

Fire Prevention Education Team (FPET) Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 06/20/2024

Attendees:

- (X) Mark Thibideau – Forest Service – Chairperson
- (X) Zach Ellinger – Bureau of Land Management – Primary Member / Program Manager
- (X) Jeff Moyer – Bureau of Indian Affairs – Primary Member
- () Amanda Scott – Forest Service – CEPC Liaison
- (X) Stacey Grimes – Forest Service – Co-Chairperson
- (X) Andy Nesmith – National Association of State Foresters – Primary Member
- () Kate Roesch – National Park Service – Primary Member
- () Gwen Beavans – AD Employee – Associate Member
- () Katy O’Hara – National Park Service – NWCG Coordinator
- (X) Nick Terrell – Bureau of Land Management – Admin. Support

Also in Attendance:

Old Business

- Learning Environment Webinar – Jeff has a presentation topic and a guest speaker lined up but a date for the next Learning Environment Webinar as not been set due to seasonal workload. Committee members are all still in support of scheduling a date for July but acknowledge that national fire activity and response may bump the next webinar date out further.
- Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and Diversifying Membership of FPETSC – Committee members present at this meeting have reported that they have received some interest from colleagues from their respective agencies on IPTM SME work, as well as FPETSC membership. For the IPTM position reviews (scheduled for 2025), the committee is looking for seven to nine SMEs from different agencies and geographic areas to volunteer for the position reviews. Also, the committee is seeking interested parties from all agencies to get involved with the FPETSC as cooperators or future members. Mark will reach out separately to absent committee members to check on agency interest.
- Round robin –
 - Zach – The Northwest is working on building a local FPET team, and the Southern area may start letting resources go out of region.
 - Andy – State of Florida will send out resource availability lists by July 1 and begin releasing resources out of state. Central and south Florida have received precipitation. Taught 410 and 310 class recently, impressed with 310 turnout.
 - Jeff – BIA may be able to muster resources soon – struggling to keep up with workloads with available personnel.
 - Mark – Currently is on an R5 detail and is writing a communication plan for Camp Smokey.
 - Stacey – On assignment in the Southwest.

Other Business

- Community, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC) update - No FPETSC member was able to attend the CEPC meeting, but Mark summarized their meeting notes. CEPC was in support of FPET related courses in the IPTM position review. The conversation about the FPET national coordinator

rotation has not moved forward with CEPC.

- National FPET Coordinator Update (Zach) – Zach recently finished an assignment in the Southwest (specifically in the Central/West Interagency Fire Restriction Zone) and reported that it went well. His team focused on “One Less Spark” messaging and equipment related fires. There were no new large fires while the team was in place. Zach transitioned with Stacey who is now leading a team in the White Mountain Interagency Fire Restriction Zone and is focusing messaging on fire restrictions and closures. As of today’s subcommittee, meeting, Zach does not know of any pending requests for Fire Prevention and Education Teams. As we move further into fire season, Zach predicts increased need for FPET teams and recommends team members maintain awareness for culturally sensitive issues.
- In addition to FPET mobilizations this year, the committee discussed tallying trainee assignments and trainees’ qualification sign offs as additional metrics to track FPET team usage and future needs.
- The Northwest has intent to build a local FPET team. Zach has had discussions with the GACC FPET coordinator and supports this effort.

Next Call & Agenda Items

July 18th, 2024. 1000 PT, 1100 MT, 1200 CT, 1300 ET.