the master agreement. The MNICS plan must reference if it is tied to the Master Agreement. - HSEM will sign both the Master Agreement and the MNICS agreement. If a Stafford Act event occurs, HSEMs signature allows them to work cooperatively. - Northeast Regional Forester will sign the Master Agreement. - Brenda is working with Rebekah, and willing to work with the TF to determine what needs to go into the Master Agreement. Paul Lundgren or Ron Stoffel should be a part of the meeting, and Tom Remus has expressed interest in being involved. - Tribal agreements, if not moving funding, could be MOUs. The Forest’s shared protection plan will need to be looked at further. - TF will begin working on agreement at the June TF meeting in Voyageurs. Rebekah will identify the team. <p>Cache agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOI RX burns have no agreement with MIFC Cache to pay for refurbished or missing equipment. DOI may need to establish an interagency agreement. Could a clause to the financial plan that identifies the transfer of funds be added? - The operating plan talks about the Forest Service direct to the State support of RX fires, but the other agencies are not included in the agreement. Possible a Service First agreement 7600B form could be set up. - Must make certain MNICS plan includes language about the Cache and the Symbols program. - In the operating plan or financial plan include a statement “park service upon availability of funds can support project requirements.”
<p>Other - Contract with St. Luke’s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the contract with St. Luke’s for a medical director still necessary with the T3 IMTs? The current contract goes through June. The medical director provides validity, oversight and support to a medical unit on an incident should there be a need. - Typically Type 3 teams do not have medical contracts, but with the academy TF would like to keep in place. <p>Questions about the contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost to keep the contract? - Do we leave ourselves open to liability if there’s no contract? - Does this medical contract cover an EA team? - Need to do more research before final decision. Check what EA has in place, and would the St. Luke’s contract cover an EA team if they came to MN.

<p>2019 Academy Type 3 IMT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type 3 would be effective at managing the academy. Greg or Mike could sign off task books and serve as support to T3 IC. - Request a one day briefing meeting from previous Type 2 team with Type 3 team three months prior. - Because of instructor obligation will need to hand select team. Forest Service budget won't allow for travel, this will determine who can support the team this year. - AD's cannot be involved as team members for the academy but can be instructors. - Todd accepted TF recommendation to be a Type 3 team, but advised that PIO and liaison coordination is a high priority, and to assure that the logistics does not fall on to one person.
<p>Training WT – Additional representation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a non-fire State division program will let their burn boss use a fire code, then they can code their instructor training time to the fire code. - Sending Burn Boss member from ECO/Trails/Wildlife/Parks to the Training WT is o.k. as non-voting member. DNR will only ever have one vote. If a division has training needs they should be able to step up and help out the Training WT. - Ron will ask Paul how non-forestry divisions get paid for fire related job duties.
<p>Dispatch Workshop Budget Request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TF supports the workshop, but agreed to hold off until 2020 and will revisit at the December annual meeting for the final approval. - Federal agencies should place any leftover year end funding into the coop to prepare for the workshop.
<p>Individual Agency Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BIA – will be filling a fuels specialist position. Brining on a 8/9 detailer for the operations specialist position this spring season. – - 4 Engine replacements - Red Lake-2, White Earth-1, Fon du Lac-1 - Fon du Lac – selected a Forester (FMO position), individual declined offer. Robert LaPlant will help out in the interim. - Director of wildlands Mille Lacs resign. BIA will bring in engines until decision made how to proceed. - Aviation Tom Schakmann managing the Bemidji Base – opening Monday. Next week will go to 7 day staffing. - Radio – bringing Boise Forte and Grand Portage on, the MOU is ready for Rebekah's signature. Working on a Draft operating plan. - Agreement for sharing fire resources with the FS is signed. - Working on MOU with TNC for RX burning. - U of MN Forestry, Cloquet wants to do RX burning and reached out to Fon du Lac for training, but not at the level to support. Leech Lake has established an agreement with TNC, they have similar goals that line up with Leech Lake. Will try to get an MOU in place. <p>DNR –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The process has started to fill in Tom's job. DNR staff are filling in to support during the interim. - Ron's job will be posted for a month, he will stay until July, and train new hire.

- Starting to bring on aircraft. Will put a helicopter down in the north metro (Sandstone or Hinckley) within a week. No plan for a SEAT yet.
- No outlook for dippable season.
- We are a support agency for HSEM floods. Would most likely be cache support.

FWS

- Bring in detailer mid-April.
- Career season GS-5 Kristen Bauer Morris starting end of April.
- Erik Mark GS-9 at Glacial Ridge starting mid-April.
- No budget – 5 million budget to fuels, but will be strictly mechanical. Budgets by June.
- Submitted request to increase funds for a GS-8 dispatcher in 2020.

NP

- Budget woes similar to FWS – Zoned with North Dakota, plan to go after equipment.
- Continue to work on hiring.
- Waiting for ice and snow to melt.

HSEM

- Focus is flooding - State EOC level 2 for another month. There are 3 levels (we are still partial not 24/7)
- Looking into the exercise with the OPP – Ontario Provincial Police. Utilizing the EMAC and programs, the NEMAC PAC on developing the exercise. They are asking HSEM to take part in the exercise, MNICS TF welcome to join the exercise.

FS

- Helicopter accident last night 1 fatality confirmed. Investigation pending.
- Regional FMO meeting in Milwaukee – Not much on blending State and Private
- Budget – Regionally short – cuts to the fields. 200% shortfall. Target went up.
- FLT meeting – has moved to the 4th week and will overlap with the Task Force meetings. Can we move the Task Force meetings to the 3rd week? Seth, Corey, Kurt support.
- AD hiring Superior NF is taking on more AD's 4-5 retired forest service. AD budget not impacted.
- Aviation – Ely helicopter came on early helping Mark Twain
- May 21st to June 15th Type one helicopter in Ely.
- Utilizing the Job Corps groups from the Chequamegon Nicollet NF.
- First burn will be Wet Meadows on the Chippewa – 7 to 10 days. Getting some help from the DNR.
- Talking about reorganization of the Forests. The Chequamegon Nicollet will add to the Chippewa/Superior FMO.

Next meeting: April 25th via conference call