



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Fire Use Subcommittee Notes 12/17/20 10:00-11:00 AK time

1. Attendees

- ☒ Casey Boespflug – BLM
- ☒ Josh O'Connor – USFWS
- ☐ Mike Ward – USFS
- ☐ Tom Garcia – NPS
- ☒ Darryl Jones – State Forestry
- ☐ Chad Bladow – TNC
- ☐ Shaniko Cowie – USFS
- ☐ Shawn Denowh – USFS
- ☒ Dan Dyer – BIA
- ☒ Deb Fleming – NWCG
- ☐ Eric Kronner – BLM
- ☐ Chuck McHugh – USFS
- ☐ Jesse Bender – NWCG
- ☐ Angie Simpson – NWCG-FMC
- ☐ Dave Mueller – NIFC-BLM
- ☐ Others
- ☒ Tim Theisen
- ☒ Mike VanHemelryck

2. Complexity Analysis Tasking

- a. Jesse took final comments and updated the fields that needed to be adjusted.
- b. Completed version has been uploaded.

3. WFM Annual Status Documents

- a. Who do they submit them to, FUSC or just local GACC?
- b. Action Item: Clean up language and process for certification and annual certification in PMS 430. (Casey Follow up with FMC and provide language)**
- c. Expect an email out to modules to update NWCG Module website list.
- d. WFM should send to the GACC, forwarded by GACC to NMAC, copying NWCG and FUSC.
 - i. GACC is usually the hold up to get information processed up to NMAC and NWCG.
 - ii. Work with Jesse to work on possibly automating the process once we have a better understanding of what the process should be.

4. Programmatic Burn Video

- a. Eamon Engber would like some examples of programmatic, landscape, multi-unit burn plans. From various GACCs, he's received a few but he could use more.
- b. Action Item: Upload your examples of programmatic burn plans in the Teams folder and/or email it to Eamon.**
- c. Action Item: Identify SMEs to start working with contractors; short turnaround time. March 31st**
 - i. Multiple Fuel Models: *Robert Ziel (Zeke), Mark Hale, Brad P.*

- ii. NEPA Compliance SMEs: *Casey as back up, will contact some folks.*
 - iii. Example Burn Plan format:
 - 1. *Darryl has someone in South Carolina*
 - 2. *Chuck McHugh may have some SMEs, he'll reach out, Casey will reach out as well.*
 - iv. Case Studies: *Eamon Engber*
 - v. Helpful Tools (IFTDSS, Modeling links): *Rick, Kim, Mark, Chuck McHugh*
- 5. RT-300 Southern Area Burn Boss Refresher in Chattanooga, TN
 - a. Mike Ward will send flyer and continue to update if any changes to event date or presentation method. **Rescheduled for July 19th – 22nd 2021, still in Chattanooga.**
- 6. RXB1/RXB2 Tasking- Mike Van Helmelryck
 - a. Need a handful of SMEs to work through the PSAT to review the standards align with duties and responsibilities. SMEs would need to be part of 2 interviews lasting 2 hours each, so a 4 hour commitment.
 - b. SMEs need to be current practitioners of prescribed fire with current qualifications (RXB1 and RXB2). Would like SMEs identified by early January.
 - c. **Action Item: Identify a handful of SMEs to work with PSAT. Mike will clarify tasking with Fuels Committee, expect a follow-up from Mike.**
 - d. **Dan Dyer and Casey Boespflug interested in being SMEs.**
- 7. RT-300 Video production contracts have been awarded but vendors have not yet been named. It would be a good time to go over the outline, cover objectives and intent of the video.
 - a. Update outline, objectives and intent to future call discussions.
 - b. **Action Item: Identify SMEs to assist with development, do we want to have an SME interviewed for the video?**
 - c. **Action Item: Start collecting footage.**
 - i. **Mike Ward will reach out to PFTC to see if they have any helpful footage from previous Agency Administrator Workshops. (Casey will reach out to Mike to find out if PFTC has footage we can use).**
 - ii. **Action Item: Identify a good site for uploading photos and video (EDP Video had a great process and site for the last RT-300 video)**
- 8. LTAN IPD is under development, NWCG is looking for comments.
 - a. **Action Item: Provide your comments (comments still being collected even after IDP is completed) <https://www.nwcg.gov/positions/ltan/position-ipd>**
 - b. Comments have been accepted and will continue to be collected, edits being completed on IDP and may be posted in next month(s)
- 9. Discuss ability to help develop and provide RT-300 online/virtual modules for individuals.
 - a. From last call: Locations (Forests, Zones, Regions) prefer having the ability to develop their own refreshers that meet local and regional needs. Developing a stand-alone online training to meet RT-300 requirements are not needed at this time.
- 10. Next call scheduled for January 21st, 12:00 MST (10:00 AST)