

NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee

Notes: 6/9/2020 1100-1230 (Mountain Daylight Time)

Invitees

Present: Kristy Swartz (OWF), Justin Boeck (BLM), Becky Brooks (FWS), Melissa Forder (NPS), Laura Barrett (FS), Reeve Armstrong (BIA), Mark Hale (RD&A), Gwenan Poirier (BLM), Kendra Fallon (BOR), Deb Fleming (NWCG), Lisa Hanson (READ subcommittee, (NPS), Zack Lyon (BLM - notetaker)

Not Present: Nate Barrons (State – NV), Mike Butteri (State – AK), Peter Butteri (FWS/BLM)

Agenda Items

1100: IFPC Mission and Objectives (30 Minutes) - Reeve, Kristy, Justin

Proposed Mission & Objectives:

The Interagency Fire Planning Committee (IFPC) provides national leadership in wildland fire ~~management~~ planning

The IFPC facilitates collaborative fire ~~management~~ planning at local, state, regional, tribal, and national levels to support coordinated and consistent interagency fire ~~management~~ efforts across jurisdictional boundaries.

-Unclear on “fire efforts” in the sentence when “management” is in the first objective. Could be “fire planning efforts” or “fire management efforts”

Primary objectives include:

- ****Include an over-arching point for Resource Advisor objectives**
- Promote integrated fire planning and communications across NWCG agencies.
 - Establish standards to develop and integrate goals and objectives necessary to guide wildland fire management across NWCG member agencies
 - Change “...wildland fire management across...” to “...fire planning across...”
 - Establish what kind of standards? Be more explicit on what standards are being created and used.
 - NWCG standards should be the minimum, agency differences can be described on top of NWCG standards.
 - “Identify existing or establish standards where needed...”
 - Facilitate integration of standards across wildland fire data, systems, and applications and NWCG member agencies, committees, and training
- Use standards to develop and provide input into NWCG training and performance support materials such as job aids and communications materials.
 - Remove “Use standards to”
- Communicate individual agency planning efforts and changes, identify concerns and collaboratively work towards solutions.
- *Resource advisor subcommittee: Establish and/or provide input into training and performance support materials such as job aids, training courses and position task books to support agency determined position standards.*

Current Mission & Objectives:

The Interagency Fire Planning Committee (IFPC) provides national leadership in wildland fire management planning. The IFPC facilitates collaborative fire management planning at local, state, regional, tribal, and national levels to support coordinated and consistent interagency fire management efforts across jurisdictional boundaries.

- Promote integrated fire management planning and communication across NWCG agencies.

- Align planning efforts in support of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy: to restore and maintain resilient landscapes; create fire adapted communities; and respond to wildfires safely and effectively.
- Recognize and communicate individual agency current planning efforts and changes.
- Establish and/or provide input into training and performance support materials such as job aids, training courses and position task books to support agency determined position standards for resource advisors.
- Provide fire planning training content for NWCG courses, as requested, in support of common and agency specific standards and policies.

11:30 Progress Update and next steps, Mission and Objectives - Resource Advisor Subcommittee (30 Minutes) - Lisa Hanson

- Mission statement drafted
- Primary objectives drafted
- What is the process for developing/refining the mission statements and objectives for the READ subcommittee?
 - >Once IFPC is good with it, it can be brought up to the NWCG EB.
- Current roster is to Kristy
- Sub-committee meeting calendar established
- Update on getting READ/REAF into PMS 310-1, request was not adequate. Specific feedback on what should be done for the next step will be picked back up.
 - >Concern of not having landed on a standard between the agencies and state support

12:00: Requirement to have an “FMO”? – Reeve

- The question of “do we really need an FMO to run the program with preparedness dollars if there is someone in place that can do the job?”
- Is there any document that explicitly states that an FMO is required and minimum qualifications for the position. *BOR does not adhere to IFPM policy to have fire program management.
 - >Can depend on how the position is hired/what PD is used/described. Look at what are the expectations/delegations for the duties of the position?

12:10 Development of IFPC 2020/2021 Task List – Kristy

Identify standards in relation to Fire Planning
Setting up SharePoint/OneDrive

1220: NWCG Updates - Deb Fleming (information)

Steve Shaw started in the NWCG Program Mgr. detail
Marley Marshall is detailed into NWCG Coordinator position for 120.

Standing Agency Topics (5 Minutes) - All

BIA: National Forester took a detail, Fire Director is detailed in, Ops Director is detailed into Fire Director job.
BIA is trying to stand up planning group (internally). Working on internal strategic plan.

BLM: Working on DOI standard PD’s for Fire Planner. It was decided that the other bureaus don’t need the PD’s so they are BLM specific. AK fish was looking to use one of the BLM Fire Planner PD’s. Potentially developing AA Fire Refresher training curriculum/modules. (One option is for entire fire program; second option is more focused to AA and not program administrator).

BOR: No report.

FWS: Working on AGOL products going.

Forest Service: Flew InFORM detail with lots of applicants. Several interested in helping with other committees.

NPS: Working on template for AGOL products. Working on standard FMP template. How to incorporate number of appendices plans into spatial planning. Working on 508 compliance for FMPs and a central repository.

States: N/A

WFM RD&A: Received approval for hosting of NextGen. Two detailers selected for NextGen. Work on improving webinars.

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
- Review and update 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)

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th