

Interagency Fire Planning Committee

Agenda: 3/10/2020 1100-1230 (Mountain Daylight Time)

Physical Location for staff in Boise:

We'll meet in the BLM Fuels/Fire Planning Conference Room on the second floor of the Jack Wilson Building

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Invitees

Kristy Swartz (OWF)-attended, Justin Boeck (BLM)-attended, Becky Brooks (FWS)-not present, Melissa Forder (NPS)-not present, Laura Barrett (FS)-not present, Reeve Armstrong(BIA)-attended, Juliette Jeanne(BIA)-not present, Mark Hale (RD&A)-not present, Nate Barrons (State - NV)-not present, Mike Butteri (State - AK)-attended, Peter Butteri (FWS/BLM)-attended, Darcy McDaniel (BLM)-attended, Deb Fleming (NWCG)-attended, Lisa Hanson (READ subcommittee, (NPS))-attended, Zack Lyon (BLM - notetaker)-attended

Guests: Sam Amato (WFM RD&A)-attended, Lauren Hilsabeck (Project Manager, NextGen WFDSS)-attended

Agenda Items

1100: (45 minutes) Fire Planning Data and IT (specific to WFDSS Next Gen)

¼'erly briefing on WFDSS NextGen from Sam Amato (Forest Service Product Owner) & Lauren Hilsabeck (Forest Service Project Manager)

- Long-term detailer vacancy out for DOI products owner (still looking for full time)
- February update posted on FAMIT/WFDSS website
- Working with business analyst and UI/UX designer for business requirements
- Working on development environment for coders
- Developing and finalizing project documentation: still actively recruiting user groups (list on FAMIT website with nomination link)
- Timeline: currently working with requirements, looking for prototype release mid-May
- Project scope: Everything in current WFDSS will be included in NextGen. Workflow and technology to support NextGen is being built from ground up based on user group input.

Questions & Answers on WFDSS NextGen:

1. User groups- when will they start meeting?
 - a. Contact is via email. GAE user group emailed last week for feedback on user roles.
2. Any outreach for other user groups besides GAE? Will GAE's be able to review beyond GAE group or will they need to be in multiple user groups?

- a. Be part of multiple user groups. User groups are spliced into “personas” for project development.
- 3. Where is state engagement sitting? *Request for enhancements weren’t allowed for non-feds through the website.
 - a. Was put on form. State and local cooperators need approval as they are “public”. Use [link](#) to submit feedback via "needs and wants" form.
- 4. IFPC in the fire planner “persona” to provide feedback to meet interagency needs and assist in prioritization.
 - a. Consider how the “FMU process” or “Spatial Process” can be used in other applications for the future.
- 5. Will NextGen require spatial rebuild?
 - a. Working on full migration but not 100% guarantee.

Quarterly updates on NextGen. Will reach out if critical information before scheduled update.

Follow-up items identified during February call:

- Charter Status
 - Charter is being worked on between DOI and FS partners. Hope to have refined within couple weeks to month.
- Roles & Responsibilities
 - Fire Planning Business Lead
- State Engagement
- Relationship to DOIs

1145: Progress Update and next steps - Proposal for Resource Advisor Subcommittee (10 Minutes) - Lisa Hanson

- Proposed Mission and Objectives
- (Membership)
 - Roles: Primary, alternate, liaison/advisor options. Non-NASF members have to be liaison/advisor
 - Waiting on response from CalFire READ’s as well as BLM people for subcommittee
 - States: Need to be NASF member representative.
 - [Committee Roles and Membership Information](#)

Proposal to Incorporate READ, REAF into 310-1

[Copy of preliminary Request for Change \(RFC\) submitted to OTC/IPSC](#)

Feedback from Incident Position Standards Committee (IPSC):

- Ensure highlight state member support
- Describe how/where the positions “fit” into the current wildland fire org charts (Does not currently fit)
- Describe how quals not addressed by industry standards and training

The following criteria must be met for a position to be considered for inclusion in the PMS 310-1 (from p. 1, 310-1, as referenced below):

- The position supports the NWCG mission and is needed for mobilization;
- The position is interagency in scope;
- The proposed position has been submitted by an NWCG member agency, Geographic Area Coordinating Group, or NWCG committee;
- A demonstrated recurring need for standardized position qualification requirements has been identified;
- No other position exists that can accomplish these tasks; and,
- The position qualifications are not addressed or supported by industry standards and training.

Other Needs:

- (Alternatives considered) Fed supplement could include taskbook (alternative to 310-1, outside of NWCG)
- Incident Position Descriptions (for READ/REAF) to see difference -> lead to Taskbook criteria (agency training lead (fed rep to IPSC) able to assist)
 - Subgroup of people from READ cohort has come up with a draft for the position description and standards.
- Standards for positions
 - Suggestion made to run REAF through process with READ and Lead READ primed before pushing into PMS 310-1 to eliminate confusion and duplication.
- Use by # agencies, # of orders, #'s from CC (number of orders are available, no agency breakdown)

Links to References:

[READ Info Sheet](#)

[Revising READ ppt](#)

[310-1](#), page 1 (2019 version) describes Criteria for Position Consideration as an NWCG position

12:00 Discussion on Certification and Definition of False Alarms (15 Minutes)

Currently InFORM/Inspector requires all fields to be populated for False Alarms in order to certify. There is a proposal to "grey" out certain fields that should not be required for False Alarms (i.e. fuel type, acres, etc.) in an updated version of InFORM. My question is for the need to certify False Alarms for a Final Fire Report. BLM is not requiring False Alarms to be printed, signed, and filed as an official record in the form of a Final Fire Report so there is technically no need to certify.

The FRSC is also proposing to change the definition of a False Alarm which may change how we've reported false alarms in the past.

*Ops group owns the term currently

Current NWCG Glossary Definition:

- A reported smoke or fire requiring no suppression; for example, brush burning under control, mill smoke, false smoke, etc.

Proposed:

- An event that was initially suspected to be a wildfire, but subsequently determined to not be a wildfire (nor any other classifiable fire category - such as a vehicle fire, prescribed fire, or structure fire) or could not be confirmed to be a wildfire.

-How will the change with the proposed definition affect business practices in generating fire codes?

-Suggested false alarms should be attached to a response, not a "thing"/event. (ie Deployed but didn't take action for XXXX reason.)

Question posed of how are duplicate fire codes dealt with for FA's when both fed and state create codes for the same FA?

AK has definitions of "out of area response" or "prevention action" (latter for someone burning and not a wildfire.

1215: NWCG Updates - Deb Fleming (information)

- NWS is coming onto NWCG as an associate member
- GATR coming under NWCG (committee or associate directly with board?)
- Executive board is standing up Governance Board for the learning management system
- Team being developed to work with new NAFRI director to develop SOP's for how NAFRI manages courses for NWCG.

Standing Agency Topics (5 Minutes) - All

BIA: no report

States: (AK) Just had spring Ops meeting for state forestry. Workshop on collector and populating the data. Regional foresters are mostly newly hired into positions.

Forest Service: Primary focus with fire planners rolling out InFORM and getting people signed up and trained. Working on Fire Reporting Subcommittee [page](#). Regional planners to DC first week of May.

WFM RD&A: no report

FWS/NPS: FWS (AK Specific)- Getting close on re-upping master agreement and operating plan. Big update includes fire reporting and business practices working with InFORM in AK.

BLM: Ask to have IFPC address the FA term sooner than later as we are already coming into fire season.

Topics for Next Meeting & Upcoming Meetings/Calls

Topics for Next Meeting

Glossary Terms:

[Remaining terms in need of review and revision.](#)

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

(1-2:30 Eastern Time/12-1:30 Central Time/11-12:30 Mountain Time/10-11:30 Pacific Time/9-10:30 Alaska)

April 14th

May 12th

June 9th

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th