

Fire Prevention Education Team (FPET) Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes: 08/15/2024

Attendees:

- (X) Mark Thibideau – Forest Service (FS) – Chairperson
- (_) Zach Ellinger – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Primary Member/Program Manager
- (X) Jeff Moyer – Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Primary Member
- (X) Amanda Scott – Forest Service – CEPC Liaison
- (X) Stacey Grimes – Forest Service – Co-Chairperson
- (X) Andy Nesmith – National Association of State Foresters (NASF)– Primary Member
- (X) Kate Roesch – National Park Service (NPS) – Primary Member
- (X) 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: Todd Chlanda

Old Business

- Learning Environment Webinar – Because of national fire activity and the onset of Preparedness Level 5, the learning environment webinar planned for July did not occur. Committee members reached a consensus that Thursday October tenth, or Thursday October twenty-fourth would be the next planned webinar dates.
 - **Action Item** – Jeff will check with his presenter and get back to the committee to confirm the date.
- Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and Diversifying Membership of FPETSC –
 - Mark has received confirmation from Katy O’Hara that the Fire Prevention Education Team Member (PETM), and Fire Prevention Education Team Leader (PETL) positions will undergo the IPTM review process in 2025.
 - Mark will work with Katy and NWCG Training to get an IPTM presentation scheduled for the FPETSC.
 - **Action Item** – All committee members need to outreach for interest within their respective agencies for SME to participate in the IPTM review, as well as outreach for general interest in attending committee meetings for new member recruitment.
 - **Action Item** – Mark or Stacey will check in with Kary O’Hara to obtain the list of SMEs that signed up for the IPTM review on the NWCG website.

New Business

- Other Incidents as Quality FPET Assignments – After having received an email request from the field for a virtual trainer to sign off a trainee at a county fair, the FPETSC held discussion of non-fire incidents as qualifying task book assignments. For now, the committee concluded that each non-fire incident will have to be evaluated considering the trainee’s experience but discussion of this issue will continue in the future.

- Round Robin.
 - Andy (NASF) – There have been three known SME applications from the Southern Area. No other updates.
 - Katie (NPS) – Will reach out to agency contacts to outreach for SME and FPETSC attendance interest.
 - Gwen (AD) – Unaware of SME interest from AD community. Raised question of if NWCG would pay for AD travel.
 - Jeff (BIA) – No updates.
 - Mandy (CEPC)– Celebrated smokey’s birthday this month. The smokey bear awards have been given out, see the awards presentation here <https://youtu.be/gf5jT9s4pwM>. Nominations for the 2025 awards are open.
 - Stacey (FS) – No updates.

Other Business

- Community, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC) update (Mandy) – The August CEPC meeting was rescheduled due to fire activity. The meeting is scheduled for later today so there are no updates currently.
- National FPET Coordinator Update – With Zach not in attendance today Stacey was able to provide some insight on FPET Mobilizations. Currently, Stacey’s, and Mark Wiles teams are mobilized. There have been eight national team mobilizations this year. As of today’s meeting, Zach had not heard of any plans for ordering FPET teams nationally.

Next Call & Agenda Items

Sept 19, 2024. 1000 PT, 1100 MT, 1200 CT, 1300 ET.