



National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)



Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Sub Committee March 12, 2024, TEAMs Call

Present:

Cory Berkebile, BLM, Chair
Mack McFarland, NPS,
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
Roman Hucks – BLM notes

Announcements:

- Colorado Tree Strike
- Approve the Minutes from February
- NWCG Coordinator Report Out

HTTFS Projects:

FAL3 - S-112:

- Extended SME Review deadline-March 8th.
- The Test Course report out from Florida.
- 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.

Is this complete? Pederson is working with USFS on raw video on 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's report from Florida, if available.

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 What is the next step for this? (Chadwick, Bruington): Working on outlining our current structure and will make recommendations on how it could be reorganized.

FELB Training: (Guarino) Report out from Lead SME. Dan Staab is our NWCG Training Unit lead.

Charter (McFarland, Berkebile): Haven't finished! Charter drafting to occur during 2024.

**Next Meeting is – April 1, 2024
1300 mtn.**

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