



# ROSS Newsletter



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## 2001 Calendar

### June

- Core Team Meeting, Fairbanks, AK
- ROSS version 1.0 Production Release for Administration
- Administration Training begins nationwide

### July

- Begin Resource Order Module Internal testing
- Begin Resource Ordering training package development

### August

- Core Team Meeting, Southwest Area
- Continue Resource Ordering Module Internal Testing
- ROSS Help Desk implementation begins
- Earliest start of Resource Ordering module Instructor Training

### September

- Core Team Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- Earliest start of Field Testing the Resource Ordering Module Training

### October

- Production Release Version 1.1

**ROSS  
training  
schedule is  
posted on  
the next  
page**

## Since We Last Spoke...A ROSS Update

### Atlanta Compact Summit a Success

On April 11, representatives from several forest fire protection compacts met with the ROSS Core Team and Subject Matter Experts (fondly referred to as SME's) to find out what it would take to use an automated system for compact resource ordering and status keeping. The summit revealed there are many similarities, in the way each compact currently statuses and orders resources. Some of the more significant issues include:

- Resource qualifications and configurations other than NWCG standards
- Resource availability for compact orders, and
- Multiple ordering channels.

Regardless of the ordering authority used (i.e. compact or state/federal co-op agreement), states are interested in an easy-to-use system to report status., and to order and track resources to and from incidents.

Many of the compact representatives saw potential benefits using ROSS to do automated resource ordering and status keeping for both compact ordering and perhaps internal ordering.

Currently, more than 38 states and eight Canadian provinces are members of seven compacts across the nation.

"...give us a system that's easy to use [and] we'll use it."  
Olin Phillips, MN and Great Lakes Compact Representative



Above photo: Compact representatives discuss the advantages of automating the dispatch and status keeping function. Seated left to right, Steve Maurer (NJ—Middle Atlantic Compact), Olin Phillips (MN—Great Lakes Compact), Fred Allen (GA State Forester) and Alan Dozier (GA—Southeastern and South Central Compacts).



It's a lot of new information for Ruta Glinski, Nancy DeLong, Mary Toews, and Randy Hart, but we think they're getting the hang of it.

# ROSS Data and System Administration Training Begins

During the week of April 30th, ROSS instructors met in Portland, Oregon to receive ROSS Administration Training and to review training materials.

The session was quite beneficial, in that not only were the trainers introduced to the application, but after reviewing the training materials, the group reiterated the need for further work on lesson plans. As a result,



Gina Bald and Jason Harbaugh listen in.

the May 2001 training sessions have been postponed until Version 1.0 is available. Version 1.0 is scheduled for release in June.

The second phase of the ROSS Instructors Training Course was conducted the week of May 29.

Feedback from the first session was extremely positive, according to Nancy DeLong, Implementation Team leader, with many compliments given to the ROSS Team for their continued efforts to involve the business community in all aspects of development and implementation.



Stacey Lensing from NICC polishes her ROSS skills—and smiles all the way!



Jerry Clements (standing) answers a question from Larry Elder (Lewistown BLM)



Ray Nelson (Northern Rockies) and Dennis Derr (North Ops) practice as Mary Toews (standing) coaches. Shep Crim (Boise) has it all figured out!



Trainee ROSS instructors (Walt Embree, Cathy Johnson and Lori Veo) learning the ins and outs of the application.



Beth GreyCloud and Larry Elder unwind at the awards ceremony.



## Training Schedule

as of 23 May 2001

Grants Pass, OR	May 14-18
Boise, ID	May 28-Jun 1
Wenatchee, WA	Jun 11-15
Salt Lake, UT	Jun 11-15
Reno, NV	Jun 11-15
Wellston, MI	Jun 11-15
Missoula, MT	Jun 18-22
Billings, MT	Jun 18-22
Prineville, OR	Jun 18-21
Laconia, NH	Jun 25-29
Ogden, UT	Jun 25-29

Anchorage, AK	Jun 25-29
Ft. Wainwright, AK	Jul 09-13
Rolla, MO	Jul 09-13
Ft. Wainwright, AK	Jul 16-20
Newtown Square, PA	Jul 16-20
Brainerd, MN	Jul 23-27
Ft. Wainwright, AK	Jul 23-27
Brainerd, MN	Jul 30-Aug 3
Texas	Jul 30-Aug 3
Atlanta, GA	Aug 6-10
Albuquerque, NM	TBD
Prescott, AZ	TBD
Coeur d'Alene, ID	TBD
Virginia	TBD

More than 20 training sessions are currently scheduled with more being planned every day! +++++  
Please access the ROSS website frequently, as training dates and locations are constantly being updated.