

NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Meeting Notes and Decision Log

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: 7/13/22

Begin Time: 1300 mtn

End Time: 1520 mtn

Attendees

FMC Members

Present: Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS) Chair; Angie Simpson (BLM); Chris Marks (FWS); Deb Fleming (NWCG); Frankie Romero (USFS); Kristy Swartz (OWF Liason); Mark Jackson (BIA)

Absent: Andy James (NASF) Vice Chair

Guests

Henry Bastian, Caroline Nobel, Jim Menakis, Doug Havalina, Jason Fallon, Sarah Lee (NWCG), Tim Garity

Decision Log

Topic: Role Call

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck

Discussion/Considerations:

- Andy James team was called up so may not attend
- Sarah Lee will be Deb's replacement and she may join
- Tim Garity may join for part of the meeting

Topic: FMC Chair for FY23-24

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck

Discussion/Considerations:

- A decision needs to be made on who will assume the Chair role beginning in October. BIA is next in line but Mark declined due to personal reasons. If Mark can't do this, BIA should find another member that can make the commitment. Mark agreed to work finding a BIA rep.

Topic: FTEM SC Future

Presenter: Mike VanHemelryck/Henry Bastian

Discussion/Considerations:

- The charter and org chart have always been somewhat confusing, specifically who does what and where for FTEM. Henry reviewed the org chart in the IFTDSS charter. Many members have

retired or moved on leading to changes in participation on the FTEM SC calls. Need to find the right composition members and level of participation.

- This will be a topic for another FMC meeting to start brainstorming some resolutions to these issues.

Topic: Update: USFS National Rx Fire Program Review

Presenter: Frankie Romero

Discussion/Considerations:

- Declared wildfire review report for Las Dispensas- Hermit Peak was released in June
- Gallinas-Calf Canyon review initiated in July-expected preliminary findings in August
- Review team will be examining various aspects of Rx fire program and will suggest recommendations.
- Frankie shared a presentation lining out a 3-phase strategy to the review
 - Short-Term (90 days)
 - Intermediate (~ 6 months)
 - Long-Term (~ 1 year)

Topic: National MOU for Wildland Fire Mgmt between DOI agencies and USFS

Presenter: Angie Simpson

Discussion/Considerations:

- Redoing 2017 MOU and meeting tomorrow. Frankie will provide feedback for FS
- Angie wants to keep the 2017 language because there are so many local agreements and interagency units. Frankie was okay with that
- Can defer exploring cross billing or national agreement for exchange of resources to next fall
- Potential future topic: Come up with one pager of “here is what we would like to do in terms of interagency agreement for resources for Rx fire or fuels.” What are our shared objectives at sharing national level agreement for sharing Rx fire and fuels resources. Take to grants and agreements office in terms of identifying what we want to do.

Action Items or Assignments

Name(s): Mark Jackson

Action/Assignment: Work on finding a BIA representative as Chair for FMC.

Name(s): Mike VanHemelryck (and other FMC members)

Action/Assignment: Prepare agenda for brainstorming path forward with IFTDSS/FTEM SC and group representation. Pull in Jim Menakis, Jason Fallon, and Henry Bastian. Some information will need to be disseminated to Clint Cross.

Name(s): Angie Simpson

Action/Assignment: Prepare future topic to discuss what we would like to do in terms of interagency agreement for resources for prescribed fire or fuels. Draft a one-page document to take to grants and agreements office in terms of identifying what we want to do.

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

Date: August 10, 2022

Time: 1300-1700

Location: Microsoft Teams