

NWCG Interagency Fire Planning Committee

8/9/2022 1100-1230 (Mountain Standard Time)

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Invitee

IFPC Primary Members

Melissa Forder (NPS) – Chair

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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

~~**Katy O'Hara (NWCG)**~~

Liaison

~~**Wesley Hall (RD&A)**~~

Laura Harger (BOR)

Alternate Member

Gwenan Poirier (BLM)

Associate Member

Kristy Swartz (OWF)

Agenda Items

1. New NWCG Coordinator

- Welcome to Katy O'Hara as the new NWCG coordinator for IFPC!

2. READ SC - Linn Gassaway and Tim Kramer

- [ARCH, READ, REAC and REAF packages](#)
 - Consulted Katy and IPSC for example template for NWCG talking points for the READ, REAF, REAC, and ARCH packages.
 - Currently drafting brief descriptions of the positions, comparing the positions to see commonalities and differences (e.g., who they report to during a fire, fitness level, training course requirements). Justification on why these positions are being standardized.
 - READ SC decided on the N9042 course related to LREAD and ARCH. Need to raise it to parent committee regarding the packet and required training. Reduced the "Other Trainings Suggested" for positions. Tim will check that what the READ SC discussed shows on IFPC.
 - Missy- N9042: Can you still leave it in the required training since it's not standardized? Tim- Need input from higher level on that. SC came up with different alternatives to work with.
 - Justin- Part of alternative 1 was to get the standardized approval? Tim- Yes. What's the timeline for that approval? Missy- Will reconfirm with Katy regarding timelines. Justin- On the call they felt it was far enough along to get it standardized but they need IFPC input as well. Missy- Will draft email to NWCG.
- [Fireline Resource Advisor and Archeologist Hazard Pay talking points and justification paper](#)
 - Katy O'Hara reviewing and will determine next steps to meeting with NWCG IBC.
 - Missy- Want to explore if there is language regarding Hazard Pay for specific actions on fires for READs.

3. POD Data Standards

- Small group (IPFC/GSC) to reschedule meeting to discuss standards with Lauren Miller.

4. Fire Planner/Analyst Curriculum – Laura Barrett

- [Career Development | NWCG Fire Planning and Fuels Management Resource Portal \(frames.gov\)](#)
- Laura- Looking to meet with someone regarding courses. Frank Ramiro is working with the fuels group to develop a PFTC West type course.

5. Monthly Updates

❖ WFDSS Next Gen

- [NextGen User Groups | FAMIT \(nwcg.gov\)](#)
- User feedback is being gathered through demos on MS Teams by Marlena Hovorka and other WFDSS staff of specific parts of the application.
- **Feedback is taken for a limited period of time** on each section, but if you miss the "live presentation" you can watch the demo on the YouTube link and still provide feedback.

❖ INFORM - Laura Barrett

WFMI historical data has been updated into OAT. Andy and Steve have worked with the programmer to conduct testing and crosswalks. States will eventually come over.

NPS cleaned up a lot of their records. They are trying to make it a functionality to batch upload fire history data.

❖ Others?

Kristy- With fuels stuff, they run into Jurisdictional issues. Swartz and Bailey are working on a draft statement on correcting Jurisdictional issues with INFORM.

DOI is going to put roughly \$25M to NWCG for training. DOI is looking at pushing funding (initially \$1.5M) to NPS to host DOI-wide training through BIL.

Missy- What bookends are on BIL funding? Kristy- Money is for pre-planning fire workshops and workforce training for wildland firefighting and veg work.

5. Round Robin

1. **BIA:** No updates.
2. **BLM:** Wes is working to pull over legacy shapes and associated data into NextGen. There are a lot of shapes without language or language without shapes and they are working to pull a list of the incompletes to push to units to get the data cleaned up before the push. Working on workflow for data management from ground up. Working out what privileges go with the service and how that will interface.

Had a proposal for Fuels Mgmt CX. It was delayed and has picked up steam again with focus on wildfire risk. Wildfire Risk Reduction CX (new title) only available to BLM. Potentially still a year out but would give fuels program to have more streamline NEPA.

3. **BOR:**
4. **FWS:**
5. **Forest Service:**
6. **NPS:** Working on audit of fire management plans documents. Looking at alignment with policy and Red Book and other documents, looking at transition to NFDRS v4.
7. **States:** AK- Working on clean up of complexes and large fires. Ensuring dispatches are maintaining firenet records.
8. **OWF:**

Next Meeting & Upcoming Calls

Next IFPC Meeting – September 13th, 2022 – 1100 MT

*Follow up with N9042

*Follow up with POD Workshop

*Chat with Wes