

Fire Behavior Subcommittee Meeting Agenda/Notes

Meeting Dates/Time: 04/24/2024 0900 PDT

Location: Teams

[Meeting Link:](#)

ATTENDEES: Chris, Tami, Kyle, Nick, David, Ryan, Samantha, Nick, Ryan, Matt, Cheryl, Dave. S, Brent

NOTETAKER: Tami

Meeting Agenda:

- **Mann Gulch/Spring Meeting**

- Samantha will share the video links to make sure folks have seen them
- Tami gave an overview of status and deadlines we are shooting for to complete
 - William Knudsen is leading the staff ride for the FAM12 group
- Videos - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZbvF_h1PFJWpdgSKdJmhVczymfefQ2rW
 - Trailer
 - Part 1
 - Part 3
 - Part 4
 - Missing in work Part 2
 - Stand videos
- R1 UAS folks are willing to engage, at this time we don't need additional footage, maybe part of the canyon could be reflowed
 - Sam is in coordination with training, AVR group etc.
- Make sure we send an email to Dave/Kathy regarding updates,
- Watch presentation videos as a group
 - Stand videos on your own
- Patrick Morgan – where to host the final videos to compliment the other staff ride materials
- Dan is going to try and get vehicles so we can take government rigs
 - **Cost of the boat is 400 plan to bring @30 cash to cover the boat ride and claim on your travel auth**
 - **Bring hardhats just in case until you hear otherwise**

- **NWCG**

- Funding Requests FY25 - NO SME funding requests, will not pay for labor
- Unclear on other funding requests if there is labor include they likely won't be approved
- Final funding moved officially to U of I, 200k
- In talking with Heather – contractor gets additional money if we delay in getting feedback to the contractor
 - No additional SME to the group,
 - Heather estimated that we would have barely enough to get through the 390 and 490 review
 - SME's states/feds to help with 490
 - 490 steering committee call how many are interested in participating with the rewrite
 - ACTION: Chris will share the information gleaned from 390/490 with Heath Cota, given the need for SMEs to instruct courses and assist with course development, the detail program could still be an option but rumor is that is going away due to funding
- S-491 request

- IPSC – request for change, Nick has been doing a great job facilitating this process
 - Obtained agency support from most agencies supporting the changes
 - Support includes: 590, 495, agency representatives,
- FENC reorganization
- Does FENC need better representation at the Agency levels for vetting and navigating the NWCG protocol
 - This could streamline this process, by having key leadership positions represented for decision making at the FENC level
 - Should the subcommittees remain, are there different ones needed, or what should FENC look like
 - Executive Board is supportive of this change
 - LAL/Haines is going forward for removal – soliciting comments and feedback
 - Need to be very clear with expectations, target goals
 - Removal Jan 2025
 - If there are groups that need to updated, run those requests through Nick Nausler
 - ACTION: Chris/Nick NWCG printing of materials – going to outside entities rather than the cache due to time, costs etc.
- **Curriculum Updates 290/390/490**
 - Mitch 290 – learning the 508-compliance side of things, all of this will be done this week for the units
 - Photos are finished up with the compliance verbiage
 - All of these updates are for the test course
 - Timing to turn over to NWCG – should go quickly, Final looking at July which is when it would be transitioned for certification
 - Relationships seem to be better with U of I/NWCG with 508 side of things
 - There are some emails floating around regarding the 290 course, despite people not seeing the new course – Chris is handling these requests or concerns
 - Instructor guide for 290 changes –
 - ACTION – where does IMET sit as a position at the 290 or 390 level
 - What are the right instructor levels for the lead/unit
 - How are the IMETs clearly articulated to engage, participate – ponder this prior to certification.
 - Could it be WFO's AND / OR IMET / predictive services mets etc. to help instruct the course? What is the right language?
 - ACTION – Mitch will run this to ground with the appropriate people ie where
 - Private IMET feedback to the S290 course doesn't believe the video materials are adequate for this instructional forum
 - Some email traffic around this, Chris is trying to maintain some consistency in messaging
 - If there are concerns or feedback to the 290 course and into the future 390/490 make sure Chris and Dan see those so the responses can be coordinated
 - 390 Matt
 - Feedback from the Prescott course
 - Preparing materials for the June meeting, ICF is the NWCG contractor

- One week of virtual meetings to kick off this course
- Unknown what the requirements will be – weekly meetings? How much review, time commitments –
- Should be certified in the spring
- 490 – who would be the right SME to lead this effort
 - Should we continue to pay heather for the 490 review, she brings some good knowledge and skills to the table – she hasn't 'officially' been through the course
 - Higher operational background might be better suited for these SME's – Chris is considering how to proceed if we have recommendations or considerations let Chris/Dan know. OCTOBER is the time frame
- **Round Robin**
 - Rocco won't make meeting, greenup in central CO is helping with fire concerns
 - Mitch na
 - Rick won't be at the meeting
 - Dave
 - Nate out burning
 - Nick won't be there in May
 - Tami nothing
 - Ryan will be there thurs/Friday meeting.
 - Dave IPTM updates in 2025 – FBAN/LTAN – similar SME group?? More to come
 - Nicole – nothing to report
 - Chris – working with Dan/Tami to plan the meeting