

NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Meeting Notes and Decision Log

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: 11/10/21

Begin Time: 1300 MDT

End Time: 1520 MDT

Attendees

FMC Members

Present: Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS); Vice Chair- Mark Jackson (BIA); Angie Simpson (BLM); Jon Larson (FWS); Deb Fleming (NWCG); Frankie Romero (USFS)

Absent: Chair; Andy James (NASF)

Guests

Jason Fallon (OWF)-arrived 1400 MDT, Annie Benoit (BLM-NWCG), Bre Schueller (USFS-notes)

Decision Log

Topic: Role Call

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck (NPS)

Discussion/Considerations: Nothing to report

Topic: NWCG FY23 Funding Requests

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck (NPS)

Discussion/Considerations:

The deadline for requests is January 22. In preparation, have requests lined out by the next meeting (Dec. 8), or send directly to Mike so he can start working on formal requests. The FMC would like to fully fund the Escaped Prescribed Fire review and Mike will double check on the module request that was sent to Casey. Be prepared to discuss requests at the next FMC meeting.

Topic: FIRB Standards and References

Presenter: Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Discussion/Considerations:

The FMC reviewed the Firing Boss Standards and References (link below) and did not request any edits or changes. No action needed here.

Topic: Production Rate Table updates and NTDC**Presenter:** Mike VanHemelryck (NPS)**Discussion/Considerations:**

Ralph Gonzalez at NTDC is ready to start working on Production Rate Tables but no formal request for doing the work has been submitted. Mike will write up a formal request and have the FMC review before it goes to NTDC. The request will articulate that they start working on the most outdated tables to start and work thru the list based on that criteria. At this point, it is assumed the work will go in the NTDC's queue but if the FMC needs this to be bumped up in their priority list, they can provide outside funding.

Fireline Production Tables: <https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/nwcg/> OR

https://www.frames.gov/documents/behaveplus/publications/NWCG_2021_FireLineProductionRates.pdf

Topic: RX301/341 revision process**Presenter:** Annie Benoit (NWCG)**Discussion/Considerations:**

Prior to this meeting the FMC reviewed the original document from 2018 that outlined the need for 301/341 course revision. FMC revisited Heather's presentation and ensuing discussion about 301/341 revision that occurred at the last meeting. FMC needs to clearly articulate scope and define what success looks like for this course revision to Heather. Frankie, Mike, Heather and Annie will be on the next FUSC to update them on the process and see if they have availability to reengage. If they can, the FMC will create a formal tasking of the work to be passed down, including the need for an outside evaluator to help gauge if the revised course meets the need.

Topic: Infrastructure Bill**Presenter:** Mike VanHemelryck (NPS)**Discussion/Considerations:**

This was a general discussion and information sharing session about how the different agencies and bureaus are reacting to the Infrastructure Bill that just passed.

Action Items or Assignments

Name(s): All**Action/Assignment:** Be prepared to bring to the table and discuss funding requests at the next FMC meeting December 8. Send ideas to Mike prior to the call so he can start working on the formal request.**Name(s):** Mike VanHemelryck**Action/Assignment:** Mike will write up a formal request for NTDC to update Line Production Rate Tables and have the FMC review before it goes out.**Name(s):** Frankie Romero and Mike VanHemelryck**Action/Assignment:** Meet with Annie, Heather and other NWCG reps next week to discuss performance-based mandate and how it can meet the need for positions that require 301/341. Reach out to Casey (FUSC) to see if they can reengage with Heather on the course revision. If so, FMC will create a tasking for the FUSC.

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

Date: 12/08/2021

Time: 1300-1700

Location: Microsoft Teams