

## **FEOU Meeting 8 June. 2021**

Attended: Robert Swofford – BLM  
Mike Dunivan  
Kevin Conn – FWS  
Nicole Finch  
Scott Von Kamecke  
John Noneman

Discussed new weather program.

1. Scott Von Kamecke gave a presentation of the new system and a walk through of the components that are currently working.

Discussed Standards and Guidelines.

1. Nicole and Robbie met and went over the changes recommended for the Standards and Guidelines. Robbie presented them to the Fire Weather Sub-Committee, and they were accepted. Robbie is currently working on a paper to introduce a micro weather station to fill the gaps between the portable and permanent stations. Once finished, he will present it to the Fire Weather Sub-Committee.

Discussed RAWs Training.

1. Virtual training was conducted this spring. We received positive feedback with the only negative being the students want the hands on. We will go back to hands on training as soon as possible. We may conduct one class virtually to accommodate students that can't travel.
2. We will be updating the training videos this summer to cut down on the wind noise.

Discussed STIWG updates.

1. STIWG announced that all stations that have not transmitted in the last five years have lost their assignments. Stations that have not transmitted in the last three years will lose them in June. All stations need to transmit at a minimum of once each year or they risk losing their assignments.

Discussed the Harris L3 Project.

1. The Harris project is scheduled for this fall at NIFC.
2. Robbie briefed that the cost to maintain the system past the original 4M will be expensive. In order to upgrade the system to detect 5G and 6G, along with Harris monitoring the system, has been estimated to cost 21M for 5 years after the original contract expires.

Discussed RAWs Projects.

1. Intellisense project is still ongoing. We feel the vendor will not be able to meet the sample rate standards of NWCG. This is why Robbie is putting together a paper to present to the Fire Weather Sub-Committee for the creation of a Micro RAWs class of stations.
2. The Kestral project has been briefed to NIFC FA200 management and it was agreed to move forward with the project. The Fire Weather Sub-Committee was briefed, and the project was

accepted. The Cache system managers were briefed, and they have reservations about the project.

Next meeting was set for Sept. 7, 2021 at 1000.