

Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

CEPC Conference Call Notes

Logistics

Date: September 10, 2020

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

CEPC Members: Gwen Beavans (USFS), Faith Berry (USFA – Alternate), Carrie Bilbao (NIFC EA), Tina Boehle (NPS), Brian Harrison (Training Liaison), Jerry Hepler (Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee Chair), Kenny Jaramillo (BIA), Terri Jenkins (FWS), Angie Lane (NASF), Brian Lopez (USFS Liaison), Teresa Neal (USFA), Jon Skinner (BLM), Candy Stevenson (PIO Subcommittee Chair), Erika Stone (Administrative Support), Fred Turck (NASF), Bruce Woods (IAFC)

CEPC Members in Attendance this Call: Fred Turck; Kenny Jaramillo; Teresa Neal; Brian Harrison; Zach Ellinger; Candy Stevenson

Agenda Topics:

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- Chair's update – Tina: Will delete team and start over
- NWCG Coordinator remarks and news and update – Deb: No update; Deb is on fire assignment;
- Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee Report. – Jerry or Carrie: Not on the call
- PIO Subcommittee update – Candy: The PIOSC has been working with FEMA and will provide comments on the FEMA proposed PIO4 position as well as the requirements for the new position. The PIOSC will be proposing a new page to the IRPG for social media guidance. We have a draft that we are reviewing now and will provide a draft to CEPC for review once it is approved in our subcommittee.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

New Subcommittee request (Fred): A lot of discussion around prevention team and management of prevention teams. Has been in depth in breadth and scope of this small portion of our committee. Warranted to bring in subject matter expertise and not take away from main CEPC. Have had three FPETs that have worked out of Washington Office over the past few months and have drafted action items. Need endorsement of CEPC to get started. Quorum not present to make decision to move forward. Zach will draft documents and outreach for new members.

New Fire Causes (Fred): Fred sent email with new fire causes. Addressed all comments and made adjustments as appropriate. Ending of two-year project. Unless something happens, this will be path forward and allow for cross-walking from past. Prior to this had general causes and specific causes. Let Fred know any questions. Next step is to get to data committee for one last look. Fire causes group knows it will take significant amount of time to integrate with procedures and systems.

National Prevention Workshop Sept 2021 (Fred): Plan in place to have national prevention workshop. Will be held in conjunction with NASF meeting, probably week before in Pennsylvania. Will soon be sending out "save the date."

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IPD Workgroup progress: Bruce not present

Fire Prevention Education Team Task Group/Digital Library: Things are coming together for digital library. Message sent out to team leaders to re-energize effort. Have template that should be able to use to put new items in library. Fred is point person from committee as to what will be added to the library. Teams create products, get it 508 compliant, send forward to Fred, Fred will review for appropriateness, will send forward to Nancie who will review 508 and add to library.

Fire Cause Work Group update: Previous update

WPSAPS update: Had call yesterday, no updates on student guide and workbook. Video draft should be ready by end of month. Karen Short data not released yet, but will bring it up to 2018.

P-310 Update: P310 course just finishing with writer-editor. Reviewing final exam and answer key; PowerPoint done; website template should be posted soon for review. Final stages within next week or two.

Other news and/or updates: None

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

BIA (Kenny): Heavy fire activity in Northwest, especially last week. Arizona still has quite a bit of fire activity. BIA did have a virtual fire prevention team in place from August 10-23 in the NW Region; worked on developing material for printing and distribution; also social media messages. Prevention Team was also assigned in California, assisting the Hoopa Tribe; did some great work on putting a video together for the WeTip Arson program, a 6 -minute video; will need to work on getting approvals. Getting ready for end of year accomplishment reporting.

BLM (Jon): Not on call

IAFC (Bruce): Not on call

NASF (Fred and Angie):

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a presentation slide from the National Interagency Fire Center (@NIFC_Fire) titled "#FireYear2020: Of the >40,000 fires to date this year, 35,306 fires were human-caused consuming 2,113,798 ac! California reported 7,072 human-caused fires. Texas, North Carolina, Florida, and Arizona complete the top 5 states for the most human-caused wildfires. #NationalFireNews". Below the text, it says "Current Human-Caused Fires to date: 88%". The slide also features a "Top 5 States for Human-caused Wildfires" graphic with a list: 1. California - 7,072 fires, 2. Texas - 3,933 fires, 3. North Carolina - 1,879 fires, 4. Florida - 1,764 fires, 5. Arizona - 1,558 fires. The Zoom interface includes a chat window on the right with messages from participants like Kenny, Angie, and Fred. At the bottom, there is a toolbar with icons for mute, video, chat, and other meeting controls.

We're right at 88% for human-caused fires for this year. High potential for the fall fire season in the East and South. Trainings are being planned and pushed forward. Big Rivers Compact putting on online 203.

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NIFC External Affairs (Carrie): Currently swamped with media calls.

NPS (Tina): Working on the Women and Leadership Conference for next week. NPS has a symposium on Monday, then Tuesday through Thursday is the virtual conference through Boise State University and Friday is an interagency close-out.

USDA FS (Gwen): Not on call

USFA (Teresa): No updates

USFWS (Terri): Not on call