



# National Wildfire Coordinating Group

## **Fire Use Subcommittee Notes**

6/15/2023 1200-1300 MST, 10:00-11:00 AK Time

### **Attendees**

<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Boespflug – BLM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Rankin – USFWS	<input type="checkbox"/> Gabe Dumm – USFS
<input type="checkbox"/> Patty Johnson – NPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Bladow – TNC
<input type="checkbox"/> Shaniko Cowie – USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Loomis-USFS WFM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Dyer – BIA
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Lee – NWCG	<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Rankin - USFWS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck McHugh – USFS
<input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Broeker-TN State Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Angie Simpson – NWCG-FMC	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Jackson-BIA- FMC
<input type="checkbox"/> Annie Benoit – NWCG	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Theisen – BLM NV	<input type="checkbox"/> Others: Heather Heward
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*As noted below from May meeting, team members and attendance need to be addressed.*

\*FUSC additional team members. Looking to expand the number of attendees/members. Asking for Alternate members and associate members.

\*Jackie- will talk with counterparts to in state forestry on interest. Looking for getting Eastern State in USFS back as a member. (No updates in June.)

\*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.

#### 1) RXB1/RXB2 Tasking

- 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.

5/19/2023 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.

6/15 update: Should be done. Can be removed from future agendas.

#### 2) RT-300 Video Rx Burn Plan Technical Review

Update from 6/15/23 – Casey and Chuck presented to FMC. No major feedback.

Chuck met with CO and contractor and two from NWCG to meet and greet (6/14/23). Went over timeline and needs, SOW, and deliverables. File sharing site will be set up, then Chuck will reach out to get the working group going on script (developing images and language), story board development. Chuck will be primary POC. Want to focus on tech reviews and tie to formal course materials. General discussion on tech reviews and content to include (lesson learned through escape reviews, etc.). May



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want to look at Rx plans that have less than adequate tech reviews, as a learning opportunity. Still in information gathering. Once Chuck gets process and outline with Paul, working group will get together to move forward.

**Action Item:** Working group will need to start working on script and story board/content. Make sure not FS centric.

**Action item:** Past videos, marketing is a problem. Difficult to find and hampering use. Need to make more accessible, make for usable. FUSC webpage has complexity analysis;  
<https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-300/course-materials> for landscape;  
Observations from Rx fires at bottom that discussed commonalities of escape fires.

- 3) PTB Item review – 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, I will forward this along to the taskbook group. There will be other opportunities for review.

6/15/23 - Comments from April meeting – removed

- 4) NWCG Notetaker/Support Person
  - a) Sarah Lee update
    - i) Casey follow up with Sarah.

06/15/23 update: still pending, all current volunteers have been assigned to committees. Keeping FUSC on the list for any future volunteers.

- 5) PMS 484

**Action Item:** Casey to follow up regarding incorporating trainees as tech reviewer.

6/15/23 – this has been on the docket for a long time. Need to follow up soon to provide updated language to support using trainees for tech reviews. (May be incorporated in tech review video??).

## 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 currently testing.

6/15/23 – Todd discussed FWS status is beyond testing with InFORM Fuels with 3 year program of work (FY24-26) built and approved for estimated treatments and activities. Can provide demo at next meeting if folks are interested.

- b) Support group for Heather Heward to review final RXB docs PTB. Round 2



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6/15/23 – think this is cleared and done; will need to confirm as noted in item 3.

**Next call is July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1200 MST (1000 AK time)**