

Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

CEPC Conference Call Notes

Logistics

Date May 9, 2024

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	
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	X
Kenny Jaramillo	Bureau of Indian Affairs	
Angie Lane	National Association of State Foresters (Western)	X
Katy O'Hara	NWCG Coordinator	
Caron McKee	Administrative support	X
Kent Nelson	National Association of State Foresters (Eastern)	
Jon Skinner	Bureau of Land Management	
Shawn Zimmermaker	Fire Investigation Subcommittee	X

Others: Kerry Greene (USFS) – for Chris Barth, Molly Hunter (JFSP), Karen Dante-Wood (JFSP)

Agenda Topics

- Guest Speakers – Karen Dante-Wood (Tech Transfer) and Molly Hunter (Science Advisor), Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) – gave an overview of JFSP, including resource funding opportunities and process.
 - JFSP is a joint partnership between DOI and USDA since 1998, which provides funding and science delivery for studies associated with managing wildland fire, fuel, and fire-impacted ecosystems.
 - Intent is for science to help support management decisions.
 - 12-member governing board.
 - Proposals are solicited annually in 3 areas: Primary, Graduate Research Innovation (GRIN), and Fire Science Exchange Network.
 - Fire Science Exchange Network (FSEN) is a network of 15 regional fire science exchanges – promotes active knowledge exchange between researchers and managers; filters wildland fire science info by region.
 - Firescience.gov is the website – includes info on how to get involved. (Also on social media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn).
 - Governing board and FSEN send info to Molly by region on topics needing research; CEPC could send in topics as well if interested. For this year, deadline is end of May, but submissions can be sent any time, and would be considered the following year if past the May deadline.
 - PowerPoint presentation sent to Carrie to post to CEPC teams site: [Overview of JFSP and FSEN presentation](#).
- NWCG CEPC website updates
 - Sent Katy Smokey links to add along with some notes and roster corrections.
 - Everyone double check rosters and your contact information.

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- Fire Danger Curriculum Management Unit has completed work on the Introduction to Fire Danger video. NWCG audio/visual folks will post. Fire Danger Subcommittee is interested. How about CEPC? Didn't have quorum on today's call to decide on this; will discuss more in future.
- Action items and tasks review
 - Add FPETSC taskings as action items or provide official request for:
 1. Pursuing a change proposal to look at positive training requirements for P-101 to PETM, and P-301 training requirement for PETL CEPC agreed as a group that they support the FPET subcommittee.
 2. Pursuit to change prevention officers typing.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- Chair's update – Carrie: WCT for PIOs - discretion of the agency's IQCS certifying official. Schoodic down payment – BLM covered conference room fee (thanks Jon!); will invoice each individual separately – one for lodging and one for meals.
- NWCG Coordinator remarks and news and update – Katy: Not available. NWCG IPTM Rodeo last week at NIFC – A lot of good work from SMEs involved. Recommendations from SME group will be coming out for PIOT and PIO3. Also focused on gap between PIO3 and PIOC.
- PIO Subcommittee update – Kerry: This is Chris's last month as chair. Kerry Greene will be new chair of PIOSC. PIOSC will meet in 2 weeks and will elect new Vice Chair. Per Kari Cobb, Jenner Harsha will be the new FWS rep for the PIOSC.
- Fire Prevention Education Team Subcommittee update – Mark (not on call but sent update): Pursuing a change proposal to look at positive training requirements for P-101 to PETM, and P-301 training requirement for PETL– had question on whether there's a need for an official CEPC tasking to the FPETSC to get these going? Per Katy, not necessary as long as we can track in notes. Carrie has added this to our action items.
- Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee update – Shawn: Subcommittee is interested in getting research needs to Joint Fire Science Program – they have several ideas, including reliability of indicators; cause classes – would be good to update studies. Shawn can compile a list; Carrie can send around to CEPC members and also talk to Karen Dante-Wood about best approach for sending these in. Subcommittee has working on archiving projects - trying to figure out best way to capture comments on draft docs. Shawn heard about NASA tool for federal employees to capture comments/disposition of comments – forwarded to Katy to look into more: (<https://software.nasa.gov/software/MFS-33498-1>).
- Fire cause task group update - Jon/Kenny: not on call. Shawn in on this task group and provided update: The task group divided cause classes into smaller groups – each group is working on what subgroups need to be captured. As of now, have about a quarter of cause classes done; call scheduled for next week to work more on this.

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

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ACTION ITEMS FROM TODAY'S CALL:

What	Assigned to	Status
Shawn to compile a list of Wildland Fire Investigation Subcommittee ideas for research needs; Carrie will send around to CEPC members and also talk to Karen Dante-Wood about best approach for sending these in.	Shawn/Carrie	
Review Action Items list (see tab for 2024) and make any needed updates; CEPC can discuss on future call.	All	

***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	
Faith Berry	USFA	
Carrie Bilbao	NIFC External Affairs	Our new outreach coordinator and NIFC social media lead, Andrea (Andi) Good, is up and running.
Tina Boehle	NPS	
Kari Cobb	USFWS	
Corey Pieper	NOAA	
Kenny Jaramillo	BIA	
Angie Lane	NASF (Western)	
Kent Nelson	NASF (Eastern)	
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Jon Skinner	BLM	

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