

NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee
7/12/2022 1100-1230 (Mountain Standard Time)
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Invitee

IFPC Primary Members

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

Resource Advisor Subcommittee

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

NWCG Coordinator

Deb Fleming (NWCG)

Liaison

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

Alternate Member

Gwenan Poirier (BLM)

Associate Member

Kristy Swartz (OWF)

Guests

~~Travis Verdegan (Minnesota DNR)~~
Sarah Lee

Agenda Items

1. READ SC Position Package Review – Linn Gassaway and Tim Kramer

- Location of position packages for IFPC review:
https://teams.microsoft.com/_#/files/READ%20Sub%20Committee?threadId=19%3A7a24a51b184e412cbfcfab4476a115f9%40thread.tacv2&ctx=channel&context=READ%2520Position%2520Packages%2520for%2520Review&rooftfolder=%252Fsites%252FNWCGIFPC%252FShared%2520Documents%252FREAD%2520Sub%2520Committee%252FREAD%2520Position%2520Packages%2520for%2520Review
- IFPC to review with track changes
- DD for IFPC review and comments back to Read SC is now 7/15
***IFPC ACTION ITEM* review and comment to READ SC on**

Hazard Pay Justification

- White paper for fireline READs and ARCHs standardizing HP.
- Missy: What is the thought process sending that to the appropriate committee/subcommittee? Tim- Wants clarity from IFPC of where/how to send it out and standardize it. Sarah- IBC has had discussions on this and IFPC/RSC should have discussions with them. FS is amending the HP guidance regarding REAF. It's based on their duties on the fireline.
- IBC Chair is Dave Burley
- IFPC Action Item* Take a look at the HP justification for REAF and ARCH and provide comments.*
- Transition plan: Training/course work needs ironed out. How does grandfathering in work for those that are currently qualified once the taskbook for the positions comes out? Complications with the transition plan- A bunch of people need the class and there is a bottleneck for the class.
- Deb- make training recommended for the positions as there aren't NWCG courses. Typically, the transition is if you are qualified, you stay qualified. NWCG course development would take time for the positions.
- Tim- How do you address the agency specific/required stuff into a standardized course?
- Missy- Since you can't have a required course that isn't standardized, is there a leaning towards waiting for courses or pushing forward? Tim- Not wanting to pump the breaks and wait for courses.
- Kristy- think about standards as minimums.
- Andrew – the move to online courses has allowed for creating required trainings with available means of

2. POD Data Standards

- Status update -No update at this point.

3. Development of Fire Planner/Analyst Curriculum – Laura Barrett

- Volunteers/representation from other interested agencies
Fuels is looking at an academy

Looking to have as many courses online as possible so people can take them as they need them when entering planner/analyst positions.

Looking at mostly 12 and a couple 13, with some 9/11 positions to be hired. Having those courses available for the entry level and then move higher with trainings for career positions.

Justin will get someone from BLM.

4. Monthly Updates

WFDSS Next Gen – No update on Next Gen rollout. Reach out to Sam regarding working groups and user roles. Email went out to WFDSS user groups on July 5.

INFORM - Laura Barrett

5. Round Robin

1. **BIA:** N/A
2. **BLM:** Helping remotely with AK decision support. Working with Fire Danger SC regarding WIMS and setting priorities within station catalogues. SC will be meeting to help clarify the confusion received from the field. Working on direction for maintaining vs archiving legacy fuel models. Some states and products rely on legacy fuel models.
3. **BOR:** Held first wildland fire workshop in Boise in June. Worked on vision and action items with regional coordinators.
4. **FWS:**
5. **Forest Service:** InForm- trying to conduct a testing to confirm and better understand splicing records from IRWIN. Working on getting fire history that would cover Short's FOD (FireStat, WIFMI) into InForm.
6. **NPS:** Working on review of NPS FMPs and NEPA documents. Looking at hiring entry level planners and developing higher level positions. NWCG Connections call- some groups talked about having in person meetings. Consider IFPC in person meeting for a few days in Fall/Winter.
7. **States:**
8. **OWF:** Data call within DOI for endangered species compliance with post fire recovery funded with BIL. So FWS can expand their staffing to meet the need of review compliance. FWS has IPAC system dealing with endangered species management that can be leveraged across agencies for use with data provided that would allow for streamlined work. Building fuels reporting and post fire reporting for InForm that would replace NFPORS.

Next Meeting & Upcoming Calls

Next IFPC Meeting – August 9th, 2022 – 1100 MT

1. WFDSS data standards review after Wes drafts