



National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)



Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Sub Committee September 10, 2024 - TEAMs Call 1300 MTN

Notes

(Yes)(No) Present:

- X _ Cory Berkebile, BLM, Chair
- X _ Mack McFarland, NPS
- X _ Adam Benkula, USFS
- X _ Kris Bruington, BLM
- X _ Logan Blankenship, BLM
- _ X Brian Billie, BIA
- _ X Joel Colelay, BIA
- _ X Brian Burbridge, USFS
- _ X Aaron Pedersen, USFS
- _ X Kristen Chadwick, USFS
- X _ Mike Guarino, NPS
- _ X Godot Apuzzo, USFS
- X _ Lisa Winn, USFS Climbing Program lead
- _ X Loretta Duke, USFS R6 Climbing program coordinator
- _ X James (Brock) Mayo, USFS National climbing program Tag lead
- X _ Katie O'Hara, NWCG Coordinator
- _ X Dave Frey, NWCG Training
- _ X Dave Roy, BLM
- _ X Roman Hucks, BLM notes
- X _ Ben Webster, Fire program Supervisor for the State of Missouri
- _ X Daniel Staab, NWCG Training
- X _ Adam Washebek, Detailed National Coordinator
- X _ Daniel McLaughlin, Region 9 Saw Coordinator
- _ X Noah Wendland, FWS

Announcements:

- Approve Minutes if needed
- NWCG Coordinator Report Out: IPTM is doing a pause, it should not affect our Positions. But may affect Requests for Change.
- New Business to Add

HTTFS Projects:

FAL3 - S-112:

- Finalizing FAL3 PTB

FAL2 - S-212:

- New Lead SME: Dave Roy
- 3 New SMEs: David Updike, Reggie Bray, Matthew Klindt

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

- Need to discuss this more from last meeting. Think about FELB Vs HEQB. Do we need to know how to run a dozer or feller buncher to be HEQB?
- IPSC - BLM wants to require new S-212 level, currently or previously a FAL2 to be FELB committee agree or disagree?

Notes: Berkebile is good with just having S-112 as the prerequisite for S-112. Mack is good with just S112 training, Guarino good with S-112 training, Ben can go either way. Logan is good with S112 training wanting to add strong communication between the felling team and adjoining resources, maintain cutting area control in the PTB. Bruington is good with S-112. The positions intent is to organize the team not run the saw. **When S-112 is published, submit the Request for Change to add S-112 instead of legacy S-212.**

Web Page (Chadwick, Bruington): Need to set up meeting to go through links to remove. All removals are proposed and will be worked through committee before action occurs.

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

Report out:

USFS Chainsaw Program (Mclaughlin): Done with detail

USFS Climbing Program (Winn): Program is back certifying instructors in non-USFS agencies. Thanks to Aaron for sharing saw program policies in this arena on who has responsibilities for that. This will help program a lot. Large numbers of climbers went through training across the country this year for climber and instructor certifications. Training continues to be in demand.

Very big demand for cone collection climbing this season across multiple regions. Still happening now. We called out climbers from across the country to help in Idaho and Oregon for the larger efforts this year.

EC-4, our specialized climbing course with advanced chainsaw use is in demand. Several classes for certification occurred in OR, CA this year. Travel costs are impacting some folks' ability to get there. We are having more discussions about appropriate instructors for this (industry professional v. in house), as it has been industry professionals. Costs can be high and may limit who can get this in the future.

NTDP (Apuzzo): European helmets are passing the NFPA 1977 tests, will know more soon. Adapting chaps to more form fitting.

BLM: FALV is moving forward. IM draft has been edited and waiting for approval. FALV will be in IQCS. BL312 to get FALV T and RT312 to get FALV recertification annually.

FWS: Don't have one

BIA: Not on the Call

States: Reggie Bray came from here, and we have a folks to add to S-312.

NPS: Say thanks to Mack, Burbridge, and Godot for the clogger chaps.

**Next Meeting is – October 08, 2024
1300 mtn.**

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