

Fire Environment Committee

Conference Call Notes

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On the call:

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Updates:

- Paul/PMU: EB agreed to annual meeting for board/committees, set for February 2020.
- Quite a few data standards coming out for review.
- Tasking continues on reviewing training related sub-groups. Intent was to better define how NAFRI steering committees fit into NWCG structure, clarify what groups are doing. May end up with some re-naming and modification to mission statements, but doesn't think groups will go away. Perhaps more information coming by the annual meeting in February.
- Certification of S-190 in the next few months.
- New **DRAFT** NWCG nomenclature:

Steward

- An NWCG Committee or subgroup assigned to create, manage, or revise an NWCG position or associated training.
- The steward will strive for unanimous agreement from all stakeholders for changes to the position or associated training. In the case of unresolved disagreement, the steward will determine the most appropriate changes for its subject area.

Primary Committee

- The NWCG Committee with overarching responsibility for an NWCG position or associated training. The primary committee has final decision authority/space.
- For example, the steward for the GISS position is the Geospatial Subcommittee, while the primary committee for the GISS position is the Data Management Committee.

Key Stakeholder

- A group, aside from the steward or primary committee, whose participation in development and review is necessary for success.

o When the Steward does not have responsibility for the applicable

functional area (e.g., GISS is in the planning functional area), the group with responsibility for the functional area (e.g., Incident Planning Subcommittee) is a Key Stakeholder.

o Other committees or subgroups with a significant vested interest (e.g., the National Coordination System Committee is the steward for the Aircraft Dispatcher position, but the National Interagency Aviation Committee has a vested interest in the IPD and related training content).

Action Item: Paul - NWCG to include time-table and flow chart of certification process at some point in the near future. NWCG realizes this needs to be transparent to user community, with roles and processes defined.

Next NWCG Connections call is October 2nd.

Agenda planning for October virtual meeting October 16th and 17th, 2019:

IT business update – very little progress thus far. Meeting scheduled with Fire Business group prior to October meeting.

Satellite data task team will update at October meeting.

New 91-series of courses – beginner level information for fire danger.

Curriculum update

S190 Certificaton?

Budget – will need proposals early in the new year, January?

NWCG updates - Fire Environment Poster, etc.

Update on Firenet

Round Robin –

- **Tami –**
 - NAU agreement with RMRS went thru for video work
 - Russ parsons at lab will make videos, will work with NWCG after that
 - Fire enviro poster made 508 compliant, next steps to post it somewhere, NWCG site, etc.
 - Training folks at NAFRI & S-495 – Tami to coordinate with Paul on this.
 - AFELU webinar coming up mid-October – thoughts on including segment on smoke? Pete or Mark will take a slot on the webinar.
 - Update on Windninja – working with Natalie and Jason at the lab. Working with USDA CIO – discussion on taking Windninja to AWS cloud for hosting. Jason/Natalie will be SMEs, but workload will go to CIO.
- **Pete-**
 - Submitted Smoke Over Roadways guide – submitted to NWCG, should be available in October. Discussion re: changing titles to NWCG Standards for...rather than guides or handbooks.
 - Table discussion on guide/handbook naming conventions until the next connection call, or the October meeting.
- **Clint-**
 - Trying to set up meeting for FECU – may discuss S-491
- **John Wallace (Clint) –**

FS letter re: NFDRS changes went out last week. Considering final transition to NFDRS 2016 by January 2021. Want interagency FDOPs done/updated by then.
All Geo area workshops that haven't been completed have been scheduled, except for SW.