

Fire Behavior Subcommittee

Call Agenda 2/21/2024

Dan, David Greathouse, Nicole, Rocco, Mitch, Tonja

- Introductions for Dave Greathouse since I forgot last call.
 - Introductions for folks to Dave,
 - Tami is retiring May 31
 - Kyle is retiring in April
 - What is the role for the participating on the committee – the workload is collateral duty, we try to share the workload, SME involvement,
- NWCG stuff
 - Request for change to add S-491 to 590 is going to be discussed at IPSC at the Feb. meeting. Haven't heard anything.
 - Tami highlighted some points to consider for 491 as a requirement, this is the second time to put this forward, we may have to leverage some NASF support if this is denied again.
 - 4 funding requests were submitted. No update.
 - Continued discussion about Haines and LAL.
 - Tami mentioned that the research to operations, R-4 folks are very tied to Haines and there is a lot of resistance to removing Haines from the fire realm
 - How can we still tie in stability to the training and not necessarily not touch on it at all
 - Can we use the information feed that comes out from NWCG after the change request is approved through IPSC, we could pull together the bullets and videos to share with the field for transparency and information to help appease consternation.
 - **ACTION** Can we pull together some talking points on Haines – from fire weather folks
 - Annual all Chairs meeting this week in Boise, with a FENC in-person Friday. Chris is attending.
 - FBS meeting May XX starting
 - Dan will get the conference room reserved at the lab, and will inquire for locations downtown for meeting location
 - **Action:** Make hotel reservations.
- S-290
 - Mitch if he is on
 - Guide for fire behavior assessment guide – this hasn't gotten to everyone in the field, and they are unaware of the guide.
 - Is this ok – yes this ok, advertise away
 - These can be ordered from the cache
 - Tami/Dan will order a copy for the FBS members
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 - Test course set for mid-April, date changed from late March

- Trying to figure out ring o rang and working through bureaucracy to make it work
 - Working to incorporate this into 290, for development.
 - Dan explained where we are going with Ringorang. We are working with RMRS CIO to have an endorsed application – we have good contacts to leverage CIO.
 - 508 compliance is different than it once was, and it is a lift don't be surprised.
 - A little coordination for what expectations on what goes on the Portal.
 - This new course development is creating additional work for NWCG so there is becoming maybe some resistance to change.
 - We as the subcommittee need to support the new courses, new content and development of the course materials.
 - Test course will be in CA,
 - What does a test course mean, U of I administer, and then NWCG participates
 - BUT test course really means NWCG wants all of the materials before hand, on the portal, and ready for implementation – hand off of materials is going to be stressful with their full plate
 - How can be transparent so we can help meet expectations and the future offerings of the course
 - Portal is on Moodle software, and this needs to be updated in order to move these materials forward.
 - Help market the content, materials from students, and cadres who have instructed these course to share with NWCG to help promote the updated materials and learning styles.
 - Heather has reached out to NWCG media group asking about video content. What NWCG can use for content has long been a grey area and Annie is using S-290 as the example and reached out to the Doi Solicitor.
 - FBS funding is buying an Articulate 390 license through U of I.
 - We purchased some licenses for SME's to use
 - IT trainings are using Articulate, a few licenses will be available
 - Fire weather videos? Brent
- S-390
 - Matt is he is on.
 - Safety Zone content. From Nick, "I just had a meeting with Dan, Marlene, Eric, and Mac this week. Dan slightly modified the table/matrix and we will still be testing it on incidents this year. It is unlikely to make the IRPG 2025 issue, and everyone agrees that we need some more testing and evaluation of it."
 - Dan had a meeting with IPSC, he has been providing several briefings, they are going to continue the beta testing through this next field season
 - Dan is becoming a bit burned out with these conversation points, folks are apathetic of adopting
 - Need to make sure there is consistency in how the materials are shared for training and in the reference materials
 - Matt sent out an email to 490 SC asking for a liaison. Tonja – is be this person

- Working with Annie. Contractor may be on as early as April. Need SME to be liaison.
- S-490
 - Tonja or Dave Greathouse if they are on.
 - Need to really discuss cadre to teach the course, there are shortages nationally
 - How is 490 and 390 blending content, where does one stop and the other begin
 - Status of new Behave will it be ready to support the next GA course offerings
 - Lots of moving pieces at this point with the course development
 - Behave will this be the new behave or old behave and when will the new behave be available
 - ACTION need to confirm when/or how often we can update the course materials in the future, we are hoping annually making the process more dynamic
 - 395 idea tami gave an overview to help give exposure to some of the folks not going the analytical route.
 - This needs a lot more thought here, it is a concept, and if we can't get instructors now, how can we support yet another course.
 - Objectives this month to add SC page to NWCG. Need to get Heather or NWCG Instructional designer to look over, or punt until October,
 - October tentative kick off meeting. Someone will need to liaise the shit out of S-490 between NWCG/FBS/Uofl/Contractor/SC.
- S-590
 - No new update.
 - I will ask the SC if they want a FBS funded SME to help since Hugh Scanlon is retiring this year. He did a ton of the behind-the-scenes stuff.
 - Do we want to procure additional funding to support the courses with an SME, something to consider
- S-395
 - Chris has a draft email in his inbox that he has been trying to send for 2 weeks to begin conversations about this.
- Mann Gulch Dan/Tami
 - Email is going out soon to the forest for some approvals
 - Dan gave an overview of the mann gulch staff ride.
 - Tami will send out the videos we have to date.
 - Tami will work with Sam to get the other folks interviewed to help complete the videos discussed in MSO
 - Kyle has been working with the Staff ride folks to make sure we are 'calling' the materials we are building something besides staff ride,
- Discuss the Dude fire video and what people thought if anyone watched. And if it is useful for our request for fire environment video.

Round Robin

Mitch - nothing to add

Tami - shared the conversation regarding Heath and workforce development

Tonja - nothing

Rocco - another 390 at Colorado fire academy, looking to do another round of 290 in June, fire season is already occurring, red flag warnings occurring.

David - Glad to be here will work with Rocco to get up to speed

Dan - lots of outreach taught at s-390 safety zones, canned presentation for safety zones that can be used for instructional opportunities, will be in Kansas doing some burning, there might be some opportunities to collect some data – might be an opportunity to get some quals signed off.

- Could send a qualified and a trainee,
- First two weeks in April
- Manhattan KS
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