

NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Meeting Notes and Decision Log

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: 09/08/21

Begin Time: 1300

End Time: 1600

Attendees

FMC Members

Present: Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS) Chair; ~~Andy James (NASF) Vice Chair~~; Bill Grauel for Mark (BIA); Angie Simpson (BLM); Tate Fischer (FWS); Deb Fleming (NWCG); Frankie Romero (USFS), Jason Fallon (OWF)

Absent: Andy James, Mark Jackson

Guests

Heather Heward (UIDAHO), Annie Benoit (NWCG)

Decision Log

Topic: Role Call

Presenter: Angie Simpson for Mike VanHemelryck

Discussion/Considerations: Notes from July meeting have been reviewed and posted

Topic: RXB1/2 Review Design Document

Presenter: Heather Heward and Annie Benoit

Discussion/Considerations: Heather gave an update on the project and the direction it is heading (Job Aid Packet for RXB1 and RXB2). The Job Aid is the foundation of a training development system and aims to help NWCG develop positions and training. Other NWCG positions will follow the same structure. While there will be only one Job Aid for RXB1 and RXB2, the Burn Boss Task Analysis will result in a publication that will include additional statements regarding the varying levels of complexity for the different RXB levels. Some thought still needs to go into additional training requirements for the RXB1 position.

The new online Burn Plan preparation course will be a 20-hour course over one week and is based around the evaluation and justification of an existing burn plan. The new proposed Burn Plan implementation class is a 20-hour course with 2 days in the field and one-half day in the classroom. The emphasis with this course is to properly train instructors to ensure they have a good grasp of the big picture.

As of now, the plan is to have a course drafted by November and available for use by different geographic areas by this winter. Heather will be taking feedback from the winter offerings and will adjust as needed to have the final package to NWCG by early March 2022. This would be for Burn Boss training 301, 341, 410. There is no plan to rewrite 410 but she will use pieces to support the Burn Boss class. Heather and Annie would like to run this by the FMC in January 2022 and implement a test course in February 2022.

Topic: Validate IPD Statements

Presenter: Annie Benoit (NWCG)

Discussion/Considerations: Annie reviewed the IPD statements for the RXB1 and RXB2 positions with the FMC. Most of the questions regarded editing or deleting verbiage from existing text. Annie will send the spreadsheet to the FMC so those that were not on the call can review decisions.

Topic: Leadership Levels

Presenter: Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Discussion/Considerations: Deb reviewed the email with assigned Leadership Levels for specific positions. FMC needs to validate the levels for approval. Deb will send a new email out with what the FMC decided for final check. She will also see if there is any new info on LTAN/FBAN levels in regard to the SOPL Level assignment

- FEMO (Level 1)
- FIRB (Level 2)
- SOPL (Level 3)
- RXB1 (Level 3)
- RXB2 (Level 3)
- RXMG (Level 3)

Action Items or Assignments

Name(s): Annie Benoit (NWCG)

Action/Assignment: Send FMC the IPD spreadsheet for Burn Boss 1 and 2 for review.

Name(s): Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Action/Assignment: Deb will send an email with what FMC agreed to for position Leadership Levels for a final check along with a link to the Levels. Will also see if there is any new info on LTAN/FBAN in regard to SOPL.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

Date: 10/13/21

Time: 1300-1700

Location: Microsoft Teams