



National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG)



Hazard Tree and Tree Felling Sub Committee April 8, 2025 - TEAMs Call 1300 MTN

Notes

Present:

Cory Berkebile, BLM,
Mack McFarland, NPS
Adam Benkula, USFS
Kris Bruington, BLM
Logan Blankenship, BLM
Anthony Gholson, BIA
Brian Burbridge, USFS - Co-Chair
Aaron Pedersen, USFS
Kristen Chadwick, USFS
Mike Guarino, NPS - Chair
Godot Apuzzo, USFS
Lisa Winn, USFS Climbing Program Manager
James (Brock) Mayo, USFS National Climbing Program Coordinator
Sarah Lee, NWCG Coordinator
Heather Gonzalez, NWCG Training
Dave Roy, BLM
Roman Hucks, BLM - Notes
Ben Webster, Association of State Foresters
Daniel Staab, NWCG Training
Matthew Okrasinski, FWS

Announcements:

- NWCG Coordinator Report Out:
 - Sarah Lee is interim Coordinator behind Katy O'Hara until NWCG receives the approval to hire for the vacancy (currently with DOI and OPM for review/approval process).
 - Staffing right now is thin due to some retirements and people who took other positions. Capacity for publications is 20-25% normal, Coordinator is 33% normal, Training Specialists is 50% normal, and Media is 67% normal.
 - Erica Lamb, our Publications Manager, lateralled behind Carmen Thomason as a Coordinator. She is doing both jobs until we can fill behind the Publications Manager position.
 - This means that most everything at NWCG is taking longer than it has in the past, but we are prioritizing IPTM and CIM work to keep those efforts on-track. We know that HTTFSC will understand and provide us some grace right now as we try to get detailers and permanent hires, so please let us know if anything accidentally drops through the cracks.
 - While Sarah cannot attend all meetings, she is available through email, chat, etc. and wants to ensure the subcommittee's continued success. NWCG truly appreciates all the hard work from the HTTF members.

- New Business

HTTFS Projects:

FAL3 - S-112:

- Status Report

FAL2 - S-212:

- Lead SME Dave Roy
- Status Report

Web Page (Chadwick, Bruington):

Charter No update (Guarino, Blakenship)

**Next Meeting is – June 10, 2025
1300 mtn.**

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