

FBS Call

June 25th, 2025

1. **Participants:** Cheryl, Chris, Tonja, Matt Butler, Steve Stolze, David G, Ryan, Andrew S
2. **NWCG re-org** (Chris)
 - a. Draft doc (June 2nd) sent out by Nick (FENC) to a few folks
 - b. Feedback form for proposal will eventually be shared to everybody
 - c. Items of concern
 - i. Reorg: Plans Management Committee or potentially under move under Integration Management Committee
 1. Fire Env. would be made a subcommittee with FBS/FWSC and FENC underneath
 - ii. Mainly deal with FBAN-LTAN job tasking
 - iii. -90 series course steering committees, where do they go?
 1. Content still belongs to us but logistics for creating courses would go to someone else
 - iv. Publications still FBS
3. **Safe Separation Distance** (Chris)
 - a. Lot of changes over the past 2 weeks
 - b. IPSC draft memo to Risk Management Committee and FENC
 - i. Want to close testing phase tasked by Executive Board past 2 years
 - ii. Without moving it further, however it is built into some curriculum (i.e. S-390)
 - c. Safe Separation Distance topic is going to next Executive Board meeting but likely won't be adopted
 - i. S-390 curriculum team already asked to change up curriculum
 - ii. NWCG also pinged us about Pocket Guide having SSD in there
 1. 400 copies in Cache and will put stickers on them so people can't use
 - d. S-390 (Matt)
 - i. 2 units have SSD in them and they are solid
 1. Once or if SSD gets adopted then unit ready
 - ii. Joe-Matt-Heather will meet today and address the issue, likely change the unit
 1. Assess safety, you have tools available to you for assessing the fire env

- 2. Talk concepts but not specifically address SSD
 - iii. NWCG asked the team to remove anything related to 437-1 (links) in the course because it has SSD but it serves as the basis for the course so that won't happen
- e. Feedback after asking around
 - i. Operations didn't request SSD and another thing to have to deal with
 - ii. USFS was supposed to champion it on EB
- f. Comments
 - i. Matt: don't get asked to calculate a safety zone but do get asked whether that open ridge is adequate for a safety zone, if it isn't for that day how does that change your triggers
 - 1. David: concurs
 - ii. Chris: no clear process for research to operations
- 4. **S-390** (Chris/Matt)
 - a. Can't change name to S-390.... NWCG must change a bunch of publications or references
 - i. S-290 name change created quite the fuss within NWCG
 - b. Team mtg today including contractor due to SSD issue
- 5. **S-290** (Chris)
 - a. Waiting to hear back from Colby Jackson (email sent 2 weeks ago)
 - i. Colby and Heather have met once per week
 - b. Originally there were some issues with material handed over but now some issues with portal as well
 - c. Was supposed to be done by Feb, not making lots of progress right now
 - d. Heather and Kathy have been meeting regularly and making progress.
- 6. **S-490** (Tonja/David)
 - a. Mtg is happening right now, might be one of the final mtgs
 - b. Last mtg Tonja intended.... everything was on track
- 7. **RIST workshop/Annual Fire Behavior Workshop** (Chris)
 - a. Bill and RIST group willing to do logistics for it
 - b. Continuing Ed group rep wants that to be an annual refresher requirement
 - c. Comments:
 - i. Chris: doesn't think it should be recommended but keep the opportunity
 - 1. Don't want to reduce number of qualified FBAN/LTANs
 - ii. Tonja: if we build it, people will come
 - 1. Don't want to track and too much to go to in 3 days...resource available during fire season
- 8. **FBFRG re-write** (Chris)

- a. Will move forward with project, send pdf sections out to people
 - i. Sent to Fire Wx right now
 - ii. Continuing Ed will do Crown Fire
 - iii. Fire Danger SC will do fire danger
 - iv. Rest divvied up amongst members
- b. Submit draft to NWCG by Nov 30th so Chris needs week before to consolidate and go over
- c. Some outdated items
 - i. Ex. Mapping section has referenced to outdated uses

9. Fall Mtg (Chris)

- a. Nov 3rd to 7th
- b. Prescott AZ in-person as of right now
 - i. If virtual, likely truncated

10. Round Robin

- a. Ryan: shout out to Julia for making available S-390 material
- b. Cheryl: field sample data in FEMS, 6 months more of development funding
 - i. FEMS: working on API. Making it more robust, read only option to pull data easier, integrate Power BI which allows for more analytical options, by Fall have 3.4 release
- c. David: nothing to add, fall mtg may be iffy due to typical fire season
- d. Tonja: recent FS Pro runs are outrageously large, perhaps people not calibrating, make sure do short term assessment using FARSITE,
 - i. Cheryl noticed same thing, most aggressive options have been used by analysts when doing the runs
- e. Andrew: S-390 went well, did get the SSD email so didn't do all of the exercises so led to some confusion
- f. Steve: will help Fuels section in FBFRG
- g. Brent: active with weekly video creation team mtg's
- h. Chris: no further updates

11. Next Mtg

- a. Sep 17th