

NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Meeting Title: NWCG Fuels Management Committee

Date: October 8, 2025

Time: 1300–1345

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees

FMC Members Present:

- Chris Marks (FWS)--CHAIR
- Andy James (NASF)
- Brad Shoemaker (OWF)
- Eric Kronner (FWS)
- Angie Simpson (BLM)
- Dave Schultz (NWCG)
- James White (USFS, CO)

Guests:

- Dave Schultz (NWCG)
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Decision Log

Topic: RX-510 and M-580 Courses

Presenter: Chris Marks (FWS)

Discussion/Considerations: Chris opened with updates on RX-510 and M-580 training coordination, noting that discussions with Stu Richter last month went well. The group reviewed the status of both courses and acknowledged ongoing uncertainty around future offerings as the committee awaits clarity from NWCG restructuring decisions.

Decision: FMC will continue to monitor course delivery status and address updates once NWCG restructuring outcomes are finalized.

Topic: NWCG Committee Restructuring

Presenter(s): Dave Schultz (NWCG)

Discussion/Considerations:

- The NWCG Executive Board continues progressing toward full restructuring.
- Original implementation was targeted for February 2026 but will likely shift to July 2026 to accommodate DOI unification efforts and membership selection delays.
- Each committee will ultimately have one DOI representative instead of individual bureau reps (BLM, FWS, NPS, BIA, BOR).
- Until transition completion, existing committees should maintain normal operations and continue project work.

Decision: No formal action; informational update only. FMC will continue operating under the current structure until notified of formal transition timelines.

Topic: Steering Committee Communication

Presenter(s): Angie Simpson (BLM)

Discussion/Considerations:

Angie raised concern regarding inconsistent communication to the Steering Committee when courses are canceled. She requested that cancellation notifications be shared directly with Steering Committee members to ensure transparency and planning continuity. Chris Marks agreed and will relay this request to Trincado for implementation.

Decision: To ensure future course cancellations are communicated directly to the Steering Committee through PFTC leadership.

Topic: PFTC FEMO/Field Observer Training

Presenter: Dyer (BIA/PFTC)

Discussion/Considerations:

- The FEMO/Field Observer course (combined S-240 and RX-310 content) will be canceled due to current funding and travel restrictions.
- The course was designed as a 10-day program (3 classroom days, 5 field days within three hours of Flagstaff, and 2 reporting days).
- Strong demand noted: 125 applicants for 24 available slots.
- Future intent is to develop advanced monitoring technique workshops building on this framework.

- Several biologists and ecologists scheduled as presenters are furloughed and unable to travel due to budget limitations.

Decision: Course canceled for 2025. PFTC will explore options for future sessions or modular workshops once staffing and funding stabilize.

Action Items or Assignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Action/Assignment</u>
Chris Marks	Relay Steering Committee communication request to Trinc (re: course cancellations).
Dyer (PFTC)	Provide follow-up on rescheduling or redesign options for FEMO/Field Observer course.
All Members	Continue monitoring NWCG restructuring updates and maintain normal committee operations.

Next Meeting

Date: November 12, 2025

Time: 1300–1700

Location: Microsoft Teams