

Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

CEPC Conference Call Agenda

Logistics

Date April 11, 2024

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	X
Faith Berry	US Fire Administration	
Carrie Bilbao	NIFC External Affairs	X
Tina Boehle	National Park Service	X
Mandy Scott	U.S. Forest Service	X
Kari Cobb	US Fish and Wildlife Service	X
Mark Thibideau	Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee	
Corey Pieper	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NWS	X
Kenny Jaramillo	Bureau of Indian Affairs	X
Angie Lane	National Association of State Foresters (Western)	
Katy O'Hara	NWCG	X
Caron McKee	Administrative support	X
Kent Nelson	National Association of State Foresters (Eastern)	X
Jon Skinner	Bureau of Land Management	X
Shawn Zimmermaker	Fire Investigation Subcommittee	X

Agenda Topics

- Schoodic update – BLM can pay for conference room; Carrie will work with Jon on this. Two people per cabin – Carrie will do cabin assignments, then we can change things if needed.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- Chair's update – Carrie: See Schoodic updates above. Corey Pieper is the new NOAA rep.
- NWCG Coordinator remarks and news and update – Katy: Website transition has happened (last week). There are still some lingering issues with content transitioning; some may resolve in the next few days. Next week, if there are still any gaps/missing info or broken links, send those to Katy. PIO SMEs will be in Boise in next couple weeks.
- PIO Subcommittee update – Chris: PIOSC will be transitioning Chair roles – in May, Kari Greene will become Chair. Have been going through website updates and keeping list of issues. SMEs for Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) – had a few last minute changes, but have 8 SMEs plus one PIOSC member participating. PIOSC discussed NWCG looking at SOPs – subcommittee is on track with outlining some more specificity in PIOSC's SOPs. PIOSC is in a good place, and moving ahead is looking forward for being prepared for PIOC to go through IPTM, and looking at evaluation/auditing.
- Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee update – Mark: Trying to get a few things going from ground level: Region 5 prevention committee has put a Prevention Academy on their program of work

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as an interagency effort (will hopefully be a national offering). **Request SMEs from CEPC members for each agency to review and agenda when developed.** Briefing paper submitted to Carrie on suppression vs. prevention staff/staff needs on training, etc. (Carrie emailed to CEPC members). Interested in 2025 selected positions for IFPTM; would like to get SMEs together. Anna Henderson at Washington Office is working on PD rewrites and looking at Prevention PDs. PREV qual – looking to put in some typing. PETM/PETL – wondering how we update positive training requirement of P-101 for both team member and team leader? Per Katy – that is an IPSC process; would go in through a Request for Change process; Katy can go over this process on a future call, and one-on-one with Mark in the meantime. P-301 and P-101 aren't required but are outdated – will be looking at getting the ball rolling on updating these. NWCG process – subcommittee will have to start this process; Katy can share course templates; while going through IPTM, NWCG won't be able to assign training specialist or writer/editor etc. immediately since they're not required trainings. **CEPC agreed as a group that they support the FPET subcommittee pursuing:**

1. **Change proposal to look at positive training requirements for P-101 to PETM, and P-301 training requirement for PETL.**
 2. **A request for change pursuit for typing prevention officers.**
- Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee update – Shawn: No new updates. Work continues on various ongoing projects. There has been some headway with the authors on one of the studies on FPET indicators; they are willing to share data and have more in-depth conversations.
 - Fire cause task group update – This group was reinstated due to issues with reporting in INFORM system causing an increase in undetermined causes. It's a robust group, which has expanded to include dispatch representation and others and is meeting every other week. The group had their first meeting last week to divide up and assign tasks, work through business rules, and more. Kenny/Jon can report out on this group on future CEPC calls.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

DISCUSSION ON WHAT THIS GROUP CAN ACCOMPLISH/PROJECTS WE CAN ADDRESS:

- Revisit previous action items? Do this on next call in May 2024.
- Fire Restrictions page – Kenny will revisit.
- Call with Prevention Committees from the GAACs - Carrie will track down POCs before next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS FROM TODAY'S CALL:

What	Assigned to	Status
Review Action Items and update status as needed (see link just below this table) <i>*Note there is a new 2024 tab in the Action Items Spreadsheet</i>	All	Be prepared to discuss on May call
Pursue a Change Proposal through NWCG to look at a P-301 update, and typing Prevention Officers	FPET Subcommittee	Will be a long process – work through NWCG

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***FOR A LIST OF ALL CEPC ACTION ITEMS, BOTH IN-PROGRESS AND COMPLETED, SEE TEAMS DOCUMENT: [Action Items.xlsx](#)** (Located on Teams inside the Meeting Agendas and Notes folder)

ORGANIZATIONAL/AGENCY UPDATES

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

Name	Representation	Update
Jodie Barram	IAFC	WUI Conference was fantastic! Nearly 900 attendees (largest ever). Did an International Exchange (with attendees from Canada, Greece, Australia, Spain, and Portugal) for peer-to-peer learning. Chief from Lahaina came to speak. Lots of great sessions, vendors.
Faith Berry	USFA	
Carrie Bilbao	NIFC External Affairs	Will be hosting tours at NIFC for International Association of Wildland Fire – they are doing a fuels/fire behavior conference in Boise next week.
Tina Boehle	NPS	
Kari Cobb	USFWS	
Corey Pieper	NOAA	
Kenny Jaramillo	BIA	
Angie Lane	NASF (Western)	
Kent Nelson	NASF (Eastern)	
Mandy Scott	USFS	Mandy sent out quarterly newsletter on Smokey
Jon Skinner	BLM	

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