

FEOU Meeting 9 Mar. 2021

Attended: Robert Swofford – BLM
Mike Dunivan
Kevin Conn – FWS
Linnea Keating – USFS
Nicole Finch

Discussed new weather program.

1. System should be ready for RAWs personnel to test next week.
2. After adjustments are made, the FEOU will have the chance to evaluate the system.
3. Heidi has been brought into the group to help bring NAMS Maximo to the system.
4. Currently there are three software developers working on the system, one is focused on reports. Outside of NAMS, this is the last critical component needed.
5. Mike asked a question about retrieving data that was missed. The new system has been programmed to backfill the holes by looking at Wallops and EDDN for the data that is not in the LRGS.
6. Briefed that the WFMI team and the FEMS team are working close together to ensure a good product for both systems.

Discussed NAMS.

1. Heidi is still working on bringing MAXIMO NAMS to an APEX NAMS product.

Discussed Standards and Guidelines.

1. Linnea and Robbie have not had a chance to go through the standards. Linnea briefed that Nicole would take that project and will work with Robbie to finish it.

Discussed RAWs Training.

1. The training that existed in DOI Talent is now on the Wildland Fire Training Portal.
2. The RAWs training dates and sponsors for the spring training are on WFIT. Classes start 22 March.
3. The training will be conducted virtually with a mix of the videos, web training, and online courses.

Discussed STIWG updates.

1. STIWG/TWG is being held 27 – 29 April 21.

Discussed the Harris L3 Project.

1. Harris Inc will be installing a system at NIFC this spring. It is targeted for April.
2. The project has been delayed due to the pandemic, IT security, and facility management.
3. Robbie gave a quick synopsis of the project for new members.

Discussed RAWs Projects.

1. Intellisense project is still ongoing. We are working with the vendor to determine if they can meet the NWCG standards on collecting sensor data.
2. Tom Maione is the project leader for the Kestrel sensors. He has been given the approval for the software needed to calibrate the sensors through IT security. If things go smoothly, we may see these sensors in the Cache next year.

Discussed the Fire Weather Working Group

1. Linnea asked our participation in the group and what they need from us.
2. Robbie briefed he has been attending meetings and the discussion was about lightning and if we had any projects that needed funded.
3. Robbie briefed on the failed process of contracting a lightning data supplier and how it formed a committee within the Fire Weather Working Group to evaluate and select a vendor for data.

Discussed the ability to have techs perform as IRAWs techs.

1. Robbie briefed we need individuals to help in this area due to some RAWs techs not wanting to perform fire duty anymore. Please contact Robbie or Alan Hester (Field Supervisor) for information.

Discussed that the DOD may be organizing and sending a member to represent at the FEOU.

This was Linnea's last FEOU and she will be greatly missed. We are all envious and happy for you.

Next meeting was set for June 8, 2021 at 1000.