

# Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

## CEPC Conference Call Notes

### Logistics

**Date:** February 9, 2023

**Time:** 1500 Eastern, 1400 Central, 1300 Mountain, 1200 Pacific

### CEPC Members\*:

Name	Representation	In Attendance (X)
Jodie Barram	International Association of Fire Chiefs	
Chris Barth	Public Information Officer Subcommittee	X
Faith Berry	US Fire Administration	
Carrie Bilbao	NIFC External Affairs	X
Tina Boehle	National Park Service	X
Maureen Brooks	U.S. Forest Service	X
Kari Cobb	US Fish and Wildlife Service	
Zach Ellinger	Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee	
Doug Hildebrand	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
Kenny Jaramillo	Bureau of Indian Affairs	X
Angie Lane	National Association of State Foresters (Western)	
Sarah Lee	NWCG	
Caron McKee	Administrative support	X
Kent Nelson	National Association of State Foresters (Eastern)	X
Jon Skinner	Bureau of Land Management	
Shawn Zimmermaker	Fire Investigation Subcommittee	X

Guests: Kristy Swartz (OWF/PERFACT).

### Agenda Topics:

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- Chair's update – Tina: Notes from January are now posted for CEPC to review; please add any updates if not already in the notes.
- NWCG Coordinator remarks and news and update – Sarah: Sarah is at the annual NWCG meeting and is unable to join.
- PIO Subcommittee update – Chris: Subcommittee met a couple weeks ago. Memos have been going out on 310-1, discussions on complex, etc. which has given the subcommittee a chance to look at the different positions within their portfolio. Moving forward we have the PIO-T, 3, and C; still looking at PIO 1 and 2 still being valid for this year, though pathway for 2 is going away. Delegated out a review of each position (T, 3 and C) and required trainings as a priority. Got budget request in. Biggest issue is that the subcommittee is perceived as the bearers of all the info coming out regarding qualifications and interpretation of that info; at last IMRR call we were able to distill which pieces land where; who has various responsibilities via the Complex transition, etc. For those working on their PIO-2, they can begin working on their PIO-C then turn in both taskbooks; same for those currently working on PIO-F (will work on 3 and turn in both taskbooks). Some GAACs/agencies are saying different things, so there is still a challenge in addressing these types of questions.
- Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee update – Maureen: Subcommittee met last month; had a change in membership. Karen Curtis (retired from USFS) has joined the group

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replacing AD member Jim Funk. Stacey Grimes has joined as a USFS rep. Both are team leaders with lots of experience.

- Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee update – Shawn: Subcommittee met a couple weeks ago; some membership changes. Solidified membership requirements (now all members must participate in at least one task group). National Fire Academy reached out to several members to discuss putting on WF investigation courses through their facility – will meet in early March to discuss more. Found a large study out of South Africa the subcommittee is looking at; it looks at indicators we use and challenges some of these indicators. The subcommittee will be looking at this and looking into other current research.
- Fire Restrictions Task Team – Kenny: Task team will meet tomorrow to go over survey results. Kenny shared the survey results on this CEPC call onscreen and will also share results next week on the call with other geographic area Education/Prevention committees.
- Training Task Team – Angie: not on call/will give update next month.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

### Topic

- PERFECT (Fire Adapted Communities, Indigenous Peoples Burning Network, Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges...) agreement (Kristi Swartz): PERFECT = “Promoting Ecosystem and Fire Adapted Communities Together.” Agreement with Nature Conservancy and DOI/USFS. **Kristy has a report which she will send to Tina to share with CEPC members.** There’s an opportunity to expand. INFORM – USFWS fuels has been brought in to test in production (10 days ago). Working to get them into the live site; next up is NPS – hope to have them testing in April; next will be BLM, then BIA. Hope to have everyone in by the end of this fiscal year. For now, just DOI bureaus; then will work on figuring out what to do with USFS data through NFPORS, then eventually figuring out non-fed treatment info.
- Eclipse messaging dissemination (Maureen): Hoping to have all work done by June; completed social media messaging which will be available on Smokey’s Toolbox (hopefully ready by June). Messaging will be unbranded and can be downloaded from Smokey’s website and used (Spanish and English). Finishing up talking points. The cache is ordering products to have available later this summer. Products will be undated except for a keychain. Maureen will update CEPC on progress/availability of products.
- **2023 annual meeting location suggestions (Tina):** Poll results were to meet at Schoodic in 2024. For 2023, we need a location for our October face-to-face meeting (Week of October 16<sup>th</sup>). Boise is an option unless anyone else wants to host. Ideas/Proposals that came up on today’s call: A field trip is always useful. Maryland (by the Fire Academy) could be an option. Or Albuquerque/Santa Fe. We could also ask the other geographic areas on the call next week to see if there are ideas from them on good locations/any who would like to host us (i.e. where we could have a field trip, etc.) – Carrie/Tina will get together to plan discussing this on next week’s call. **Will come back to this topic next month for more discussion.**
- CEPC/GACC prevention committees call (Tina): Plan is to have a round robin to hear what other areas are doing; Kenny will present Fire Restrictions survey info; discuss meeting location for CEPC for this October; discuss what is the best mechanism for communicating with the other

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GACC prevention committees and how we can improve communication if needed. Letting them know that we'd like to have open communication between CEPC and the GACC committees is major theme. The call will also be a great opportunity for connecting other GACCs to each other.

## ACTION ITEMS:

What	Assigned to	Due date
ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO STRATEGIC PLAN		
Action Item: Reach out to the Fire Environment committee through the main committee to the Continuing Education and Fire Danger subcommittees. May need some training topics to integrate. (Strategy A of Strategic Plan).	Committee chair (Tina)	
Do scoping/look at titles of trainings to see which ones have a prevention component, then contact committee chairs. (Strategic Plan, A.1.2.). Sarah found the following: For FY23 FBSC has an approved project for "Fire Behavior Learning Module Development & Maintenance" that may have CEPC ties.	Part 1 is Completed (Sarah)	
Reach out to the Fire Reporting and Data Management subcommittees regarding possible Interagency User Guide for causes. (Statistics and current status of cross-walked statistics). (1.B.1 of Strategic Plan).	Jon Skinner	
Track meetings where CEPC members have presented, other similar opportunities, for success stories. Send to Caron to document. (1.C.2 of strategic plan)	All	
CMS meeting in New Mexico in January (this occurs every other year), with state fire chiefs, fire managers, fire supervisors/NASF Fire Committee meets at the same time. This would be a good group to connect with/present to. Faith will ask about this, see if they'd consider a presentation from CEPC. (1.C.2 of Strategic Plan).	Faith	
Reach out to the Incident Commanders Advisory Council under NMAC; see about getting on agenda for one of their meetings to share specific topics, such as use of prevention teams during an incident. (1.C.2. of Strategic Plan)	Carrie Bilbao	
Promote CEPCs availability to assist with course development via the CEPC website. Could talk about this in the video. (2.A.1 of Strategic Plan)	Tina	
Ask Sarah if NWCG could look into doing a link to capture comments after each training course (as an evaluation), plus periodic post-assessments? (2.B.1 of Strategic Plan)	Tina	
Look further into possible use of a social sciences model: The Cohesive Strategy looked at how to break sequence of events (human actions) that starts wildfire; used a social sciences model. (Strategy C of Strategic Plan).	Jon	
Continue reviewing literature for additional documents/studies that could be posted on our website under CEPC Research – if you find anything, send to all CEPC members to suggest posting. (2.D.1 of Strategic Plan).	All	
Joint Fire Sciences – find out their next submission cycle so if we think of good research we can submit it to them. *Note – Tina found that 2022 submissions closed on October 14, 2021. There is		

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no info yet for 2023 on their website. (2.D.1 of Strategic Plan).  NOTE 2/9/23: Apparently the 2023 cycle closed on December 20, 2022, so there must be a brief window between October and December. Recommend reaching out to <a href="mailto:sdantewood@blm.gov">sdantewood@blm.gov</a> requesting to be looped in when funding opportunities open.		
Tina will look to see if she has any historic CEPC documents from 2019/2020. (4.A.3 of Strategic Plan), and Maureen will look for documents from even earlier.	Tina/Maureen	Completed
OTHER ACTION ITEMS		
Promote Prevention Team storymaps on our website, after they are created.	Zach/Maureen	
(Maybe): U.S. Fire Administration is working on fire service personnel lesson plans to engage better with children in their community. CEPC could work with the committee on this/make sure it's a collaborative effort; offer cross-links for the curriculum piece.	Faith	
Angie will send draft Training Work Plan to Tina to send out to CEPC to review. Deadline is December 1st.	Angie/Tina	Completed
CEPC members review Training Work Plan	All	
Send an email that CEPC members can distribute to their agencies to recruit members for the Smokey Bear 80th committee.	Maureen	Completed – 11/14/2022
Pursue finding a new NASF rep for WPSAPS Business Committee	Kent	
Make edits to NWCG/NIFC websites as discussed in notes (pages 11 – 14).	Tina/Carrie	
Hold meeting with other geographic area Communication/Education/Prevention groups and CEPC.	Maureen/Tina	Scheduled for 2/15/2023
Look at the list of CEPC Research documents on the NWCG CEPC website and get back to the group with any suggested changes.	ALL	
Help the FPET subcommittee recruit new members (especially need someone from USFWS). Ask Kari Cobb and Chris Wilcox.	Tina	
Make edits to CEPC Operating Principles and Procedures as shown in notes below (pages 16 – 18)	Tina	
Ask Sarah whether we can share the link to the Fire Restrictions survey (when ready) on CEPC website, or will this violate OMB standards?	Kenny	
Get list to Emily for mailing of Fire Restrictions survey, and also list of CEPC members to get access to view survey results.	Kenny/Tina	Completed
Complete video	Candy/all	
Add info on WPSAPS training to website when known	Kenny	

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

*To be submitted in writing – can be covered if there is enough time*

Name	Representation	Update
Faith Berry	USFA	
Carrie Bilbao	NIFC External Affairs	Fire Year Themes are completed and being posted on NIFC.gov PIO Bulletin Board; they are also posted in the PIO Toolbox.
Tina Boehle	NPS	
Maureen Brooks	USFS	USFS is putting together a training calendar for WFSAPs for the next year or so; goal is

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		<p>to get training to as many USFS staff and partners as possible; BIA will be helping with this as USFS builds their own cadre. Hoping to have the first class in April or May. More to come on this.</p> <p>Interagency committee is working on Smokey's 80<sup>th</sup> celebration for 2024. Still need another State person in the group. Committee meets once a month.</p> <p>Will be starting a monthly newsletter next month.</p> <p>Cache will be carrying products for Smokey's 80<sup>th</sup> and is looking for ideas by end of February (Maureen emailed CEPC info on this if anyone has ideas). Maureen will also resend the recruitment for the 80<sup>th</sup> Committee.</p> <p>Federal Working Group for Recreate Responsibly has been meeting.</p>
Kari Cobb	USFWS	
Doug Hildebrand	NOAA	
Kenny Jaramillo	BIA	<p>WFSAP update will be pushed out tomorrow (should be effective Monday); working on updating the student guide, then will work on instructor guide, to reflect all changes.</p> <p>Working on regional rollup; what reports should look like. There is a recorded webinar; Kenny can work with Tina/NWCG webmaster for posting.</p>
Angie Lane	NASF (Western)	
Kent Nelson	NASF (Eastern)	
Jon Skinner	BLM	