

# NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee

## Agenda: 10/13/2020 1100-1200 (Mountain Daylight Time)

### Invitees

Present: Kristy Swartz (OWF), Becky Brooks (FWS), Melissa Forder (NPS), Laura Barrett (FS), Reeve Armstrong (BIA), Mike Butteri (State - AK), Peter Butteri (FWS/BLM), Kendra Fallon (BOR), Deb Fleming (NWCG), Lisa Hanson (READ subcommittee/NPS), Zack Lyon (BLM - notetaker)

Absent: Justin Boeck (BLM), Mark Hale (RD&A), Nate Barrons (State - NV), Gwenan Poirier (BLM)

### Agenda Items

#### **11:00 READ Subcommittee Updates (5 Minutes)**

- Had all monthly meetings over the summer
- Working on ARCH position (should it come in as a subcommittee or task group)
- 2 people on the subcommittee looking into the “requirement to change” package
- Starting discussion with NWCG Data Standards Subcommittee regarding READ data collection
- Multi-jurisdictional READ coordination/communication struggles

#### **11:05 Quick Review/refresh - IFPC 2020/2021 Task List (10 Minutes) – Kristy**

##### ➤ Brainstorming

#### **11:10 Refresher on SO/MR/FMU Data Standard, FEMS (Fire Environment Mapping System) volunteers? (5 minutes)**

Invite Shelby Law about more info regarding FEMS and whether or not Fire Planners are the appropriate participants.

#### **11:15 Glossary Terms (1 hour):**

These were “high” on our list of assigned terms and based on the conversation surrounding the SO/MR/FMU data standard it seems that these may be ripe for further discussion.

#### **Fire Management Unit**

##### **Existing Definition:**

A land area definable by specified management objectives, constraints, topographic features, access, values to be protected, political boundaries, fuel types, major fire regime groups, and other defined elements that set it apart from an adjacent area. The primary purpose of developing Fire Management Units in fire management planning is to assist in organizing information in complex landscapes. A fire management unit may have dominant management objectives and pre-selected strategies assigned to accomplish these objectives.

##### **Proposed Definition (For final review and recommendation at next meeting):**

Areas designed to organize fire management information across landscapes.

#### **Fire Planning Unit**

Existing Definition:

The geographic scope of the landscape defined for the fire management analysis. A Fire Planning Unit consists of one or more Fire Management Units. FPU's may relate to a single administrative unit, a sub-unit, or any combination of units or sub-units. FPU's are scalable and may be contiguous or non-contiguous. FPU's are not predefined by agency administrative unit boundaries and may relate to one or more agencies. They may be described spatially.

**Proposed Definition** (*final review and recommendation at next meeting*):

Remove (Archived)

### **12:15 NWCG Updates - Deb Fleming (information)**

New NWCG Coordinator should be selected in a few weeks. Committee Connections Call has been rescheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Standing Agency Topics (5 Minutes) – All**

BIA: Getting ready for Regional FMO meeting (virtual)

BLM: No report

BOR: No report

FWS: No report

Forest Service: Virtual InForm trainings, looking at incorporating values into WFDSS.

NPS: No report

States: Moving into fall fire review season.

WFM RD&A: No report

READ SC: Reported above

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

### **Topics for Next Meeting**

Shelby Law - FEMS team need

### **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)

November 10<sup>th</sup>

December 8<sup>th</sup>