

NWCG Fire Environment Committee

Virtual meeting on February 2, 2022, at 1200 MST

Attendees: Nick Nauslar (interim Chair), Katy O'Hara (NWCG Coordinator), Brad Pietruszka, Tim Brown, Tim Chavez, Geoff Marshall, Larry Van Bussum, Kyle Cannon, Cheryl Bright

Katy O'Hara

- Having a follow-up call when FDSC on latest budget requests and communications plan. There are short-term and long-term communication plans being proposed with contractors likely helping.
- Glossary terms are up for revision. The list was emailed out and should be disseminated. Revisions are due by February 28.
- NWCG Annual Meeting is in two weeks, being held virtually. Want to discuss how NWCG can better support membership and get the right people on committees, including transitions among chairs and vice chairs. Asking the executive board about review of WFIT projects within NWCG.

Brad Pietruszka (Fire Environment Continuing Education Subcommittee)

- Filling in for Wes and continuing work with subcommittee. Not much to report.

Cheryl Bright (Fire Danger Subcommittee)

- Digging out from emails but trying to get handle on FDSC business including the NFDRSv4 transition

Tim Chavez

- Discussed the newly formed Wildland Fire Threat Center for Cal-Fire. Need meteorologists and would be on 1-year contracts due to not having state position descriptions for the meteorologist. They want permanent meteorologists and working with Craig Clements on the position descriptions and KSAs.
- Would like an email of the expanded briefing paper from Predictive Services and know about the ongoing issues and the short and long-term plans.

Larry Van Bussum (Fire Weather Subcommittee)

- Assigning a task team for glossary terms. Thinking about defaulting to AMS glossary if not fire specific

Tim Brown

- What about NWCG informing AMS glossary definitions instead of vice versa?

Geoff Marshall

- Working with Technosylva data to push outlooks to four days out to supplement the 7-Day Significant Fire Potential Product
- If 7-Day Product becomes unviable, think Technosylva data with PS meteorologists' input can replicate most of what that product provided

- Still in the early stages of exploring this but can show example and will prepare end users for changes and differences

Nick Nauslar (interim Chair)

- Will email expanded briefing paper, glossary term revisions that are due February 28, and budget info to FENC members
- Discussed the short and long-term plans and the ongoing issues regarding the NFDRSv4 transition, especially with Predictive Services products. No final decision has been made about these plans, but efforts are already underway at each GACC to mitigate these forthcoming issues.
- These plans came together quickly and were led by Nick Nauslar, Chuck Maxwell, Jim Wallmann, Steve Larrabee, and Shelby Law. Relied on past reports, memos, conversations, and experiences when putting the expanded briefing paper together.
- Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.