

NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Meeting Notes and Decision Log

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: 03/10/2021

Begin Time: 1400 (MST)

End Time: 1530 (MST)

Attendees

FMC Members

Present: Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS) Chair; Mark Jackson (BIA); Tate Fischer (FWS); Annie Benoit (NWCG); Frankie Romero (USFS)

Absent: Angie Simpson (BLM), Andy James (NASF)

Guests

Bre Schueller (note taker), Jason Fallon (DOI/IFTDSS-FTEM Business Lead)

Decision Log

Topic: Role Call

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck-chair

Discussion/Considerations: BLM has a national fuels review this week so Angie/Dave/Krista are not able make it. Andy is not present. Annie had to drop at the hour but will review the notes.

Topic: PMS 210 information to keep and where to store

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck-chair

Discussion/Considerations: Mike and Frankie both noted that they sifted thru the documentation but could not find anything critical. Frankie reached out to George Broyles who indicated that he does not believe that reference material used to develop line production rates was cataloged or collected anywhere. Concern is that if the PMS 210 is going away, so will the line production rate charts. Thoughts and ideas on where to store this information was offered and the group decided that Franke will follow up with the folks that are teaching Behave at the fuels academy to see if the information could be incorporated in to the help content for the Contain module in Behave, where it is referenced. Frankie will get back to Mike on this as if it does not work out, they may need to be placed on the FMC NWCG website.

Topic: IFTDSS Organization and Communication

Presenter: Jason Fallon-IFTDSS/FTEM DOI Business Lead

Discussion/Considerations: Jason is continuing to work with the IFTDSS development team, the FMC, the FTEM Steering Committee, and Tim Sexton (FS Business Lead) to ensure lines of communication are clear and procedures to determine IFTDSS/FTEM development priorities, as outlined in the charter, are working. FMC agreed that their understanding of the process is the User Advisory Groups will work directly with the IFTDSS development team and Project Managers to lend expertise to what the priority areas should be. When there are competing desires and a limited budget, the FMC would consult with the Business Leads to let them know, from the business perspective, which direction to go in determination of priority. Jason presented the concept of “Good, Better, and Best” in terms of decision points and options for IFTDSS, FTEM, and the FMSF. Individual group members offered their thoughts on what they thought was good, better, and best for each. Jason is leaning towards a better with FTEM and FMSF and good for IFTDSS. Frankie voiced concern over framing FTEM as a competitor to be weighed against IFTDSS rather than evaluating it as a subfunction. He would like the group to look at needs for enhancements in FTEM as compared to enhancements for risk and other fire modeling related work in IFTDSS. Mike suggested it would be a good thing to look at overall workload and priorities with IFTDSS/FTEM. Jason will work with Henry to present IFTDSS and FTEM priorities to the group at a future meeting.

Topic: Wildfire Hazard Potential Report Status

Presenter: Jason Fallon-DOI

Discussion/Considerations: Wildfire Hazard Potential Report is progressing quickly. The first draft is complete and has been passed to USFS and DOI leadership for review. The geospatial analysis portion is taking longer than anticipated but the USFS group has been able to help with that effort. Overall, the report describes that the problem is extensive and will cost billions of dollars. The intent is to have an updated draft by this Friday. Revisions and another round of review by leadership is expected but the report is expected to be final by the end of this month.

Topic: Fire Reporting Subcommittee proposal

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck and Jason Fallon

Discussion/Considerations: There continues to be a need to have fuels data subject matter experts working on reporting standards and definitions. It is understood that the expertise will not be in any one or two people, rather, that the effort will require knowledge and expertise of a variety of people along the way. Creating a subcommittee under the FMC that could manage the work required to define fuels data reporting standards and definitions was proposed. Mike will discuss this with Angie and will report back to the group at the next meeting.

Topic: RXB1/2 IDP Recommendations

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck

Discussion/Considerations: Look at RXB1/2 IDP recommendations from SME group working with Lori Glaeser. Decide if we should incorporate any of the recommendations.

Action Items or Assignments

Name(s): Frankie Romero

Action/Assignment: Frankie will follow up with LaWen and Faith Ann, who are teaching Behave at the Fuels Academy, to see if line production rate information can't be incorporated in to Help content for Contain Module in Behave. He will get back to Mike on this.

Name(s): Jason Fallon

Action/Assignment: Jason will work with Henry Bastian (IFTDSS PM-DOI OWF) to present IFTDSS and FTEM priorities to the FMC at a future meeting.

Name(s): Mike VanHemelryck

Action/Assignment: Mike will speak with Angie Simpson about creating a subcommittee under the FMC that will work on fuels data standards and definitions. Add this topic to April agenda.

Name(s): All FMC

Action/Assignment: Look at RXB1/2 IDP recommendations from SME group working with Lori Glaeser. Decide if we should incorporate any of the recommendations. Add this topic to April agenda.

Name(s): Mike VanHemelryck

Action/Assignment: Bre will be on AL for next meeting. Will need stand in note taker for April meeting.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

Date: April 14, 2021

Time: 1300-1700

Location: Microsoft Teams