

Fall READ AAR  
December 13, 2012  
Butte Office

Attendees: Gordon Ash, Jake Stewart, Brian Lee, Jesse Salix, Anton Brennick, Darin W., Charlene B-G, Sara Rouse, Cameron Rasor, Mike G., Jenna Roose, Paul Roose, Ken Harris, Licette Hammer, Dennis Morton, Russ Riebe, Nate Gassmann, Jocelyn Dodge, Dave Sabo

1000 – Welcome and Introductions

1030 – 1300 Pony, 19 mile and Bear Trap overview with Gordon, Darin, Anton

- Review READ Field Guide
  - Assign updates
- GIS – winter meeting to be scheduled to go over this, including retardant avoidance maps
- Communication with FMO group and FLT – continue to improve this
- Spring Training – Just a one day refresher and participation in Fire Sim
- IQCS Forms – fill them out so you stay current
- WFDSS training/interests – FMO group will let us know of upcoming trainings

**Notes from Pony, 19 mile and Bear Trap Discussion:**

**19 mile and Bear Trap**

- Darin created ANS kits. These are available to each zone and if assigned as a READ, take one with you
- Darin will update the ANS guidelines to include Quat compounds instead of bleach.
- Ordering on each fire was very slow, roll to the incident with your ANS kit to prevent being behind the curve with sanitation
- Weed wash also took a while to get – as soon as we get an incident and it starts to get larger, order a weed wash station
- Assign local folks to run the ANS station and locate it next to the weed wash
- Private water can be expensive. Do your homework with landowners and get those land use agreements in place asap
- Need to add private ponds/water sources into our GIS data with ownership and phone numbers.
- Private land water use example – swimming pool used to draft water. Homeowner said engines only which escalated to tenders drafting out of it and helicopters dipping out of his pond = a lot of expensive damage to his home, driveway, yard and expensive water bill. Could have been avoided with more communication.
- Darin and Dennis will help coordinate the meeting to revise the ANS guidelines and coordinate a time to meet with all interested READ folks to overview retardant avoidance maps for accuracy
- Private land vegetation work – make sure we take care of these landowners property after the incident – don't just leave a big slash mess

- Need to get rehab plans pulled together asap and get them signed so that we can take advantage of the teams while they are still on forest.
- Make sure you use the rehab examples on the O drive in the READ folder as a template – but you must update for specifics – miles of dozer line, hand line, etc... as all of these differ by incident.
- Need to involve our cooperators more, especially BLM. Invite them to the spring READ refresher
- Need to make our GIS data also usable in Google Earth (KMZ files) so that it is more mobile in the field with apps

#### Pony

- Gordon acknowledged that he should have been to more planning meetings on the Pony but was spread too thin with only one READ. Should have had more help.
- Darin and Anton added how well it worked on the 19 mile to have multiple READs – they recommended multiple READs on every incident, which was supported by the group. Still one lead READ for each incident.
- Gordon added the importance of other READs, especially trainees, availability and commitment. If you are going to help – you need to commit 100% - not when it's convenient.
- Getting to know your Dozer operator is the key when this type of equipment is being used.
- Big issues with tailing piles because minerals dept. was not contacted. Always call Licette!!
- Don't forget all the other resources that we manage on Forest. Use the READ field guide to make sure you don't forget anything
- A lot of timber was cut for this incident – always take to Timber dept. – Anton is the rep.
- All rehab for this fire was not completed – which Dave S. was not aware of.
- Dozer line was constructed through green sage meadows (in June). Tactics were not understood – however, Gordon missed planning meetings – so communication on both sides could have been better
- Resource Guidelines checklist that D. Hutton got from the Lolo was updated for our Forest. Review this and make sure that we are using in discussions about tactics.