

# Interagency Fire Planning Committee

## Agenda Meeting Minutes: 11/12/2019 0900-1200 (Mountain Time)

### Invitees

Kristy Swartz (OWF), Andrew Bailey (BLM), Becky Brooks (FWS/NPS), Laura Barrett (FS), Reeve Armstrong(BIA), ~~Juliette Jeanne(BIA), ? (RD&A), Nate Barrons (State - UT), Mike Butteri (State - AK),~~ Peter Butteri (FWS/BLM), Darcy McDaniels (BLM), Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Guests: Lisa Hanson

### Agenda Items

#### 0900: NWCG Updates - Deb Fleming (information)

OTC is now IPSC (Incident and Position Standards committee)

Subcommittees:

- Plans
- Ops
- Logistics
- Command

Role - link across incidents, training requirements

Refine request for change process, internal business processes, ensure vetting, ripple effect (other positions, training, etc...)

Exec Board - Working on how committee roles are defined, discuss suggestions/concerns w/ your agency's exec board member

#### 0915: Progress Update and next steps - Proposal for Resource Advisor Subcommittee (20 Minutes) - Lisa Hanson (decision)

Reviewed and approved [Proposed Mission and Objectives](#)

Lisa agreed to be Chair for Subcommittee

Small group of READ Cohort reviewed Mission & Objectives. Makes sense to READ group to have INVsc under their group. Some discussion of BAER group under, declined. IPDs - start w/ one - REAF - most often requested 7 personnel working on that, draft under review by READ cohort. Send forward late November

Jill and Stew - coming back to gather more intel (help build package (likely REAF & READ) - #'s for both

Next steps:

- Need list of proposed members from Lisa (plan to route proposed list back through agency staff for concurrence, then finalize)
- Inform Exec Board of subcommittee

### 0935: NWCG Invasive Species sc - Kristy Swartz (discussion)

Early discussions with Equipment and Technology Committee (ETC) regarding shifting the Invasive Species subcommittee over to Fire Planning from ETC. Some belief that it might fit well as a unit under the Resource Advisor sc.

### 0945: Committee Business (decision)

- 2020 Meeting Schedule
  - NWCG All Chairs Annual Meeting *scheduled February 11-February 12th (this tends to be a useful orientation meeting for new members and catch-up for existing, interest in face-to-face meeting Thursday?) (Kristy - follow-up, e-mail to check on availability)*
  - *Shift to shorter, monthly meetings?*
    - *More frequent, shorter - potentially taper?*
    - *January 14th - 11 - 12:30, repeat monthly 2nd Tuesday (adjust as necessary, generally plan not to meet in the summer) Kristy - update invitation for all*
- Chairperson - Kristy will stay (at least until January)
- Committee Roles -
  - Notes: Change (RD&A) to Liaison, invite additional RD& A as questions arise
  - Changes - Send Kristy note by Bureau regarding membership (primary, alternate (Name)) via e-mail, CC Deb

### 1040: break

### 1050: (30 minutes) Fire Planning Data and IT

- Requirements
- Standardized Data Capability

*(from previous discussion)*

Want to:

look at FMP Spatially across boundaries

- Description of appropriate “type” of fire
- Fire-relevant management direction (**protection priorities**)
- Coordinate w/ Neighboring jurisdictions to align (where possible), values/protection/strategy

Avoid No fire here neighbor says yes in operationally difficult location (align w/ neighbors where possible) (Suppression difficulty), PODS may be useful

Visible in webmapping, mobile, decision support applications (**enter data once, changed in all downstream places - integrates with existing agency systems**)

Scalable (capable of displaying relevant info at local as well as national levels, and audience)

- ❖ Identify places that contain something that we don’t want to burn/do want something to burn (VALUES)

- ❖ Jurisdictional representation of Values (who “Owns”),
  - Stakeholders (Counties, States, Tribes, Communities, Consumers (range, timber, utilities, communications), etc...)

#### Challenges:

NEPA Compliance

Approval Timeframes & process (interagency, including states)

Expertise, availability of technical specialists in the field to develop

Data currently lives in too many places (mobile, PC/Web, applications)...need flexible centralization...so only loaded in a single spot

Response Function (vary by intensity as well as perception)

- January plan to Work w/ DATA Mgt to form into IT Capability

#### **1120 NWCG Glossary Terms Assigned (30 minutes)**

- Fire Planning (we previously developed a draft proposal (current and draft are on the spreadsheet linked below), are we ready to submit for further review)?
- New terms moved under our management
- Fire Policy definitions and ownership changes

Last meeting we prioritized the list and agreed to start with terms to potentially reassign/remove IFPC as a “co-owner”

#### Remaining terms in need of review and revision.

#### **Standing Agency Topics (10 Minutes) - All**

BIA:

States: N/A

Forest Service:

WFM RD&A:

FWS/NPS:

BLM:

#### **Topics for Next Meeting & Upcoming Meetings/Calls**

##### **Topics for Next Meeting**

##### **Long-term BIN**

- Review NWCG Glossary Terms
- Semi-annual updates (or as needed) from Fire Danger Rating Subcommittee, Fire Behavior Subcommittee, Fuels Committee (SOPL & M-482), Office of Wildland Fire, M-581 Steering Committee, and M-582 Steering Committee.
- IT business needs and requirements

- Update M-581 content
- Develop standards for WFDSS
- Solicit SMEs to review the Resource Advisor Guide

### **Upcoming Meetings**

January 14th

February 11th (overlaps w/ Annual Meeting)

March 10th

April 14th

May 12th

June 9th

July 14th (likely cancelled, but held in reserve in case of availability)

August 11th (likely cancelled, but held in reserve in case of availability)

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th