

Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

CEPC Conference Call Notes

Logistics

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

Guests: Kristy Swartz (OWF/PERFACT).

Agenda Topics:

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- Acting Chair's update – Carrie: Successful meeting with the GACC Prevention groups.
- NWCG Coordinator remarks and news and update – Sarah: Not in attendance.
- PIO Subcommittee update – Chris: Not in attendance.
- Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee update – Maureen/Zach:
 - Zach provided the update.
 - Sent to NWCG and waiting for response and see those published on the website.
 - The program plan and schedule for 2023 is on their updated web page.
 - Successfully conducted P310 (Member) and P410 (Leader) training in Redmond, OR.
- Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee update – Shawn:
 - PMS412 is being updated. They are meeting with publishing of the guidance documents.
 - FI310 is in its last beta test.
 - FI210 – just started updates in the last couple of weeks. Will most likely be end of the calendar year before the course is completed.
 - CalFire looking to this subcommittee to be instructors for wildland fire investigation.
 - Send one off requests for teaching to Shawn. He can pass it out to the group and see if they can help find someone.
 - Maureen mentioned that the USFS is still looking for a member for this Subcommittee. They

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have a name; they just need to put it forward for approval. Shawn is hoping for a primary and an alternate for the committee. Maureen will follow up on that.

- Fire Restrictions Task Team – Kenny:
 - Kenny needs to finish writing recommendations and send to CEPC.
 - Also, working on data standard for the geospatial component.
- Training Task Team – Angie:
 - Angie still needs to complete the housekeeping items the work group prepared. She will work with Zach to get that done and get it to Tina to file. The original doc was already shared with CEPC.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Topic

- Faith mentioned if they are interested in providing updates to the Fire Commission. You can go to their website to add expert opinion on different topics. She will share links with Carrie for the notes.
- Kent started a conversation about eBike prevention. And, e-cigarettes.
 - There is an NFPA paper on eBikes. The issue is surrounded around the bike charging, and is causing structure fires, mainly. Maureen can send out the paper again.
 - Using after-market charges and leaving them on the charger to long, etc. are causing batteries to catch fire.
- Maureen said they are planning a WPSAPS training. She will send out dates soon.
- National Wildland Firefighter Day (NWFFD) is being promoted again this year. The theme is “It Takes All of Us”, which will hit on the best way to thank a firefighter is to prevent a fire. NWFFD is July 2 of every year. A news conference will be at NIFC to announce it on June 27.
- The Prevention theme this year is “The Smokey Within”.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **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 – We talked about this and decided it might not be necessary to have some kind of guide. The Data Standard Metadata Definitions and Values may cover this need. We were wondering if Under Investigation shouldn’t be a separate category outside of Undetermined. It was suggested we get the fire cause group back together and see if any changes need made. Jon will send an email to Tina and suggest how to handle it.
- **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 – Maureen did do a presentation on a similar topic regarding prevention and mitigation. They are supposed to be put out a report. A draft report will be available in May. Maureen can share this information. Angie is going to look through her CWPP Social Science Joint Fire Sciences group that may reference some of these topics, so will share if she finds anything salient.

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- Joint Fire Sciences – Kenny said they are looking at JFS proposal to use WPSAPS data and such for a wildfire prevention effectiveness research hasn't been funded yet; specifically, ***Prevention of Human-Ignitions on Tribal Lands and Cross-Jurisdictional Wildfire Creep***. Hopefully, it will be funded.

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 no info yet for 2023 on their website. (2.D.1 of Strategic Plan).		

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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 sdantewood@blm.gov 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	Completed – person is from Kansas
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	Completed on 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	Completed
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	Carrie will check on status
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	
Tina Boehle	NPS	

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Maureen Brooks	USFS	Wildfire Risk to Communities is live to help identify Human Caused Wildfires across the U.S. If you want to look at local fires, use BLM site. Otherwise, this tool is very high level and still effective. This is using the “Karen Short” data.
Kari Cobb	USFWS	
Doug Hildebrand	NOAA	
Kenny Jaramillo	BIA	
Angie Lane	NASF (Western)	CIMT Implementation is being looked at by states. Some states have concern about participation, qualifications, etc.
Kent Nelson	NASF (Eastern)	
Jon Skinner	BLM	