

**NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee**  
**Notes: 10/12/2021 1100-1230 (Mountain Standard Time)**  
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## Invitee

### IFPC Primary Members

**Melissa Forder (NPS) – Chair**  
**Justin Boeck (BLM) - Vice Chair**  
**Becky Brooks (FWS)**  
**Peter Butteri (FWS, AK)**  
**Laura Barrett (FS)**  
**Reeve Armstrong (BIA)**  
~~Nate Barrons (State, NV)~~  
~~Mike Butteri (State, AK)~~

**NWCG Coordinator**  
**Deb Fleming (NWCG)**

### Liaison

~~Mark Hale (RD&A)~~  
~~Wesley Hall (RD&A)~~  
**Kendra Fallon (BOR)**  
**Laura Harger (BOR)**

### Alternate Member

**Gwenan Poirier (BLM)**

### Associate Member

**Kristy Swartz (OWF)**

### Resource Advisor Subcommittee

~~Linn Cassaway (FS) READ SC Chair~~  
**Tim Kramer (BLM) READ SC Vice Chair**

## Agenda Items

### 1. READ SC Update – Tim Kramer, Vice Chair READ SC

- a. READ SC last met in July. Many members were out on fire assignments.
- b. READ SC working on REAF in coordination with IPSC.
  - **ACTION ITEM: READ SC provided final feedback on MIST and confirmation that FMC comments were addressed. IFPC submitted as final decision by steward.**
- c. Question from Peter B. on the use of READ Liaison and then also having a Lead READ.
  - i. Tim will add the READ liaison to the full agenda for the READ SC this month.
    - **ACTION ITEM: Peter B. will send a one page discussion paper developed with his IMT this summer on the use of a READ liaison and lead READ.**
- d. Request for IFPC to take stewardship of the glossary terms below:
  - ii. Rehabilitation - Efforts undertaken within three years of a wildland fire to repair or improve fire damaged lands unlikely to recover to a management approved conditions or to repair or replace minor facilities damaged by fire. See also: Burned Area Rehabilitation
  - iii. Resource Value-at-risk - Fire suppression planning tool providing a relative expression (in five classes) of fire effects on all resources (not the value of the resources themselves).
    - **ACTION ITEM – IFPC, after consulting with READ SC, will take over stewardship of the two terms below and consult READ SC for subject matter expertise.**
    - **ACTION ITEM - Resource Value-at-Risk be archived (which will mean it will be posted for comment in case anyone sees an issue with archiving).**

### 2. WFDSS Next Gen Update – Mark/Wes – not on the call;

- a. WFDSS Next Gen Fire Planning White Paper (IFPC/GSC)
  - i. Peter B. had a question on a comment he provided on overlapping polys.
  - ii. Discussion on the next steps for data standards etc.
    - **ACTION ITEM: Joint IFPC/GSC/WFDSS Next Gen call on Monday November 15th at 1100 MT.**

### 3. PODs – Kristy Swartz

- a. Infrastructure Bill
  - i. Kristy shared proposed language from Bill.
  - ii. Not sure if the language will survive or be amended/dropped.
- b. Kristy believes it could be a NWCG data standard
- c. Group discussion from Peter and Laura on PODs use this summer.
  - i. Some of the POD information was crammed into MAPs.
  - ii. Sometimes the PODs were just the polygon but did not contain the text direction.
  - iii. IMTs didn't know there were PODs that were developed.
- d. Discussion if PODS will reside in WFDSS Next Gen
  - i. PODs can also be found here: Risk Management Assistance Dashboard (arcgis.com)
  - ii. Kristy noted that PODS could be useful to prioritize fuels treatments.
    - **ACTION ITEM: Kristy forwarded POD invite for Wednesday November 3-5th, 2021 so interested IFPC members could attend.**

### 4. NWCG Glossary moving to EDG - Missy

- e. Migrating to TopBraid EDG Glossary
- f. Query by stewardship
- g. Status and tracking and change history
- h. Ability to comment in EDG by users and then data steward can comment or accept it
- i. Committees can utilize a work-flow.
- j. EDG will be looking for volunteers from each committee to learn EDG and the glossary.
  - i. Identify one or two people to learn EDG and respond back to Gabriella
    - **ACTION ITEM: Peter Butteri and Missy Forder volunteered and informed Gabriella.**

### 5. IFPC [Glossary Terms for Review STAGING | NWCG](#)

- a. Reason for Responding to Incident on Unprotected Land
- b. Approval the addition of the business rule requested by the DMC.
  - i. Associated Business Rule - User selects the value for reason for response. The value **SHOULD NOT** be updated if there is a change **AFTER** the initial response.
  - ii. For example, if an agency responded to an incident where the point of origin is on unprotected land because it was a Threat to Protected Lands, and later the fire burns onto Protected Lands, do not update. The initial response was because it was a threat.
  - iii. Assumed that this was the initial response.
  - iv. Discussion that the value can be corrected but **SHOULD NOT** be changed from the initial answer.
  - v. Agreed on the two options and verbiage
    - i. Business Rule: A user can select from two values:
      - 1. Threat to Protected Lands, but hasn't yet burned onto Protected Lands.
      - 2. Burned onto Protected Lands.
    - **ACTION ITEM: Submitted final response on Reason for Responding to Incident on Unprotected Land.**

### Round Robin

1. **BIA:** Reeve had to jump of early and had no report.
2. **BLM:** Standardizing business rules for Unit IDs and will share draft guidance. Each agency develops own process. NWCG Unit ID board which sits under the Data Management Committee has basic rules however its mostly left to the agency to determine the approval process. [WFMI Unit ID Module \(nifc.gov\)](#) [Unit Identifier Unit October 21, 2014 \(nwcg.gov\)](#)
3. **BOR:** Welcome Laura Harger fire program manager! Laura looks forward to engaging and getting up to speed. Kendra will be departing, thank you Kendra.

4. **FWS:** Staff has been working on structure mapping. Hired three new planners! Becky retiring 12/31 but will be on November call.
5. **Forest Service:** Catching up after fires all summer. Fire Lab interested in PODS and possible congressional funding. INFORM 2.0 will be off the direct back of IRWIN. This change will help in not having to utilize the IRWIN timelines. INFORM will still exchange
6. **NPS:** Working on centralized location for NPS spatial data (single source location) for NPS spatial fire planning data to support spatial FMPs, WFDSS next Gen etc. Working on coordinating with WFDSS Next Gen as decisions are made on attributes. Working on white paper for NPS fire planners and SPDs for fire planning.
7. **States:** NA

## Topics for Next Meeting & Upcoming Meetings/Calls

### November 15, 2021 - 1100 MT - Joint IFPC/GSC/WFDSS Next Gen call

- WFDSS Next Gen
  - Status Update
  - Is there still an opportunity to provide input on polys (overlapping/non overlapping)?
  - Do we need to revise standards?
  - User Group Status?
  - Unit test examples
  - Data standards