

FBS Monthly Call

Dec 17th 2025

1. Participants: Rocco, Ryan, David Schultz, Brent, Chris, Nicole, Tonja, Dan, Nick
2. S-390 (Chris)
 - a. Released last week, out for use
3. S-490 (Tonja/Chris)
 - a. Tonja joined S-490 call yesterday but not many attendees
 - b. Course should be certified and ready to go in portal by Feb 15th
 - i. ICWF needs to get all material by end of year
 - ii. Two regions planning to use new course
 1. N. Rockies (Feb)
 2. CA
 - iii. Open invitation for FBS members to go and observe the courses
 - iv. Rocky Mtn region will put on a multiple GACC course in 2027
 - c. S-590 pre-test, 29/78 passed
 - i. Not passing partly due to students not following directions plus Vectoring issues
 - ii. Therefore only 29 students taking S-590 next spring
 - d. Q&A
 - i. Ryan asked about N. Rockies course
 - ii. David: tons of convo's about having uncertified versions of course out
 1. Material should be up on the portal and live by mid Feb
 - iii. Nicole:
 1. multiple GACC S-490 teaching...was it done using virtual pods or were students all in one classroom?
 - a. One classroom used for the SW area course
 2. S-590
 - a. Nicole took test, no study guide or refresher
 - i. Vectoring wasn't intuitive
 1. Tried googling but couldn't find any information on how to do it
 - ii. Students may not have taken courses for awhile
 - b. Chris: pre-test questions not worded great and hasn't been changed in awhile

- c. Pages actually added to the new FBFRG
 - i. However, likely some areas that can be shrunk by using links and reducing tables etc
 - ii. Just not enough time during this go around of revisions
 - d. Where do you get current info?
 - i. Chris is working on a separate doc (fresh links), upload to website
 - 1. Will send out for review
6. Increasing FBAN/LTAN rate (Chris)
 - a. No new info
 7. NWCG Re-org/Unification (Chris)
 - a. Does not think it's a great time to put in funding or start a new project
 - b. Finish S-490 product
 - c. Cancel Jan mtg since it would be right after Jan 12th unification deadline
 - i. Next FBS mtg in Feb**
 - d. Heard DOI will be getting new emails for the 1-unit fire service structure
 8. YouTube site for FBS out of date (Chris)
 - a. Like to add new videos created by NAU
 - b. Mann Gulch (Dan)
 - i. Platform hosting it at Lab got messed with so trying to get it reposted on newly revised Fire Lab website
 - c. Joe Shindel best to answer getting new videos posted to our YouTube site (David)
 9. Knowledge as a Service (KAS)
 - a. Any outstanding items need to complete?
 - b. Heather was running lead latter 3rd of the project
 10. Round Robin:
 - a. Rocco: S-290 in Jan...87 students (do in 3 diff sections)
 - b. Ryan: planning on teaching weather portion of S-490 in Feb for N Rockies
 - c. Nicole: thanked Tonja for helping with FBFRG since furloughed
 - d. Brent: no big movement on NAU vidoes, recent calls have been canceled, been giving fire time lapse videos to Heather for the Inversion/Smoke Video creation
 - e. Chris: when hear anything new on unification etc will share
 - f. Rest of member didn't have anything to add