



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Fire Use Subcommittee Notes

5/18/2023 1200-1300 MST, 10:00-11:00 AK Time

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Boespflug – BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Rankin – USFWS	<input type="checkbox"/> Gabe Dumm – USFS
<input type="checkbox"/> Patty Johnson – NPS	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Loomis- USFS WFM	<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Bladow – TNC
<input type="checkbox"/> Shaniko Cowie – USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Rankin - USFWS	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Dyer – BIA
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Lee – NWCG	<input type="checkbox"/> Angie Simpson – FMC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck McHugh – USFS
<input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Broeker – TN State Forestry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Theisen – BLM NV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Jackson – FMC
<input type="checkbox"/> Annie Benoit – NWCG	<input type="checkbox"/> Others: Heather Heward	<input type="checkbox"/> Others:

FUSC additional team members:

- Looking to expand the number of attendees/members. Asking for Alternate members and associate members.
- Jackie- will talk with counterparts in state forestry on interest. Looking for getting Eastern States in USFS back as a member.
- Alternate member would fill in for Primary, associate would be able to help with taskings but not be the voting member. Goal would be to build on associate positions skill and involvement.
- Consensus voting vs primary members only voting? Each agency should be represented either way.

1) RXB1/RXB2 Tasking

- a) Any updates? Task book is done, out for testing. Please provide feedback on round two. please review the codes and tasks. Trainees will be providing feedback as well as evaluators.
- Update: Course is done and will be implemented October of this year. Course material is all set to go. S390 is adding into prework so it may be removed from RX300. Same Prework for both S390 and RX300.

2) RT-300 Video Rx Burn Plan Technical Review

- a) Chuck is lead from FUSC.
 - i) Give Update and add Timeline:
- Update: Contract was awarded on 5/17/2023. Expires on 5/31/2024.



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- Cost Estimate was for \$31,900 but contract award was \$10,875. Main difference was our estimated hours and cost per hour for each task. Bid was for ~ less-than half our estimated hours per task and at a lower hourly rate.
- Meeting with COR and Sarah on May 25th to go over the contract etc.

Current Estimated Timeline

The initial plan, since we have 1-year from award to complete and finalize, but know it would be best to be finalized for spring training season in calendar year 2024. Once awarded, plan to reach out and coordinate with the contractor. The tentative schedule of work is:

- June
 - Meet contractor.
 - Learn about process and how they work like story board and scripts, videos, and images.
 - Set up the SharePoint site.
 - Involve NWCG CO, COR, Video folks, and Sarah J to make sure not missing anything.
- July
 - Work on story board.
 - Work on scripting.
 - Work with others (Todd, Gabe Dumm, Patty Johnson, and others) on the above.
- July – August
 - Imagine limited work depending on every one's fire season.
 - Pick back up in fall Sept-early November.
- December
 - Unknown.
- I see the bulk of work January – February 2024, working hard with other SMEs and the FUSC/FMC on finalizing the scripting, story boards, acquiring videos, and images as needed.
- March 2024 for reviewing by:
 - NWCG
 - Fuels Mgmt. Committee (FMC)
 - Other SME in the field to review.
- April 2024:
 - Editing and polishing, then finalizing with contractor.
 - NWCG Audio Visual folks to do what they need to on our end to get it posted/uploaded.
- May 2024:
 - Formal release.



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3) PTB Item review

- Update: Group review items included/not included on PTB and made recommendations, most related to using O or R as some tasks are hard to find opportunities to complete. Response from Heather Heward - "I will see if it is an option to do O/R or if they just want to pick one. I appreciate the comments. There will be other opportunities for review".
- Comments from last meeting
 - a) Confusion on the two tables – NOT included vs included. Is the NOT included what is to be removed?
 - b) Jackie – concerned that being removed may come back in if RX pathway comes along.
 - c) Tim – add NEPA compliance.
 - d) Was there a spreadsheet that recorded what was taken on and off, along with core standards and how to relate to position task book?
 - i) Heather is looking for folks early part of April. Patty offered to help. Casey to go back and look at email strings.

4) NWCG Notetaker/Support Person

- a) Sarah Lee update
 - i) Casey follow up with Sarah.

5) PMS 484

- a) Action Item-Casey to follow up regarding incorporating trainees as tech reviewer.

6) Action Items/Bin Items

- a) Next Gen NFPORS (InFORM) may come on-line this summer for one Bureau to test, BIA may be the testing Bureau, FWS is currently testing.
- b) Support for Heather Heward to review final RXB docs PTB (Round 2).

Next call is June 15th, at 1200 MST (1000 AK time).

Note: Casey will not be available.