



National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)
Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Sub Committee
February 13, 2024, TEAMs Call

Present:

Mack McFarland, NPS, Chair
Adam Benkula, USFS
Kris Bruington, BLM
Brian Burbridge, USFS
Aaron Pedersen, USFS
Kristen Chadwick, USFS
Mike Guarino, NPS
Godot Apuzzo, USFS
Lisa Winn – USFS Climbing Program lead
Loretta Duke – USFS R6 Climbing program coordinate
James (Brock) Mayo USFS National climbing program Tag lead
Katie O'Hara - NWCG Coordinator
Dave Frey – NWCG Training

Announcements:

- Approve the Minutes from December and January
- NWCG Coordinator Report Out

HTTFS Projects:

FAL3 - S-112:

- Extended SME Review is the process when the course material sent out to new reviewers to take a look for any fatal flaws with the course, both online and instructor lead.
- The Test Course is when a group of instructors presents the course to a group of students and there is a feedback session to recommend adjustments to the course.
- Final Review happens after any changes are applied from feedback from the field review and test course.
- Approval happens at the subcommittee level before the course is added to the learning portal and available to all. This begins the 6-month transition away from the existing S-212 course.

Discussion on the Skill Sheet and how that will be used to aid instructors in giving students feedback on their performance but not as a certification mechanism. Skill sheets can be used to document experience as part of the task book process. Task books are not complete for review at this time.

FAL3 Size-up Video is in final stages with graphics and some adjustments to the flow wrapping up soon.

Pederson is working with USFS on the raw video for the bucking section and should be able to forward that to the group in the next couple weeks to make it into the course to fill the placeholder slides in the Online Training.

Jonathan is taking the lead on the prep work for the test course cadre in Florida and coordinating field review comments tracking.

FAL2 – The contractor is bidding the scope of work currently and thanks to the SMEs the work outline is taking pretty good shape which makes the bid process much better.

Web Page (Chadwick, Bruington): Working on outlining our current structure and will make recommendations on how it could be reorganized.

FELB Training: (Guarino) SMEs are working together well. Dan Staab is our NWCG Training Unit lead. A critical deadline coming up in February to get approval from the HTTFS on the course of action and proposed products at this point. Due to the contractor by 2/26/24. Keep an eye out for 3 documents to review and comment on in the near future. We will need to finalize this at our February HTTFS meeting.

Charter (McFarland, Berkebile): Charter drafting to occur during 2024.

**Next Meeting is – March 12, 2024
1300 mtn.**

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