

# NWCG Fuels Management Committee

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## Meeting Notes and Decision Log

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: March 12, 2025

Begin Time: 1300

End Time: 1600

## Attendees

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### FMC Members

Present: Chris Marks (FWS – Chair); Angie Simpson (BLM); Tim Boyce (USFS); Jamie Tripp (USFS); Andy James (NASF); Mark Jackson (BIA); Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS); David Schultz (NWCG); Casey Boespflug (FUSC); Brad Shoemaker (OWF)

**Guests:** James (Matt) Dunn (NWCG)

## Decision Log

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**Topic:** FIRB Training Design Plan

**Presenter:** Matt Dunn (NWCG)

**Discussion/Considerations:** Matt Dunn presented updates to the FIRB training design. The design includes online and instructor-led components developed by SMEs and contractors. Redundancies with the new S-229 were noted, particularly regarding briefing content. The group affirmed that the content remains essential but should be streamlined. A verbal vote of support was given by all FMC members present, including BIA, USFS, NASF, FWS, and others. The Executive Board has already provided input, and the project will not require their further approval. Validation is scheduled for April 17, and course delivery is targeted for late May 2025 at the SWIFT Academy.

**Topic:** RX300 IFTDSS Prework

**Presenter:** Chris Marks & David Schultz

**Discussion/Considerations:** FMC discussed the relevance and accessibility of IFTDSS prework for RX300. One key module has a broken link, while others have been updated. Use of IFTDSS varies significantly by agency: USFS favors retaining it due to broader internal application, while NASF and BIA report limited or no usage. The committee consensus was to retain the introductory IFTDSS module but not make additional content mandatory. Replacement links are being reviewed. Dan Staub is following up on resolving link issues. Any further changes would require a formal course revision, which is not feasible at this time.

**Topic:** FEMO Training Requirements

**Presenter:** Chris Marks

**Discussion/Considerations:** Members were asked to contribute to a new spreadsheet collecting FEMO training requirements. This mirrors earlier data collection efforts for RXB2 and SOPL. The goal is to provide NWCG with a clear picture of agency needs in support of future IPTM development. Each agency should verify or add training requirements relevant to their use of the FEMO position. Spreadsheet is hosted on the Teams site under RX Qualification Standards.

**Topic:** Chapter 17 Red Book Revisions

**Presenter:** Chris Marks

**Discussion/Considerations:** A draft version of Chapter 17 was distributed, focusing on terminology and policy alignment. Proposed changes include updating references from NIFPORS to IFPRS. Agencies are encouraged to review and provide comments by March 31. There was discussion around whether to include language about Cross-Boundary Assistance, but FMC decided to wait due to the pilot status of the current agreement. OWF will evaluate whether future versions should address this once the pilot phase concludes.

# Action Items or Assignments

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**Name(s):** David Schultz

**Action/Assignment:** Follow up on IFTDSS prework links and confirm LMS flexibility for optional content.

**Name(s):** All FMC Members

**Action/Assignment:** Update FEMO training spreadsheet before the April meeting.

**Name(s):** Chris Marks

**Action/Assignment:** Coordinate RX300 exemption request with NWCG Executive Board.

**Name(s):** All FMC Members

**Action/Assignment:** Review and submit Chapter 17 comments by March 31.

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

Date: April 2025

Time: 1300-1700

Location: Microsoft Teams