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### **Fire Management Program Center (FMPC) Program Efficiencies Actions**

As part of a recent program efficiencies review of the FMPC, the Lessons Learned Center Program (NPS position) and the Training and Qualifications Program were merged with the Operations Program. While these programs were working closely before, this reorganization will reduce the span of control for the FMPC Fire Director. The expanded program is now known as the National Wildland Fire Operations and Training Program. Feel free to contact the appropriate programmatic contact identified below, or Paul Broyles, the Program Leader, if you have further questions.

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### **National Burned Area Rehabilitation (NBAR): Primary Contact – Rich Schwab**

The primary objective of the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) program is to prescribe Emergency Stabilization (ES) treatments to minimize threats to life or property or to stabilize and prevent further unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources resulting from the threats of flash flooding or debris flows after a wildfire. The Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR) component of the program repairs or improves lands damaged directly by a wildland fire; and rehabilitates or establishes healthy, stable ecosystems in the burned area.

Emergency Stabilization treatments are planned actions performed by burned area emergency response (BAER) teams within one year of wildfire containment. Burned Area Rehabilitation treatments are efforts undertaken within three years of wildfire containment to repair or improve fire-damaged lands unlikely to recover naturally to management approved conditions, or to repair or replace minor facilities damaged by fire. The process concludes with long-term restoration.

ES is part of the Emergency Operations appropriation and BAR is a separate non-emergency fixed appropriation.

Information on the BAER program may be found at the following website:

<http://fire.r9.fws.gov/ifcc/esr/homeold.htm>.



## **Rural Fire Assistance (RFA):** Primary Contact – Rich Schwab

The Rural Fire Assistance program is designed to increase firefighter safety and enhance the fire protection capabilities of rural fire departments. These goals will be achieved by assisting those departments in meeting or exceeding accepted standards of wildland fire qualifications, training and performance. Emphasis is placed on departments that protect rural communities, play a substantial cooperative role in the protection of federal lands, and are associated with Department of the Interior (DOI) managed lands.

To ensure consistency and compatibility with existing rural fire assistance programs, the DOI Bureaus will work with each other and the State Foresters (or State Fire working group) to coordinate funding of Rural Fire Departments and Volunteer Fire Departments to ensure funding is allocated to appropriate departments.

In Fiscal Year 2006, the Department of Interior is preparing to implement the “Ready Reserve” program (RRP). DOI has benefited from long-term cooperative fire protection relationships with Rural Fire Departments and recognizes that basic wildland fire training is essential to ensure firefighters are safe, efficient, and effective during initial and extended attack activities. Over time, the RRP seeks to enhance wildland firefighting capacity and capability at the local level by providing quality training and technical assistance to local fire departments.

### **Key Points of Ready Reserve Program (RRP)**

- In the first year of its implementation, the RRP will focus funding on established wildland fire training academies and programs to provide training opportunities to eligible rural cooperators.
- The focus of the training will be from basic Firefighter Type 2 through single resource boss and positions identified to fill local Type 3 Incident Management Teams. It is anticipated that 6 to 8 training programs will be selected for funding through the RRP in Fiscal Year 2006.

## **Federal Fire and Aviation Safety Team (FFAST):** Primary Contact – Al King

FFAST is comprised of the wildland fire safety representatives from the primary federal wildland fire management agencies (BIA, BLM, NPS, USFS, USFWS). The FFAST website is found at [http://www.nifc.gov/safety\\_study/ffast.html](http://www.nifc.gov/safety_study/ffast.html). A brief summary of FFAST initiatives are listed below:

- Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) – A one-stop-shopping resource for refresher training instructors. The website site offers guidance, agency policies, emerging issues, training materials and topics to assist instructors preparing to conduct annual fireline safety refresher training (<http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/index.htm>). The website will be updated for 2006 on January 31.



- Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Video - On behalf of the federal wildland fire agencies, the BLM will be producing the 2006 refresher video/DVD. Expected availability is February 2006.
  - Copies of the video/DVD will be sent to each regional office and FIREPRO funded park around mid February. Additional copies of the video are available for purchase from Custom Recording and Sound, 208-344-3535 or [customorders@cablone.net](mailto:customorders@cablone.net).
  - In addition to the video/DVD, students will need a student workbook and the Incident Response Pocket Guide, NFES #1077. Copies of the 2006 Facilitator's Guide and Student Workbook will be available for downloading in February from the BLM Training Unit website at [www.fire.blm.gov/training/blmtrng/blmtrng.html](http://www.fire.blm.gov/training/blmtrng/blmtrng.html).
  - As with 2005, no satellite broadcast of the refresher video is planned for 2006.
- 6 Minutes for Safety – The 2006 calendar is scheduled to be updated on the website in January 2006 ([http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)).
  - All NPS units should have the 6 Minutes for Safety integrated into their daily schedule of activities.
- Interagency Radio Website: A new and improved website for the new generation narrowband/digital radios is available at <http://radios.nifc.gov/>.
- Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) Library – An interagency library of wildland fire management related JHAs that can be referenced and utilized as templates for units to prepare site specific JHAs for their projects and activities. The website can be accessed at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/people/jha/jha\\_index\\_www.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/people/jha/jha_index_www.html).

### **NWCG, Safety & Health Working Team (SHWT):** Primary Contact – Al King

SHWT is comprised of wildland fire safety representatives from the primary federal wildland fire management agencies and regional representatives from the states. SHWT's primary purpose is to improve fire personnel safety and health in the wildland fire environment. Specific safety and health recommendations are made for NWCG implementation. The SHWT website is found at <http://www.nwcg.gov/teams/shwt/index2.htm>. A brief summary of highlights are listed below:

- SAFENET – A method for reporting and resolving safety concerns encountered in wildland fire, prescribed fire or all risk operations. The fiscal year 2005 SAFENET summary is scheduled to be finalized in November. The summary contains informative trends in wildland fire safety issues and can be accessed from the SAFENET website (<http://safenet.nifc.gov/>) by clicking on the "Reviews" link. SAFENETs can be filed:
  - electronically at the same web address
  - postage paid mail-in form (PMS 405-2, NFES 2633)
  - telephonically by calling 1-888-670-3938



- Safety Alerts – The Safety Alert system is a web-based system that sends the alerts as an email message to a list of recipients within each agency. Those recipients in turn forward the message as soon as possible to subordinates, coworkers and others within their organization. The expectation is that the messages will continue to be forwarded down to the lowest levels and that they will receive a wide distribution in a short period of time.
  - ***We continue to receive reports that these alerts get stuck at the FMO level. It is essential that FMOs and FPMAs forward these alerts to their fire staff and all personnel involved in wildland fire management including the “militia”.***
  - A listing of all Safety Alerts and additional information can be obtained at <http://www.nwccg.gov/teams/shwt/safetyalerts2.htm>.
- Safety Gram – The Safety Gram is an annual summary of wildland fire fatalities, entrapments and serious accidents. This document helps to illustrate trends in wildland fire accidents. The Safety Gram for the 2004 calendar year is available at <http://www.nwccg.gov/teams/shwt/safetygram2.htm>. The 2005 Safety Gram should be completed and ready for distribution in late January.
- T&D Publications – In cooperation with the SHWT, Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) and San Dimas Technology and Development Center (SDTDC) publications were made available on the web at [www.fs.fed.us/t-d/](http://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/). Website visitors will need to provide a user name (t-d) and a password (t-d) to be allowed access. A wide range of wildland fire safety related publications are available. Recent publications include “Inspecting and Repairing Your Chain Saw Chaps”, “Incident Sign Installation Guide” and a crew cohesion paper.
- Historic Wildland Firefighter Fatalities – A database of wildland fire fatalities, going back to 1910, is located at <http://www.nifc.gov/reports/>.

**Federal Interagency Wildland Fire Medical Qualification Standards:** Primary Contact – Al King

- The interagency wildland fire medical standards continue to be implemented on a geographic area basis. The Southwest, Northwest, Southern California, Northern California, Alaska, Eastern Great Basin and Western Great Basin Geographic Areas are already on line. FY06 implementation is ongoing in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Geographic Areas. The schedule calls for the NPS, BLM and USFWS to complete program implementation in FY07 in the Eastern and Southern Geographic Areas.
- The BIA has completed implementation bureau wide and the USDA-Forest Service is undertaking full program implementation in the Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Alaska Geographic Areas.
- Additional information on the interagency wildland fire medical standards is available at [http://www.nifc.gov/medical\\_standards/](http://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/). You should review the "What's New" and "Frequently Asked Questions" sections as well as the “Implementation Status Flowcharts” for your particular geographic area.



- One day training courses have been offered each fall to assist with program implementation. Interagency training sessions for the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Geographic Areas have been announced and are listed at <http://safenet.nifc.gov/ffastmed.nsf>.

### **Fire Program Review Template:** Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

Fire program reviews of parks are conducted on scheduled or periodic bases by regional and national staff, but with the exception of the Intermountain Region, there is no standard format or template for those reviews. To address this, a task group comprised of park, regional and national level staff (fuels, administrative, operations, management) has been identified to develop two templates, for both park and regional office reviews. This task group will also look at structural and aviation review issues as well, to see if they can be included in the standard templates. The first meeting should occur before the Christmas Holidays; drafts should be available for test use by early spring, 2006.

A five-year schedule for regional office reviews will be developed concurrently.

### **Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2005 (“Red Book”):**

Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

- The 2005 Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations is undergoing revision for 2006, with the comment period already concluded. The next Operations Briefing update will contain information about significant changes. The 2006 edition should be available in January, 2006.
- The 2005 Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations is also available electronically at <http://www.fire.blm.gov/Standards/redbook.htm>.

### **Incident Response Pocket Guide:** Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

- The Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG) has been widely utilized by wildland fire personnel as a field reference. The most current version is dated January 2004 (PMS 461, NFES 1077). Note that the Incident Complexity Analysis on page 16 needs to have the following added:  
“If you checked ‘Yes’ on 3 to 5 of the analysis boxes, consider requesting the next level of incident management support.”
- The IRPG is currently being updated and will be published by January, 2006.

### **Interagency Fire Preparedness Review Guide:** Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

- NPS Operations recently lead an extensive interagency effort to update the Interagency Fire Preparedness Review Guide, which has not been revised on an interagency basis since its draft development in 1999.



- It is NPS policy to conduct preparedness reviews annually to ensure fire response readiness. This 2005 draft guide is to be used this year, with field comments due back to Lisa Elenz, Fire Management Officer at Grand Teton National Park, by January 16, 2006. A final "Interagency Fire Preparedness Review Guide" will be completed in February 2006. The draft guide is available online at: [http://www.nifc.gov/references/prep\\_review.html](http://www.nifc.gov/references/prep_review.html).

**Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1):** Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

The NWCG Incident Operations Standards Working Team has revised the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1). The revised draft has been out for field review, with final publication anticipated in January, 2006.

**Agency Administrator's Guide to Critical Incident Management (PMS 926):** Primary Contact – Al King

The Agency Administrator's Guide to Critical Incident Management (PMS 926) is undergoing a substantial revision and is currently unavailable in hard copy. In the interim, a draft 2005 version (minor updates from the previous version) is available on the web for downloading at <http://www.nwcg.gov./pms/pubs/pubs.htm>.

**Revisions to Reference Manual 18, Wildland Fire Management (RM-18):** Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

- On Jan. 24, 2005, a number of chapters in RM-18 were revised and posted to the website. These include:
  - Chapter 3 – Standards for Operations and Safety
  - Chapter 6 – Training, Qualifications and Certification
  - Chapter 7 – Preparedness
  - Chapter 9 – Wildland Fire Management
  - Chapter 10 – Fuels Management
  - Chapter 19 – Business Administration
- NPS Director's Orders and Reference Manuals can be found at <http://data2.itc.nps.gov/npspolicy/DOrders.cfm>.

**NPS Fire Credentialing Program:** Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

- The NPS Associate Director for Operations-approved fire credentialing program has been reconstituted at the FMPC, and new expanded guidance from WASO has been issued. Increased accountability has been obtained through definitive issuance, tracking and disposition procedures, with review and approval at regional and national levels. The National Fire Credentials Program Manager is Sheila Williams, Structural Fire Administrative Program Specialist.



- Information about and instructions for the Fire Credentials may be found at <http://inside.nps.gov/waso/custommenu.cfm?lv=3&prg=358&id=3395>

### **Dan Holmes Fatality:** Primary Contact – Al King

- The Investigation Report, Management Review and Corrective Action Plan were released in April 2005 and are available at [http://www.nps.gov/fire/fire/fir\\_wil\\_healthandsafety.html](http://www.nps.gov/fire/fire/fir_wil_healthandsafety.html).
- The Corrective Action Plan identified ten recommended actions. All of these have been accomplished except for the NPS Fireline Leadership Training Plan and the NPS Line of Duty Death Protocol. Both of these are awaiting final review and approval.
- One of the identified corrective actions was the preparation of an interagency Hazard Tree Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) template. This JHA is available on the web at [http://www.nifc.gov/safety\\_study/ffast.html](http://www.nifc.gov/safety_study/ffast.html). The intent of the JHA is to serve as a model for field units to prepare hazard tree JHAs at the local level. The template JHA should be modified as needed to meet the specific work conditions and requirements of the individual parks and projects.

### **NWCG, Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS):** Primary Contacts – Mark Koontz and Donna Kreiensieck

IQCS is the system of record for incident qualifications and certification. Implementation of the system is complete with NPS, FS, FWS, BIA, BLM and TNC using this system to track training and qualifications and to print red cards. The IQCS website is found at <http://iqcs.nwcg.gov> and the help desk number is (877) 256-4727 or (208) 947-3755.

### **Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Standards and Guide (IFPM Standard):** Primary Contact – Mark Koontz

The IFPM Standard identifies fourteen (14) key fire management positions, common to the fire federal wildland fire management agencies that affect employee safety. The IFPM Standard establishes “Minimum Qualification Standards” and competencies for each of the 14 positions. The minimum qualification standards include: OPM Qualification Standards; Specialized Experience; NWCG qualifications; and additional required training,

- Implementation began on October 1, 2004 and will continue through October 1, 2009.
- Regional NPS IFPM Fire Management representatives have been established to aid in communication from the field to the IFPM Implementation Team.
- Issues, comments or questions should be submitted through your regional IFPM representative to the National IFPM representative.
- Updates on implementation, Decision Papers, Errata Sheets, and status reports can be found on the IFPM website <http://ifpm.nifc.gov>.



### **Technical Fire Management:** Primary Contact – Mark Koontz

Technical Fire Management (TFM) is designed to improve the technical proficiency of fire management specialists beyond the level that may be attained through on-the-job training by applying the most current fire-related technology to the management of fire-dependent ecosystems.

- Subject matter includes fire ecology, fire behavior, fuels management, data analysis, economics and finance.
- This training is for current career and career-conditional employees that are fire management officers, fuels/prescribed fire specialists, and suppression specialists at the GS 5-11 levels and who intend to pursue a career in fire management.
- The NPS is allocated 3 slots per TFM session.
- Additional information on the application process, timelines and prerequisites can be found at [http://www.nps.gov/fire/developmental/dev\\_technicalfire.html](http://www.nps.gov/fire/developmental/dev_technicalfire.html).

### **Fire Management Mentoring Program:** Primary Contact – Mark Koontz

The purpose of the Fire Management Mentoring Program is to facilitate the development of all our employees by tapping the knowledge and experience within the service in a personal and interactive manner.

- This is a voluntary, 2 year program.
- It is not intended to be a career placement program the basis of this program is to foster mentoring relationships among all NPS personnel.
- To date 70 Mentees have completed the program through 5 generations.
- Additional information on the application process and timelines can be found at [http://www.nps.gov/fire/developmental/dev\\_mentoring.html](http://www.nps.gov/fire/developmental/dev_mentoring.html)

### **Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program:** Primary Contact – Mark Koontz

The National Interagency Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program (WFAP) is designed to take a career entry firefighter and provide education, training and work experience that will allow an individual to reach journey level status as a wildland firefighter.

- The apprentice is required to successfully complete a residential four-week Basic and Advanced Academy; a prescribed program of Technical Related Supplemental Training; and supervised on-the-job training.
- The term of apprenticeship consists of 24-48 working months of training and experience (4000 hours) in wildland fire management.
- Employees can be signed up as non-apprentices providing an excellent opportunity for accelerated training.
- The NPS continues to support both the Basic and Advanced Academies by sending employees as crew bosses, instructors and support staff.
- Additional information on the Apprenticeship program can be found at [http://www.nps.gov/fire/developmental/dev\\_jointapprenticeship.html](http://www.nps.gov/fire/developmental/dev_jointapprenticeship.html).



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**Fire Integrated Recruitment and Employment System (FIRES):** Primary Contact – Mark Koontz

The Department of Interior's (DOI) Fire Integrated Recruitment Employment Systems (FIRES) is a computerized employment application processing system, which electronically prescreens candidates and ranks them according to specified criteria. FIRES lets you search for available seasonal wildland fire jobs within DOI; create, edit, and archive your electronic resume; and apply for specific jobs online.

- The pilot area expanded in FY05 to include Rocky Mountain, Northern Rockies, and Alaska geographic areas.
- Additional information on FIRES can be found at <http://www.firejobs.doi.gov/index.php/home>.

**Leadership Development:** Primary Contact – Chad Fisher

Since March 2004 staff members have been working on a Leadership Development Plan at the request of Division Chief Edy Williams-Rhodes. This plan has been reviewed by the FMLB and is back to Edy for approval. Even though the NPS Fire and Aviation Management Leadership Development Plan has not received final approval the program undertook actions to develop NPS and interagency fire management leaders.

- Leadership curriculum courses – In FY05 the FMPC, in conjunction with the regions, provided six L-380, Fireline Leadership courses, tuition free. One L-381, Incident Leadership, course was also provided. In FY06 the FMPC is providing three Incident Leadership courses and one Fireline Leadership course, tuition free.
- Tactical Decision Games/Sand Table Exercises – Tactical Decision Games/Sand Table Exercises (TDGS/STEX) provide a high fidelity training experience for firefighters.
  - The leadership toolbox on the fire leadership website ([www.fireleadership.gov](http://www.fireleadership.gov)) has been updated with several TDGS developed by an interagency group of subject matter experts.
  - STEX Train-the-Trainer sessions have been led or supported at the Fire Use Training Academy, Great Lakes Compact, Midwest Region FMO meeting, and the Pacific West Region Module Leaders meeting. Courses can be scheduled by contacting Chad Fisher.
- Staff Rides – Staff rides are conducted in order to further develop a leader's perspective and decision making skills. Staff rides provide insight into human factors such as leadership and decision making. Putting students on the ground where significant fire events occurred and allowing them to walk through the chronology of events increases their situational awareness when placed in similar circumstances.
  - The South Canyon Fire staff ride is conducted annually by the Redding Interagency Hot Shot Crew. Assistance has been provided in the form of a group facilitator and opportunities for NPS participation can be discussed.
  - For more information on staff ride packages or for developing a staff ride in your area visit <http://www.fireleadership.gov/toolbox/toolbox.html>.



**Subject Matter Experts (SMEs):** Primary Contact – Chad Fisher

Through an annual outreach the NWCG Training Development Unit solicits subject matter experts for the development and revision of NWCG course materials. NPS participation increases the perspective of the SME groups and increases the talent pool for the course revision coordinator. The FMPC will continue to encourage NPS SME nominations and to pay travel and per diem costs for those selected.

**NWCG, Training Working Team (TWT):** Primary Contact – Chad Fisher

The Training Working Team is comprised of the training officers for the primary federal wildland fire management agencies and representatives for the state compacts. The TWT's primary mission is to develop and coordinate fire management training programs for Federal and State agencies.

- Leadership Committee – The Leadership Committee reports to the TWT. This committee is responsible for the fire leadership website ([www.fireleadership.gov](http://www.fireleadership.gov)) and continues to update it with new information.
- NWCG Training Development Unit – The NWCG Training Development Unit has twenty-seven courses currently under revision with eight additional courses (either new or revised) being input to the Publication Management System. NPS Subject Matter Experts work as part of a SME group led by a member of the NWCG Training Development Unit.
- Distance Learning – Distance learning is gaining momentum in NWCG. A position is being added to this shop by the BLM and more distance learning opportunities should be available in the coming years.

**Federal Fire Training Task Group (FFTTG):** Primary Contact – Chad Fisher

The Federal Fire Training Task Group is comprised of training officers from the primary federal wildland fire management agencies (BIA, BLM, NPS, USFS, USFWS). The FFTTG was chartered by the National Fire and Aviation Executive Board in FY05. To date the group's primary function has been to implement the IFPM Qualification Standards but it is beginning to work more closely with the Interagency Fuels Committee to ensure an appropriate curriculum is in place for fuels management specialists.

**National Advanced Fire & Resource Institute (NAFRI):** Primary Contact – Chad Fisher

National Park Service nominations for 500 level courses being held at NAFRI will continue to be prioritized nationally at the FMPC. Regions should continue to collect nominations and prioritize regionally before forwarding to the FMPC. A yearly announcement will be sent to the regions as a reminder that these nominations are due.



### **NWCG Training Development Unit:** Primary Contact – Noble Dunn

The NWCG Training Development Unit is comprised of Seven Training Specialists representing the federal agencies within the wildland fire community. The primary mission is to develop relevant National Wildfire Coordinating Group training in a cost-effective manner to meet the needs of the wildland fire community.

The NWCG Training development Unit is responsible for the development and revision of 110 courses with twenty seven courses currently in revision and development at this time.

- Areas of responsibility – Training Specialists (Project Leaders) are assigned areas of responsibility for course curriculum (Fire Behavior, Fire Investigation, Dispatch, etc.). This allows field personnel a responsible contact for questions or needed information concerning courses.
- Course revision process – NWCG courses are set on a five year revision cycle with a typical course in development for two years. This process includes Subject Matter Expert (SME) selection by the course Project Leader, three one week workshops, two test courses and a field review before course certification.
- Subject Matter Experts – The NWCG Development Unit requests Subject Matter Experts and Field Reviewers for courses identified for revision from the Wildland Fire Community. Participation from all agencies and geographic areas is essential to the completion of the highest quality courses.
  - Subject Matter Experts (SME) and Field Reviewers (FR) are personnel who have thorough technical knowledge and recent field experience in performing and/or supervising the tasks in question. They are recognized among their working associates as being competent at performing the task(s).
- Course certification process – After the field review and test courses a course is ready for the final certification. An NWCG course certification sheet is signed by the Training Working Team (TWT) chair and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group liaison to the TWT. The course is ready at this time to be sent to PMS to be printed and used in the field.

### **Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center:** Primary Contact – Paula Nasiatka

The three year old Lessons Learned Center (LLC) is an interagency knowledge resource center serving the broad wildland fire and all risk community. Its purpose is to improve safe work performance through organizational learning. The LLC is located at the National Advanced Fire & Resource Institute in Tucson, AZ.

Recent focus areas include:

- Scratchline and Learning Curve newsletters – Field prescribed fire and fire use lessons learned, ATV operator lessons learned, dozer and tractor plow operator lessons learned, and state fire program lessons learned and best practices were featured in FY05. The newsletters are available at: <http://www.wildfirelessons.net/>



- Managing the Unexpected workshop – a second workshop focusing on high reliability organizing in prescribed fire and fire use operations was held in Jacksonville, FL. 120 interagency participants attended this 4 day learning opportunity which included an on site case study of the Okefenokee fire management program. The first workshop publication is available at: [http://www.myfirecommunity.net/documents/MTU\\_Santa\\_Fe\\_Workshop\\_rmrs\\_gtr137.pdf](http://www.myfirecommunity.net/documents/MTU_Santa_Fe_Workshop_rmrs_gtr137.pdf)
- MyFireCommunity Web site – a prototype site (<http://www.myfirecommunity.net>) for users was completed based on requests and needs by the wildland fire community. The site contains community directory, learning opportunities, discussion center and knowledge exchange center sections. The prototype is being improved and expanded in FY06.
- Lessons Learned Information Collection Teams – Teams collected lessons learned, effective work practices and knowledge gaps at the Alaska wildfires, Pacific Northwest WFU incident, and the 2004 Hurricane Response effort. The collection team reports are available at: <http://www.wildfirelessons.net/ICT.aspx>
- Lessons Learned video products – The Lessons Learned Center released seven videos on Organizational Learning in Wildland Fire, Decision-making in Prescribed Fire and Fire Use, Fire Effects Monitoring Stories, Prescribed Fire and Fire Use Lessons Learned, Burn Boss Stories, Managing the Unexpected series (includes Cerro Grande Staff Ride) and Dude Fire Staff Ride. DVD or VHS copies are available at no charge while supplies last at: [http://www.myfirecommunity.net/documents/LLC\\_Video\\_Productions\\_0705.doc](http://www.myfirecommunity.net/documents/LLC_Video_Productions_0705.doc)

**Park/Region Fire Management Program Assistance:** Primary Contact – Paul Broyles

Personnel from the Operations Program are often available to assist parks and regions during periods of high fire activity, severity, or personnel drawdown. This assistance may be provided via ICS qualifications or as management/operations assistance.