

# CEPC Call

## Thursday June 11, 2020

### Logistics

Date: June 11, 2020

Time: 15:00 Eastern, 1400 Central, 1300 Mountain, 1200 Pacific

Anticipated Length: 1-1.5 hours

Call in number:

United States: +1 (866) 742-8728; Access Code: 1759103 (Leader Pin – in case the leader cannot make the call – will ask if you are the leader, press \*, Pin is 7721651)

CEPC Members in Attendance: Terri Jenkins, Deb Fleming Gwen Beavans, Tina Boehle, Angie Lane, Fred Turck, Bruce Woods, Carrie Bilbao, Faith Berry

### Chair Updates

Tina Boehle will be Chair starting in October.

### NWCG Coordinator Update

Steve Shaw is acting for Sean Cross who retired.

### Wildland Fire Investigation Committee

No report

### PIO Subcommittee: Candice Stevenson

- Request for feedback on PIO4/3 – removing PIOF. Didn't get a lot of feedback. Going to be developing an FAQ. Haven't been able to review on the information as a group.
- Deb said that a PIO4 would be responding to type-4 incidents and that wasn't really the intent of that position. That discussion will start next week.

### IPD Workgroup – Bruce Woods

Has been working on budget impacts from COVID19 for his agency. Has not had time to work on this. He will pick this back up shortly.

### Fire Prevention Education Team Task Group

Terri Jenkins reported out for Zach Ellinger who is the lead for this task group. They have not had a call since the last CEPC call. They will have one soon

### FPET Digital Library

Terri sent out a note asking the original group if they still wanted to be involved in the digital library. Gwen H. had put in hundreds of items during her time on the national FPET, as a concentrated effort to upload. File management and how we want to move forward will need to be decided soon as there are funds that Forest Service will need to ask back from an enterprise team contract if we aren't going to use them for this project, which is perfectly fine, we just need to know so we don't lose those funds. If people want to post items this

summer, there will be some leniency this summer. Terri to make sure people know that this is an option. Terri to get this group together ASAP.

## Fire Cause Work Group

There was a request to comment on definitions that was sent in

## WPSAPS Update

Sam Scranton is almost done with the story board for the short video that explains the program, NPS has not found someone who can help yet with attending these trainings. Terri and Tina will discuss options offline. P-310 update

## P-310 Update

Team has been working with Annie of NWCG. Looking on how to do the examination. Alpha test should be January 2021 in NM, and a beta test in March 2021 in CA. Hoping that early will happen and they won't have to be tested in a virtual environment.

## Virtual Mtg

Tina will look into a TEAMS invite/scheduler and send this or a Doodle Poll out to the group. Looking at three days perhaps with three-hour meetings each day. Beavans will assist with the agenda.

## Round Robin

### USFA – Faith

National level study on fire dept. responses to COVID19.

### USDA Forest Service - Gwen

BeOutdoorSafe.org was launched May 21, right before Memorial Day weekend. 30 interviews were done virtually on radio and TV, with FAM, CE, and a state employee being interviewed. Social media creatives just got posted, so they join the posters and PSAs that are on smokeybear.com websites. Would like this on the NIFC website.

CFFP meeting that was going to be at NASF meeting in Pittsburgh, has been cancelled. Part of the NASF meeting will be virtual, but they are not covering everything. The Smokey Bear Awards were going to be distributed, so looking at other venues. Announcement of winners will be coming out in letters to Forest Service, States, and Ad Council, will then share through other channels.

Personnel: Our Fire Director, Shawna Legarza, is retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>. Moving back to Durango, CO. Pam Leschak is also retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>. Zach Ellinger from BLM will be acting for 120 days.

### NASF- Eastern States: Fred

No resources will go as state employees, they all will be going out as ADs.

### NASF – Western states: Angie

Looking at what the requirements will be for sharing resources for firefighting. Alaska is requiring testing to come into Alaska to respond to incidents. State Forester testified to NR committee on early detection of wildfire. Satellite and aerial detection being promoted.

#### IAFC – Bruce

August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, virtual options. Covid19 economic impact dashboard – may want to check this out. It shows consequences to fire departments. Trying to differentiate firefighters and first responders from the police, considering the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights demonstrations.

#### NIFC/External Affairs – Carrie

Communications webinar yesterday, 395 participants. NIFC Facebook and twitter has been BLM-centric, so they have split off and are having a separate BLM and NIFC posts. If you have items you want posted about Prevention, please share with Carrie.

#### NPS – Tina

Working on a cohesive plan. A large event is being planned for July 3 at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota. Wildfire prevention messaging prior to the event is strongly encouraged.

#### BIA – Kenny

Not on call. Still busy in the SW mostly in Arizona. No prevention teams in place but have a few investigators in to assist.

#### BLM – John

Not on call. Looking at FWS LE program to help with fire investigation and trespass.

#### USFWS – Terri

Things are slowly returning to normal, independent phases to openings. Rx fire moratorium for the agency has been lifted. Probably will be some updates to National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System, will be looking at community mitigation measures.