FMC Meeting Decision Log NPS Conference Room, Jack Wilson Building, 4/17/2019 1400 [MST/MDT], Decision Log



**Begin Time:** 1400 **End Time:** 1625

FMC Members:	Present	Absent
Angie Simpson (BLM), Chair	X	
Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS), Vice- Chair	X	
Jen Croft for Frankie Romero (USFS) via phone	X	
Bil Grauel for Sam Scranton (BIA)	X	
Tate Fischer (FWS)	X	
Andy James (NASF)		X
Advisors:		
Kim Van Hemelryck (OWF)	X	
Deb Fleming (NWCG)	X	
Ben Iverson (NWCG Training) liaison	X	
Jessica Wilson (BIA)	X	
Guests:		
Jason Fallon (FUSC)	X	

#### DECISION LOG

**Topic:** Review 3/13/19 Notes **Presenter:** Angie Simpson

**Discussion/Considerations:** No discussion.

**Decision:** Approve meeting notes from 3/13/2019 as presented.

# **Topic:** Update from Jason / tasking review

Presenter: Jason Fallon, Chair, FUSC

**Discussion/Considerations:** Jason updated the Committee on FUSC:

- Jason discussed recent changes to the FUSC Membership/
  - Josh O'Connor, FWS, is now Vice-Chair. Mike Ward, FS, and James Savage, CA-BLM, are new members. Deb will update the roster for FUSC on the NWCG website. Jason will reach out to TNC and BIA to confirm representation. Deb will remove Kevin Conn and Frankie Romero from roster.
- The Committee discussed if national representation on the Interagency Wildland Fire Module (IWFM) is necessary. Jason will touch base with Miranda.
- Standardized PD discussion: Jason stated that the FUSC discussed that as PMS 430 rolled out with the newest version that the FS would continue work on standardized module

PD's, which initiated conversation about recruitment, retention issues, and lack of clarity on roles and responsibilities for some of the modules with not having generalized standard PD's for what WFM's are supposed to do.

- o Kim stated that each DOI agency should ask their agency rep.
- Jason asked if he could set up fire net accounts for the modules (group account), committee agreed. Jason will ask Kelly about the format of the online form to a PDF.
- RX310 review: Jason was able to sit in on a couple courses and was pleased with the dedicated instructors. A form has been drafted to get information from the participants to tailor training to meet needs of students. There is also a need for quality instructors. Jason will send tasking and draft of questionnaire to Angie. Ben said that the learning portal has an instructor corner that could be helpful. Kim said to consider retirees for instructors, Jason said it is difficult with the day to day policy changes to keep up on.
- RT300 tasking with FUSC: After preliminary analysis there has been issues with piles, some escapes, lessons learned, and rapid changes to weather. Preparing two separate videos or a video to consider as a guide for piles. Production on the media contracts will be in Fall FY2020.
  - o Kim stated that instead of creating burn plans, bring in a prescribed fire manager to manage two or three of the burn plans at the same time. Jason stated that there is not as many managers at the type 1 or 2 level. Jen concurred with Jason. Jason will bring it up to the FUSC to bring awareness.

**Decision:** The Committee agreed to remove Kevin Conn and Frankie Romero from FUSC roster.

### **Topic:** IT Application Priorities / GAPS – Agency Results

**Presenter:** Angie Simpson

**Discussion/Considerations:** Angie stated that she is still waiting for OWF and FS to submit their priorities. Mike asked the intent for submitting priorities. Angie stated that BLM's priorities were not in line with what Frankie had, so she wanted to update. The GAPS are only being provided to Paul. The priority applications were just for updating / information only.

**Decision:** Information only.

#### **Topic:** IPD / RXB 1 and 2 Update

**Presenter:** Ben Iverson

**Discussion/Considerations:** Ben described the purpose of connection calls; an opportunity for committees to engage with the people doing the work to talk about initiatives that are going on at NWCG central to increase awareness. The most recent discussions have been IPD's, there has been frustration with the length of time it has taken creating the descriptions. Ben stated that other projects have taken priority and IPDs are still not complete. If committees have the capacity they can take on writing their own IPDs.

**Decision:** In the next coming months Ben will re-engage with FMC on the RXB 1 and 2 tasking. Ben needs feedback on the Firing Boss description and will send out briefing email to FMC, and the Committee will forward on for comments.

**Topic:** Update on Fuels Moisture Database

**Presenter:** Dave Mueller

**Discussion/Considerations:** Dave asked if Fuels Moisture Database ownership should be with FMC or with the Fire Behavior Subcommittee, since the main data users that responded with feedback were Fire Behavior Analysts. No maintenance is being done on the database and it is starting to breakdown. Jen asked what the consequences of the database breaking down would be. Dave said some wildfire assignments use it exclusively. Jason said that if on-site readings are unavailable, they use the database. All agencies have provided feedback that they use it. **Decision:** Dave said there is a possibility that BLM could house the database and WIFME could update it. Dave will reach out to Robin and Tami and provide them the statement of work and provide more information.

**Topic:** Review Draft SIT Report Memo

**Presenter:** Angie Simpson

**Discussion/Considerations:** Angie reviewed the draft SIT report memo and the comments that were provided. Andy is working on the state acres. Jen discussed Frankie's concerns with the 209 and SIT Report, correcting the request for the end of year summary so in the future what goes on NIC and is feeding external affair/public requests has to be in alignment with what we are actually doing vs the huge discrepancies in numbers.

**Decision:** Angie will update the memo with disclaimer to "reflect activity" and clean up the DOI side. Mike will update the Forest Service side.

**Topic:** Round Robin

**Presenter:** All present committee members

## ACTION ITEMS OR ASSIGNMENTS LOG

Name: Dave/Angie

Assignment: Send statement of work for Fuels Moisture Database

Name: Angie

**Assignment:** Review Smoke over Roadway - month review.

Name: Angie

**Assignment:** Update SIT Report Memo disclaimer to "reflect activity".

Name: Deb

**Assignment:** Remove Kevin Conn and Frankie Romero from FUSC roster.

#### DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

**Date:** 5/8/2019

Time: 1400-1625.

Location: NPS Conference Room