

## Fire Use Subcommittee Call Notes from 9/15/2022

### 1. Participants:

- Chris Loomis - USFS
- Chuck McHugh – USFS Fire Lab
- Jackie Broeker – TN-TDF
- Patricia Johnson – NPS
- Josh O'Connor – FWS (surrogate)

### 2. RT-300:

- RT-300 video: Final selections sent to CO, probably be awarded in October.
- **Discussed possible topic to cover USFS Chief's letter.**

### 3. PMS 484 update:

- Element 5: Objectives. Always been a question of what resource and prescribed fire objectives are – these get confused. Put a description in there. Maybe first order fire effects and second order fire effects. Resource objectives come from NEPA or resource staff. Prescribed fire objectives are your silviculture prescription; what you are going to measure. Examples would be useful too – maybe in call out boxes for this.
- **Josh advice: tackle this if there needs to be a revision to PM 484 due to USFS policy shifts, otherwise the edit may not be worth the confusion in the field with an update to a document.**

### 4. RX301 Review:

- All units should be ready by the end of next week. Ready for Review. In the SME review folder.
- Spreadsheet needs filled out on what units each person will review.
- Read Unit 0 first.
- Review the word document because there is a consistent structure (Summary, IPD, Unit Objectives, Unit at a Glance). Can use comments and track changes best in word.
- Looking for fatal flaws.
- Units were built based on past units, standards document, PMS 484.
- Some units need review of additional materials (exercises, scenarios, job aids).
- Prework has significant amount of work. Should be Prerequisites not Prework. Could break down by trainings that are prerequisite and prework that are the readings. Need to take the trainings within the past year.
- Review needs done by end of September.
- Would be good to have 2 people review each section.
- **Reminder: that we must complete reviews for Heather by COB Friday (9/16 )**
- **It was pointed out that the course work may have maybe too much of a USFS bent and may not address prescribed fire operations outside of the western US.**

### 5. Future topics:

- **Jackie mentioned her involvement with the RXB3/4/5 group and will share information with the subcommittee for future discussion.**