



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Fire Use Subcommittee Notes

3/17/2022 10:00-11:00 AK Time

Attendees

Present: Casey Boespflug – BLM, Josh O'Connor – USFWS, Patty Johnson – NPS, Daniel Dyer – BIA, Chuck McHugh – USFS, Deb Fleming – NWCWG, Tim Theisen – BLM NV

Absent: Mike Ward – USFS, Eamon Engber – NPS, Chad Bladow – TNC, Todd Rankin – USFWS, Tom Garcia – NPS, Darryl Jones – State Forestry, Shaniko Cowie – USFS, Shawn Denowh – USFS, Mike VanHemelryck – FMC/NPS

- 1) RXB1/RXB2 Tasking-Discuss at end of meeting
 - a) Updates from last meeting
 - i) Continue to work with Heather to provide SME feedback, last call was 3/16/22. Need to provide feedback on 301/341 course agenda.
 - b) 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
 - c) Task order extended to March 2022
 - d) 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
 - ii) Chuck, Josh, Mike, Todd, and Casey continue to work with Heather, weekly calls on the RXB1/RXB2 Standards document.
 - e) **Action Item: Identify individuals to assist with the Standards document review. Standing meetings each Wednesday for two hours to finalize the Standards document.**
- 2) RT-300 Southern Area Burn Boss Refresher in Chattanooga, TN
 - i) Southern Area Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Session A Professional Development Learning Experience June 13-16, 2022 Chattanooga, TN
 - ii) Virtual RT300 available on WFLP (4 sessions).
- 3) RT-300 Video
 - a) Decide on topic and start collecting videos and pictures
 - i) **Action Items: Continue to solicit agencies for RT-300 topics.**
 - (1) Topic Ideas: Prescription Parameters development video.
 - (2) **Action Item: Ask for feedback from Virtual Prescribed Fire Plan Writing workshop to determine what feedback on topics they may have. Todd will check with presenters to see if they have other topic feedback.**
 - ii) <https://www.nwcg.gov/budget-guidance>
 - iii) Funding for the video has been approved.



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- 4) PMS 484 and 484-1, question came up as to adding a fillable signature packet.
 - a) Resolved
 - b) Action Item: Chuck shared some notes for potential items (NR Virtual course RX301/341) we should address in future updates. Will share document with rest of FUSC.
 - i) Declared wildfire return to prescribed fire and language missing from Element 18
 - ii) Technical review boxes in taskbook Block 40-41 from O to RX? Need to update language in 484 about a reviewer being able to be a trainee with a qualified burn boss at the appropriate complexity level.
- 5) Address corrections identified in PMS 424-1
 - a) Need to update 424-1 spreadsheet to fix misspellings, column width/text type for usability.
 - b) ACTION ITEM: COMPLETED Review the document to find spelling issues/column width adjustments, font adjustments. Want to ensure we stay within 508 compliance.
 - c) ACTION ITEM: COMPLETED Josh forwarded Todd Bates comments to Jesse Bender, will identify additional needs for a future call or communication.
 - d) ACTION ITEM: Jesse fixed the major issues. Some discussion on locking some cells from FUSC.
 - i) Would like feedback before next call to decide if we should have Jesse lock the formula cells.
 - ii) No strong feeling from the call participants to lock the document.
 - iii) Chuck suggested we change the name of tab 1: to note printing instructions are included.
- 6) Action Items/Bin Items
 - a) Participation verification process. NPS has identified Patty Johnson as the new Team member. Darryl Jones may be transitioning with another state forestry representative.
 - b) Action Items: Need to review the charter to determine the roles and representation.
 - c) IFTDSS Burn Planning module may need reviewers. -FMC will have more information at a later date.
 - d) Next Gen NFPORS may come on-line this summer for one Bureau to test, BIA may be the testing Bureau.
 - e) IFTDSS Burn Planning user needs reviewers.
 - i) Casey has asked if the program needs additional reviewers, but last response has been "not at this time."
- 7) Next call is April 21st, 1200 MST (1000 AK time)