

Fire Danger Subcommittee (FDSC) Meeting Notes

1400-1500 MST May 17th 2022

- Roll Call: [Blue = Present, (V) denotes voting members]
 - Jon Wallace, FWS Regional Fire Mgmt. Coord., FWS rep, (V)
 - Cheryl Bright, BIA National Fire Planner, BIA rep, **Vice-Chair**, (V)
 - Jen Croft, USFS WOFAM, FEMS/WIMS business lead, FS rep, **Vice Chair** (V)
 - Steve Larrabee, BIA/NICC Analyst, NICC rep
 - Brad Smith, TFS Predictive Services, NASF – Eastern States rep (V)
 - Chuck Maxwell, SWCC Predictive Services, PS rep (V)
 - Justin Boeck, BLM National Fire Planner, BLM rep (V)
 - Heath Hockenberry, NOAA/NWS Fire Wx Prog. Lead, NWS rep (V)
 - Shelby Law, GB Predictive Services, FEMS project lead/FDCMU lead (V)
 - Thomas St. Clair, BIA AK FMO, AK rep (V)
 - Jennifer Anderson, NPS CA, NPS rep (V)
 - Nicole Finch, USFS RAWs Prog. Manager, (V)
 - Vacant, NASF – Western States rep = vacant (V)
 - Reggie Roakes NWS Alternate
 - Mike Proud- NWS (V)
 - Ian Rickert – BLM/FS PNW Fire Planner, Field rep
 - Rebecca Hird– BLM WY HDD/HPD Fire Planner, WIMS Curriculum, Field rep

Web Modernization Effort- Ryan Hunt- project manager for FAM IM- web modernization effort including: GACC sites to DRUPAL,

Stephany Choi, Kristina Parrill, Olga Kurtser- FAMit portal obtained Wildfire.gov domain name redoing application pages, including pocket cards, looking for updates and improvements.

- FAM-it migrating to wildfire.gov domain.
- Steve- Purpose FAM-IT pocket cards site- can be reviewed and round up available at single site. No login
- Timeline- dev on wildfire.gov this fall, live end of this year or beginning next year.

Questions-

- Are pocket cards in and of themselves an application-
 - Steve-No... created through FFP or other means
 - Jen- Wildfire safe- beta product (RMRS, Jolley), application that can produce a live tracking live pocket card.
- Is the FAM-IT portal the primary place people would view- Yes national primary spot, also loaded on GACC sites.
- Does it need updating?-
 - Jen Yes, until we have national access for online services need spot for downloadable static card.
 - Steve-Business needs- clearing house for posting and make it accessible without login, reference material site.

- Jen- Changes coming this fall with FEMS and overhaul of the current FAM-IT portal.
- Shelby- Pocket cards a likely fit for FEMS, not on the short-term list for FEMS, suggest short term gap maintaining website.
- Is WIMS associated to pocket cards? Jen C/Shelby- Yes, WIMS is the database that is transferring weather that is downloadable to be used in other programs (FFP and Python) to create pocket cards but does not create pocket card.
- Suggestion- can the FAM-IT portal add FEMS and house pocket cards under FEMS framework? Shelby- FEMS has been trying to get added to FAM-IT portal (no one to create website and transition to new wildfire.gov) nothing currently.
- Shelby- Could pocket cards have their own page and not be housed under anything?
- Should pocket cards be associated with a program or stand alone? Steve- currently both. Pocket cards are their own thing. Jen- pocket cards are their own thing.

Needs-

- Need a place for reference material, and a clearing house for posting pocket cards.
- Timeline- dev on the wildfire development this fall, live next spring.
- Steve- Pocket cards AND Seasonal Trend Analysis (with guidelines). Use stop-gap solution to add seasonal trends.

Succession plan Leadership Transition-

Fire Danger Subcommittee Leadership Succession Plan

On June 1, 2022 the current Fire Danger Subcommittee Chair, Jon Wallace, will become Chair Emeritus and still available for mentoring of the successional leadership which will be Cheryl Bright (BIA) as Chair and Jen Croft (USFS) as Vice-Chair. Jon will also return to being a primary member for the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The FDSC will adopt the following Fire Environment Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Succession Guidelines for future leadership rotations.

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Fire Environment Committee and Subcommittees Chair and Vice-Chair Succession Guidelines

- Chairs and Vice-Chairs shall not serve in each role for more than three years consecutively
- The Vice-Chair will move to the Chair, the Chair will return to being a primary member, and a new Vice-Chair will be chosen from the subcommittee's or committee's primary members
- The three consecutive year guideline applies to each role. For example, a Vice-Chair could serve three years, then move to Chair for three years before returning to being a primary member.
- A subcommittee may request an exemption if there is consensus within the subcommittee. The parent committee will review the request and must reach consensus on allowing the exemption.

Vote- BLM- supports, NWS- supports, BIA- supports, FWS- supports (4/22 transition meeting), State Rep- not present, NPS- supports, Predictive Service- not present, USFS- supports

- Task- Cheryl will update the FDSC voting membership/ roster

NFDRSv4 Transition-

- Adjustments on FM Z and FM X in versions in FFP
- Changes to the range or fields differences between WIMS and FFP (default field values differences) fixed now.
- Decision support module expected June?
- Current status- down to last 5percent that need to finish documents.
- Final user webinar 5/19. Evaluating and monitoring FDOP's
- June 1st hard archive legacy fuel models. Stand firm unless safety issues arise.

Questions-

- Steve- Are all catalogs showing Y? Jen C- All available, can put push through WIMS for predictive services needs, through query, Ask field to set thresholds. This will happen prior to June 1st.
- Steve- All units have status entered, can this be shared with all agency reps. All geographic leads have access.

Communications Plan-Steve

FS provide opportunities with NEMO folks and funding towards a contract for the communication strategy and plan

- Short- build upon a draft commo plan to get through this fire season. Deficiency no way to provide mass communication. Need to provide web page for urgent news and links.
- Long term- utilize the contract, ability to use FS funds for BPA in place with BLM. Intent pick a contractor to develop a communications strategy and plan that encompasses fire danger. Hope to get the funds obligated prior to the cut off dates this summer.
- Short term draft plan out in the next couple weeks.

FEMS- Shelby

- MVP out before the end of the year. Mapping view of NFDRS viewer (this fall). Biweekly and monthly calls with FEMS design group and roadmap group. Testing this fall.

FDCMU-Shelby- Meeting with U of I contractors to "map out" the course for 191 and 291, using the ideas from the March Tuscon meeting. Hopeful on release next spring.

Round Robin-

- Nicole- RAWS spring training with GACCS, depot will do RAWS maintenance training in person in the fall.
 - Training will be tailored to POC and station owners
 - DRI and RAWS archive working on a timeline and description, should be ready beginning/end of this fall.
 - Working on modification for agreements,
 - As FEMS will be going into next phases with the archive.

- Reggie/Mike NWS- Goes 17 and GOES18 is up and being tested.

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