

## IDIP SME Meeting Summary March 23, 2015

### Overview

The IDIP Core Team and Technical Working Groups (TWGs) held their second meeting the week of March 16, 2015 in Reno, NV. The TWGs continued discussing Governance, Workload/Staffing, and IT/Facilities. The team summarized the current situation for each issue and developed succinct problem statements that characterize individual challenges. These problem statements identify the potential consequences of ignoring the issues and the projected benefits of resolving them. The TWGs will identify preliminary alternatives that they will further evaluate for feasibility, effectiveness and cost.

### Guest Speakers

Guest speakers addressed topics such as perspectives on the Great Basin Tier 2 and proposed Tier 3 optimization efforts; an over view of the Wildland Fire Information Technology (WFIT) initiative and associated projects, and a 'Franchise Model' example of Governance structure. The following represent key takeaways from these discussions:

#### Sue Stewart Director of Fire and Aviation Management Intermountain Region, Key Points:

Give me tools, not rules; weak budgets make strong partners; social readiness for change and timing are huge to its success. Continuous dialog with partners and a project manager was essential to the successes in the Great Basin.

#### Rex McKnight, BLM Nevada State FMO and Paul Petersen BLM Nevada Deputy State FMO, Key Points:

Social readiness for change is huge, as is buy-in at all management levels; designated project manager at inception of any new build-out; ensure that new technology is in place before a move is initiated.

#### Laura Hill, Forest Service WO-FAM:

WFIT is an output from the IDOPP effort that provides valuable support to the wildland fire community and IDIP; key WFIT projects include access authentication (including I-Cloud). WFIT page is at:

<http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/WFIT/index.shtml>

### Solutions

The short-term goal of the IDIP Team is to refine the IDOPP toolbox based on feedback from those who have used it. For example, the team will complete an enhanced users' guide for FireOrg by mid-summer 2015 to assist local units in optimization. This may include minor adjustments to the existing program to ensure consistent outputs. Long-term, the team is initiating an exploratory effort to develop a Dispatch Fair Share Cost Analysis Tool.

The IDIP team reviewed a report of the external benchmarking that the Core Team conducted at the NAVAL SPAWAR facility in San Diego. The core team will complete additional benchmarking to identify processes/technology/designs that they can incorporate into the enhanced "IDOPP/IDIP Toolbox" and potentially implement throughout the dispatch organization. The IDIP Project Lead will contact Staff and Line Officers to arrange interviews to gather further information for internal benchmarking. The team requests that units previously consolidated and/or optimized (or remained unchanged after evaluation) submit lessons learned from on-going and previous efforts to [idip@fs.fed.us](mailto:idip@fs.fed.us), or contact the IDIP Program Manager at 208-906-0326.

### Next Steps

The teams will develop and explore various alternatives to address the defined problem statements, and in doing so will contact key resources and consult with additional experts. The next IDIP meeting is scheduled in Albuquerque, NM, April 19-24. The team's goal at this meeting is to complete the current situation narrative, refine problem statements, and begin the staff work to identify and outline viable and implementable alternatives for leadership consideration.

This project is transparent, but requires confidentiality of deliberative information from each team member to avoid spreading misinformation and rumors. The team shares concise, accurate real-time information as outlined in the IDIP Communication Plan. If you have a question, or heard an anecdote, please contact the IDIP Project Lead at [idip@fs.fed.us](mailto:idip@fs.fed.us). The IDIP web page is at: <http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/WFIT/applications/IDIP/index.shtml>.