

NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Meeting Notes and Decision Log

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: 7.14.2021

Begin Time: 1300

End Time: 1438

Attendees

FMC Members

Present: Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS) Chair; Tate Fischer (FWS); Deb Fleming (NWCG); Frankie Romero (USFS)

Absent: Andy James (NASF), Angie Simpson (BLM), Mark Jackson (BIA)

Guests

Bill Grauel (BIA), Dave Mueller (BLM)

Decision Log

Topic: Production Rate Tables – Status and Refresh of Data

Presenter: Mike Van Hemelryck

Discussion/Considerations: Talked to NTDP (National Technology and Development Program) about hosting a webpage for the Fire Line Production Rate Tables where FMC could add documents and updates as needed. Some the current tables have a footnote but limited info about the processes used to establish them. NTDP had concern about presenting information without good reference material and asked for NWCG confirmation that these are the best available documents. FMC has the desire to update the tables and will request NTDP to conduct the studies once FMC determines a priority schedule for the tables to be updated. It will be a long-term tasking.

Action: Mike will write an approval memo for NTDP from FMC validating the tables as the best available information. A request from FMC to NTDP will be made in the near future for updated studies as soon as FMC determines priorities for table updates.

Topic: Rx Fire Escape Commonalities

Presenter: Romero

Discussion/Considerations: Burn bosses are desire a better understanding of the common themes coming from the escape evaluations. Frankie created a draft proposal. May be a good fit for the FUSC. See agenda attachment for proposal info. Discussion: Possibly utilize contractors who have the skill set to do this under FMC direction. May also add local/state reports before guidance came to put everything to LLC, get as many reports as we can, information gathering. 2005 report might have utilized newspapers, etc. to gain more info. Deliverables – written reports, journal article, article in FS magazine, etc. Update for relevancy after 4 to 5 years, provide materials for the instructors, record one

also so the other instructors can learn from recording. Consensus is it's a good idea and contracting is seems the best way to go to avoid increasing collateral duties being added to committee members.
Action: Mike to meet with committee chair to see if its something they would be able to take on – talk to Casey about their workload and what FMC thinks their role would be. Maybe have different groups take on different elements – spread the workload. Mike will report back to FMC.

Topic: Position Leadership Levels

Presenter: Fleming

Discussion/Considerations: Task – leadership committee needs to validate the positions currently established. Rationale for any potential changes to be included in the response. Validating the leadership level of 6 positions so far. This is helping establish better criteria for the task books, etc. Discussion: SOPL, LTAN & FBAN, discussion about which level those positions should be in; level2 or 3? Why does this matter - will impact training, affect taskbooks, incident business descriptions, etc. It will have an impact but doesn't need a lot of discussion (per Deb). One way to determine – line up with incident command levels. **The group wants take time to think about it. Need to have it figured out by October. Deb to send email with all the info. Plan is to wrap this up at next month's meeting.**

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

Date: August 11, 2021

Time: 1300-1700

Location: Microsoft Teams