

NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Meeting Notes and Decision Log

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: September 10, 2025

Begin Time: 12:00

End Time: 13:31

Attendees

FMC Members

Present: Mike Van Hemelryck (NPS); Mark Jackson (BIA); Angie Simpson (BLM); Chair- Chris Marks (FWS); Jamie Tripp (USFS); Laura Harger (DOD); Andy James (NASF);

Absent: Sarah Lee (NWCG)

Guests

Stewart Richter (Stu) NAFRI Director; Bradley Shoemaker (OWF associate member); James White (Jimmy White); Dave Schultz (IPTM/Training Lead)

Decision Log

Topic: RX510 and M580 – NAFRI Discussion (Combined Course Delivery)

Presenter: Stewart Richter

Discussion/Considerations:

The two courses (RX510 and M580) are very similar in unit theme and instruction. The proposal aims solely to "defend future deliveries" and demonstrates a "good faith effort" to efficiently utilize appropriated dollars for necessary training.

- **Logistics & Efficiency:**

- The NAFRI Sonoran Auditorium can seat about 130 students lecture style or 100 students with laptop connections.

- Past deliveries were inefficient; the last RX510 had 37 students, and M580 had around 45 students. Combining them could potentially bring in up to 100 students, which is more than the two previous courses combined.

- The combined delivery would involve having the core instruction in one room, and using breakout rooms (up to 12 available at NAFRI) for unique curriculum components.

- The proposed combined delivery would start for Fiscal Year 2027 deliveries (Spring 2027), not affecting 2026 plans.

- **Certification:**

- Students who meet the RX510 prerequisites would receive both an RX510 certificate and an M580 certificate.

- Students who do not meet RX510 prerequisites would receive only an M580 certificate.
- Richter clarified that this is a combined delivery strategy, not combining the two existing courses into a single NWCG course, as future science or policy might cause the courses to "veer apart even more."

Topic: IPTM Update on FIRB / FEMO Position Training Requirements (RX310)

Presenter: Dave Schultz

Discussion/Considerations: A decision is required within the next month (by the October FMC meeting) regarding whether to make updated training, specifically RX310, a requirement for the FEMA position. This timeline is critical to finalize contracts and include positions in the spring lineup for IPTM.

- **Status of RX310:**
 - RX310 has not been updated for 10 or 15 years. Per direction from the executive board, courses are only updated if they are required training for position-specific training. While RX310 is position-specific, it is currently *not* required.
- **Timeline Impact:**
 - If the FMC decides to update RX310 and make it a requirement, the offering would be pushed to Fall 2026. The earliest the requirement could take effect would be 2027. A transition plan would be required for "grandfathering people in"

Action Items or Assignments

Name(s): ALL

Action/Assignment: Fill out the spreadsheet in Teams regarding the FEMA class requirement decision (whether or not to support making updated RX310 required training). Be prepared to make a final decision on this at the October meeting.

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

Date: Oct 8, 2025

Time: 1300-1700

Location: Microsoft Teams