NWCG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE (EPSC) Call Notes

Thursday, 07/16/2026 @ 1200mdt – 1300mdt

Name	Organization	Role	On Call
Steven Gaskill	Department of Interior, US Wildland Fire Service	NWCG Coordinator	X
Kenny Jaramillo	Department of Interior, US Wildland Fire Service	Chair	X
Zach Ellinger	Department of Interior, US Wildland Fire Service	Alternate	
Andrew Quilliams	International Association of Fire Chiefs, IAFC	Vice Chair	X
Melissa Jenkins Matt Engbring Stacey Grimes	Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, FS, USDA	Primary Member	X
Andy Nesmith	National Association of State Foresters, NASF	Primary Member	X
Paul Rogers	National Association of State Foresters, NASF	Primary Member	X
Kent Nelson	National Association of State Foresters, NASF	Management Committee Liaison	

Topics

- Introductions
- NWCG Coordinator Updates:
    - NWCG Program Updates Committee Reorganization
        - Reorganization went live on July 1.
        - All old committee websites have been archived.
        - New committee pages display mission statements, objectives, SOPs, and rosters.
        - If you need content migrated from the old sites to the new pages, please notify your coordinator.
    - New Committee Team Sites
        - Management committee Teams sites have been provisioned.
        - Awaiting final confirmation on external sharing configuration.

        - Channels for each subcommittee, owners, and membership will be added soon.
        - Transition of content from old platforms to new teams will begin following setup.
    - NWCG Website Transition
        - Significant backend updates are in progress, including product stewardship and roster linkages.
        - Continued collaboration with the web team will occur throughout the week.
    - Coordinator Availability
        - Coordinator Gaskill is currently on assignment.
        - Will attend committee meetings as availability allows.
        - For critical questions or concerns, please reach out via email or Teams chat.
    - NWCG Standard Operating Procedures, PMS-900
        - https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/pms900
        - *The NWCG Standard Operating Procedures establishes the standards for general, consistent, and uniform processes for conducting business with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.*
- Associate Membership: Additional Agency membership/alternates
    - Discussion on including additional agency representatives to the monthly call and how their membership would be listed. Coordinator clarified the definitions of what Associate Member means and referenced the PMS-900. Agencies can have alternate attendees on the call and the primary member would be the only one listed on the roster. Reference the EPSC SOP for additional information on voting guidelines.
- New Website
    - https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/education-and-prevention-subcommittee
    - Legacy items to new page:
        - Link to the old page, is still available to access for now and indicates as ARCHIVED https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/communication-education-and-prevention-committee
    - Work on consolidated list of what content we want migrated over to the new site by next month's call.
- Review of Previous Community Education and Prevention Committee (CEPC) work and continuing forward

    - Committee SOP Review
        - https://fs-prod-nwcg.s3.us-gov-west-1.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/committee-sops/epsc-sop-2026.pdf
    - Establishing Subgroups – National Fire Prevention Education Team (NFPET) Subgroup Discussion
        - Deep discussion on the former NFPET Subcommittee: discussed the workload of the previous subcommittee (annual webinar, maintaining the rotation, FPET leads, etc.). Coordinator posed the question on if the mission and duties the NFPET are in line with the mission and goals of the NWCG and referenced the PMS-900 for guidance to help make that determination. Considerations are if it does not fall within the NWCG, where would it land so that the work and organization that has been built does not get lost. Deferred to next month's call for further discussion. In the interim, members would review the PMS-900 and the NWCG Mission.
- **Follow-up items before the next call:**
    - Review the legacy CEPC pages and provide information on what we'd like to see rolled over. (All)
    - Reach out to Angie Lane for list of taskings (Kenny)
    - Review the PMS 900 to determine how NFPET falls within the mission. (All)