



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Fire Use Subcommittee Notes 12/16/21 10:00-11:00 AK time

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
- ☒ Tim Theisen – BLM
- ☒ Others – Todd Rankin & Heather Heward
- ☒ Tim Theisen
- ☐ Mike VanHemelryck
- ☐ Eamon Engber – NPS
- ☐ Adam Toomey – BLM

1) RXB1/RXB2 Tasking

- a) Annie, Lori, Jeff, Deb, Mark, Heather, Mike and Casey discussed another way to get information and RXB input due to limited SME availability. Heather is going to meet with Burn Bosses on site as a group to gather information needed. Then follow up with current SMEs identified as needed. SMEs started working with Lori Glaeser
- b) Task order extended to March 2022
- c) SME's assigned from FUSC
 - i) Chris Otto BLM, Lann Moore BLM, Richard Sinkovitz NPS, Richard Gustafson BIA, Shaniko Cowie USFS, Brad Donahue, Darrel Clairmont-Continue process until March 2022
- d) **Action Item: Available FUSC members will be on a call with Annie, Heather, Frankie and Kim Ernstrom on Friday 12/17 to discuss 301/341 course development centered around fire behavior training/qualifications need.**

2) Expect an email out to modules to update NWCG Module website list.

- a) **Action Item: Annie will follow up with NWCG (Deb) to make sure email is produced and sent out. COMPLETED and posted to the NWCG website**
- b) 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.
- 3) RT-300 Southern Area Burn Boss Refresher in Chattanooga, TN
 - i) **Cancelled to reschedule June 2022, working title “Interagency Prescribed Fire Professional Development Training Event. June 2022 Chattanooga, TN**
 - ii) **Virtual RT300 available on WFLP (4 sessions). Mike Ward with more information.**
- 4) RT-300 Video with EDP
 - a) <https://youtu.be/7nDeJkDQTmw>
 - b) <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-300/course-materials>
 - i) **Action Items: Casey will work with Deb to develop a proposal for RT-300 videos that will be submitted to FMC in January.**
 - ii) **Action Item: Work on outline and topics for future video(s).**
 - iii) **Action Item: Budget request went out-due January 21, 2022. Volunteer to assist with the funding request?**
 - (1) **Deb will send the past proposals to Casey to help develop the request.**
 - (2) <https://www.nwcg.gov/budget-guidance>
- 5) IFTDSS Burn Planning user needs reviewers.
 - a) Casey has asked if the program needs additional reviewers, but last response has been “not at this time.”
 - i) **Action Item: Have not heard back from IFTDSS. Mike will provide what the ask is for IFTDSS SME/reviewers. Need SME/reviewers by tomorrow.**
- 6) PMS 484 and 484-1, question came up as to adding a fillable signature packet.
 - a) At this time the members on the call don’t feel this is a needed change but may explore developing instructions for developing a package that can easily be signed digitally.
 - i) Should we just develop instructions to include with the 484-1 document on how to create a digital signature ready PDF from the word document.
 - ii) If we do feel we need to revise the 484-1 (Burn Plan Template) to include instructions for digital signatures we should review the whole document and make any other changes that might be necessary.
 - iii) **Action Items: Casey will touch base with Jesse to close the loop.**
- 7) Action Items/Bin Items
 - a) Josh introduced Todd Rankin as west coast FWS Fuels Specialist and potential future member of FUSC to fill Josh’s role.
- 8) Next call is January 20th, 1200 MST (1000 AK time)