



## Interagency Interoperability Oversight Group December 18, 2009 Meeting Summary Notes



**Attendance:** Jim Douglas (BLM), Mike Field (FS CTO), Tim Quinn (DOI), Ellen Waterman (FWS), Kirk Rowdabaugh (DOI OWFC), Ronnie Levine (BLM CIO), Tim Lynn (FS LEI), Laura Hill (FS F&AM), Kolleen Shelley, Bill Kaage (NWCG), Bonnie Wood, Brandon Diemer, Shannon Tippet, Rhonda Toronto, Michael Morgan, Andy Trent, Jimmie Porter, Eileen Richey, Victor Helbling.

**MIMIT Closeout** – The project was formally accepted as complete. IIOG will send a letter to NWCG formally handing the results and equipment over. With that memo, the Fire Directors will be fully in charge of the disposition and use of the existing equipment and the future of the project. The remaining \$39k in funding will be used as discussed during the 11/19 closeout briefing. In addition it was recommended and accepted by Bill Kaage (NWCG) that these tasks were appropriate under the NWCG IT Committee. This is not an IIOG Project, rather an IIOG Item of Interest.

- **ACTION:** Rhonda Toronto to gather the security standards developed for the MIMIT kits and prepare for adoption as an interagency standard. **DUE:** Status Report 1/26/2010 IIOG Meeting.
- **ACTION:** Laura Hill will lead with assistance from Rhonda Toronto, Matt Cnudde and Andy Trent to propose a standard for bringing broadband access to MIMIT in fire camp. This will include evaluation of current technology available, ensure business needs are met, and possibly help develop a steady state contract vehicle for delivery of this technology in camp / incidents. **DUE:** Status Report 1/26/2010 IIOG meeting.

**Task 11b – Cross Agency Network Access / Ops & Maintenance at Interagency Facilities** – Kolleen presented the issue paper developed while doing additional staff work on this topic. Specifically, the IIOG needs to provide more direction and a clear vision of what is wanted in creating a single source, interagency provider for help to customers. (See briefing paper included in meeting records).

- **AGREEMENT:** This will be discussed during January 2010 IIOG meeting to get a feel for how each agency might want to proceed; gain consensus on issues and determine approach for gaining support.
- **ACTION:** Jim will work with Mike Field and others to see if this topic and the integration of the entire radio program might be a topic of discussion at the National Leadership Team meetings being held in March for BLM and FS. **UPDATE - 1/4/2010** – This joint leadership team meeting is not scheduled or planned as originally thought. This action item changes to looking for such an opportunity.

**Overarching Statement (Task 32)** – The group reviewed the document that Jim wrote and adopted it as written. Kolleen will finalize so that it can be shared with all who may have interest.

**Central Oregon Pilot Project Charter - Review / Finalization - Funding & Resourcing Update** – The group feels that the charter is ready for approval. However, until the funding to pay for this effort is secured, it will not be signed. The IIOG Membership will continue to work toward finding the funds necessary for this effort. This will be discussed during the January IIOG meeting. Regardless, the FS is committed and preparing to resolve short-term shortfalls on the system supporting COIDC per agreement prior to this project being identified.

- **AGREEMENT** – It is time to ensure that line in Oregon is aware of project, etc. Carl Gossard has talked with local and regional leadership. In these briefings it is acceptable to share the charter as it is written to help explain intent of effort.
- **ACTION:** Vaughn to talk to Mary Wagner
- **ACTION:** Jim to talk to Ed Shepard
- **ACTION:** Kolleen will send charter to NWCG (Bonnie Wood), Carl Gossard, Matt Cnudde. Matt and Bonnie will ensure that the National Association of State Foresters are aware of this effort through the NASF representative to NWCG.

**Dispatch Update** – Jim stated that the BLM and FS have agreed to jointly fund a term position to lead the effort. The incumbent will report to the Executive Committee tasked with oversight of the effort. The Executive Committee is identified as Vaughn Stokes – FS CIO, Corbin Newbin – R3 FS RF, Jim Kenna – AZ BLM State Director. Still there is a need for representation from Fire, Law Enforcement and National Park Service. Jim working on identifying the rest of the membership. This effort should be chartered by the Agency Directors (Chief of FS, Bureau Agency Directors).

- **ACTION:** Jim will take last notes from IIOG discussions and create a draft charter for circulation to IIOG Membership. He will distribute by email and this will be discussed on the IIOG January meeting agenda or sooner.

**Task 10 – Aviation Radio Technical Approval Process** – Kolleen gave an update on this effort to simplify the process for the field to acquire aviation radios. We have an agreed to list of radios that meet the standard. If the field is ordering one of these radios, the technical approval process will be expedited. Additional guidance is being developed and will be shared with the field as it becomes available.

**Next Meeting – January 26 & 27, 2010** – Forest Service Headquarters, 14<sup>th</sup> & Independence, Washington, DC in the Chief's Conference Room

**January Agenda Tasks for IIOG Membership:**

- **Tim Quinn** will invite representative from DHS to share what they are doing with radio modernization and standardization.
- **Doug Nash** will present the FS IR Strategic Framework
- **Shane Compton** will provide an update on the FTP replacement task.
- **Mike Field and Tim Quinn** will provide an update on their work toward a faster migration from analog to digital radio technology.
- **Kolleen** will provide a “dashboard” report of the portfolio and ask for an update on the NFF Toning project.