



## MEETING NOTES

**DATE:** April 19, 2023

### ATTENDEES:

Roll Call: [Blue = Present, (V) denotes voting members]

- Cheryl Bright, BIA National Fire Planner, BIA rep, Chair, (V)
- Justin Boeck, BLM National Fire Planner, BLM rep, Primary Member (V)
- Brad Smith, TFS Predictive Services, NASF – Eastern States rep Primary Member (V)
- Chip Collins, NPS, NPS rep, Primary Member (V)
- Mike Proud- NOAA, Primary Member (V)
- Andrew Bailey- FWS Rep, Primary Member (V)
- Katy O'Hara, NPS, NWCG Coordinator
- Steve Larrabee, BIA/NICC Analyst, NICC rep, Alternate Member
- Chuck Maxwell, SWCC Predictive Services, PS rep, Liaison
- Shelby Law, USFS NFDRS Program Manager Detail, FEMS project lead/FDCMU lead, FS Rep (V)
- Thomas St. Clair, BIA AK FMO, AK rep, Advisor
- Nicole Finch, USFS RAWS Prog. Manager, Advisor
- Jon Wallace, FWS Regional Fire Mgmt. Coord., FWS rep, Alternate Member
- Reggie Roakes, NOAA, Alternate Member
- Ian Rickert –FS PNW Fire Planner, Field rep, Advisor
- Rebecca Hird– BLM WY HDD/HPD Fire Planner, Field rep, Advisor
- Matt Jolly- RMRS Forest Service, NFDRS, Advisor

### COMMENTS

- Scott Linn hired as the new NFDRS Program manager for the Forest Service. Shelby to remain chair for the FDCMU, TBD on FEMS project lead role

### AGENDA ITEMS

**Topic:** FDSC internal SOP

**Presenter:** Cheryl Bright

**Discussion/Considerations:**

- Decision Primary Objectives- subcommittee worked on these in Oct 2022.
  - Develop and support standards, analysis processes, and tools for fire danger rating.
  - Facilitate development and dissemination of training and information that enable effective interpretation and utilization of fire danger rating.
  - Promote the effective integration of fire danger rating into wildland fire planning, operational practices, and decision support.
  - Contribute to the standardization of fire danger rating associated information technology systems to collect and distribute data, processes, spatial displays and analysis outputs.

Objectives will be reviewed annually- in Jan (or decide on a month) will be able to change/adjust at that time.

- Discussion - "Fire danger rating" glossary definition



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- Decision - Chair/Vice Chair agency rotation –New beginning for the FDSC in terms of Agency and Chair/vice Chair rotation.
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs – co-Vice Chair: 2021-2022; Chair: 2022-2024
  - National Association of State Foresters – Vice Chair: 2023-2024; Chair: 2024-2026 (if capable)
  - National Park Service – Vice Chair: 2024-2026; Chair: 2026-2028
  - National Weather Service (if capable)
  - United States Forest Service
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Fish and Wildlife Service

Brad Smith (NASF) will be stepping into the Vice Chair position

**Decision:** All in favor of moving forward with the four primary objectives as presented in the SOP and above.

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**Topic:** Fire Danger Rating Area Geospatial Standard

**Presenter:** Andrew Bailey

**Discussion/Considerations:** Currently there is not a data standard associated with FDRAs. Process includes submitting a request to NWCG for a data standard, NWCG will look to see who the steward will be. Suggest creating a task team to fine tune request and bring back to FDSC.

**Task team-** Andrew, Shelby, Ian, others?

**Decision:** All in favor with moving forward on geospatial standard for FDRAs

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**Topic:** FEMS Design Team Update

**Presenter:** Steve Larrabee (FDSC rep to the FEMS Design Team)

**Discussion/Considerations:**

- Version 1.0 (weather data for permanent RAWS) will begin UAT testing this week, production shortly to follow.
- Newsletter out soon
- FW21 reference document now posted on the FDSC website (under Useful Resources)
- There could be potential work on standards and/ or best practices that could come back to the FDSC. Lots of good work for FDSC to tackle in terms of business needs for FEMS
- NEED- FEMS application list of things that need standards

**Follow up:**

- Get with Gabriella for NWCG Data Standards
- Bring back list to FDSC to divvy out tasks



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**Topic:** FDCMU update S-191 and other course updates

**Presenter:** Shelby Law

**Discussion/Considerations:**

- Coming close to finishing 191 (alpha) (available end of May) would like for FDSC to take the course and provide feedback
- 291- May working session
- FDCMU- In person meeting this fall (391, 491, 591)
- 491- had call last week starting to parse out 391 content from 491

## TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Update on WFAS from Matt Jolly

## DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Date: May 16, 2023

Time: 1400 MST

Location: [Teams invite](#)