



National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)



Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Sub Committee June 13, 2023, TEAMs Call

Present:

Mack McFarland, NPS, Chair
Cory Berkebile, BLM
Adam Benkula, USFS
Logan Blankenship, BLM
Dave Frey, NWCG Training
Aaron Pedersen, USFS
Mike Guarino, NPS
Ben Webster, State Foresters

Announcements:

- May Meeting notes approval

NWCG Training SME Update:

- Web based training is almost complete with some details in illustrations and terminology being adjusted by the SMEs and Softec.
- Instructor led training chapters are moving along with the SME group meeting 2x per week to review content and make adjustments in coordination with the contractor.
- Task book work is coming to the SME group soon. SMEs requested to send "evaluation skill sheets" to Mack to begin a library which should help streamline the task book process.
- Process for certifying sawyers is still managed at the Bureau/Agency level. Task books can be a way to help bring the interagency community together in these efforts.
- FAL3 certification may or may not be gained after taking the S-112. This is driven by agency policy and by the recommendation of the lead instructor for the S-112 course.

Glossary Terms:

- No review requested

Upcoming Work:

- FELB – IPD, Standards, PTB – Ben Webster is going to do an initial look at the current FELB package and report out on what is found.
- HTTFS Charter – Late summer early fall target for completion
- HTTFS Webpage re-organization. Kristen and Kris will look at this into the Fall/winter.

Round Robin:

- The faller - tree hazard analysis – could be improved in the PMS-212. There is a desire to establish a hazard analysis to amend the standards document. Top down and outside in methodology will be developed as part of S-112 and included in the PMS-212.
- BLM and USFS currently have FAL1 Final Evaluator positions. The BLM is considering sunseting their Final Evaluator positions when the new coursework and taskbooks are released.

Next Meeting is July 11, 2023

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