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Attached is the tentative agenda for our annual pre-season fire operations meeting scheduled for May 6, 2003, through May 7, 2003. The meeting will be held at the BLM State Office conference room, beginning at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 6. Some motels in the immediate area are the Hampton Inn, 406-248-4949, Sleep Inn, 406-254-0013, and Days Inn 406-252-4007.

For questions regarding the meeting or agenda, contact Pat Mullaney at 406-896-2915.

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1 Attachment
1-Pre-season Fire Operations Agenda (2 pp)

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Spring 2003 Fire Readiness Meeting

May 6

1300	Introduction, Meeting Objectives	Tom Boatner
1315	National Office, Fire Operations Update	Vince Mazzier Debie Chivers
1345	Update on HRM Issues	Diane Friez Chuck Sandau
1400	Western Central and Eastern Zone Readiness Reports Personnel and equipment in place New faces, promotions Other preparedness of fire season issues Early season severity Current Vacancies Upcoming issues	FMOs
1500	Aviation Management Issues Air Tanker Update	Allen Edmonds/ Kent Hamilton
1530	Information Technology, Radio Issues	Kevin Brooks Alan Miller

May 7

0800	Fuels Management Communities at Risk Planning and Implementation Accomplishments and future plans Interagency Coordination Contracting Opportunities Drought and Targets	Jim Gray, FMOs Zone FPMs
0900	Fire Regime and Condition Class Developments	Shannon Iverson
1000	Rural Fire Assistance, Fire Education and Prevention Restrictions and Closures	Mike Dannenberg

1030	National Fire Readiness Review	Tom/Pat/Vince
1100	Fire Business Issues Contracting, Procurement, Payments	Mary Clark
1130	Safety Review and Accident Prevention Reduction	Karilynn Volk
1200	New Fire Planning Update	Tom Boatner
1230	Lunch	
1400	Update on National/NRCG Committee assignments, issues	Tom Boatner
1430	Dispatch and Coordination Issues	Chris Shelton
1500	Training Update Planned for this year Needs for the future Training for non-fire BLMers	All
1530	Employee Development Opportunities Lolo Hotshots Technical Fire Management Apprenticeship Academy AZ-NM-MT exchanges RX Fire Academies Other	All
1600	Summary of Issues Needing Work; Who, What, When Schedule Fall Meeting	All